

SAINT JOSEPH

SPOUSE OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Principal Patron of the Congregation

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Saint Joseph, spouse of watch like a father" over Jesus Lord wanted the head of the continue performing the Body of Christ. If Mary is the Joseph is the protector.

Our religious family patronage of Saint Joseph. The early community of the "Regulation of the Good Father" our Spouse; the Holy Spirit our Light; the Blessed Virgin Mary our Good Mother; the Holy Angels our guardians, Saint Joseph, our patron." The first Constitutions (1817) confirms this choice: "The Congregation has Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as a particular patron " (Article 7).

The devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and the meditation of the mysteries of the childhood and the hidden life of the Savior, that shaped the new Congregation, led naturally to choosing of the head of the Holy Family as the "principal patron." Religious congregations in the nineteenth century that were founded under the name of the Sacred Heart showed special devotion to Saint Joseph, while others took it as the name of their congregation.

Contacts of Fr. Coudrin with the people of Montbernage (Poitiers), who were strongly influenced by the spirit of Saint Louis Marie de Montfort and the Daughters of Wisdom, have also helped anchor the founder and his companions to honor Saint Joseph. A prayer extracted from Saint Montfort's book, "Methods to pray the Rosary," was used by the first communities of the Sacred Hearts:

"Hail Joseph, a righteous man, the wisdom is with you, blessed are you among all men and blessed is the fruit of thy faithful wife Mary, Jesus.

Saint Joseph, worthy foster father of Jesus Christ, pray for us sinners and obtain for us the divine wisdom of God, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. "



Virgin Mary, had the mission "to (Preface of the Mass). But the Holy Family of Nazareth to same task in the Church, the Mother of the Church, St.

recognizes from the outset the first document we have of the Congregation, so called (1797), says: "God is our Father; Jesus

