

## Listening to a confrère

Circular 317:  
"In a Mennaisian Family mode", p. 63.



When we are faced with danger and difficulties that tend to discourage us, Joseph instills in us the courage and the audacity to assume our responsibilities until the end. Committed as he was to his work to ensure sustenance to his family, he confirms that the Lord is counting on us to continue perfecting the creation of the world around us. **(Time of silence)**

- **Magnificat:** Joseph, get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt.

- **Intercession:** Shared prayer

Refrain: Saint Joseph, a creatively courageous father, intercede for us.

- **Our Father**

### Prayer to Saint Joseph for the vocations



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his Son;  
In you Mary put her confidence.  
With you Christ became man.  
Oh, Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us generous vocations  
of Brothers and of Lay Mennaisians  
so that the children and youth may continue to  
know and love better Jesus Christ. AMEN!



## PRESENCE AND HOPE Joseph, a creatively courageous father

Vespers - 2 June 2021

For the vocations of the Brothers and Lay Mennaisians  
in the District of Saint Jean-Paul II

### Oh, Joseph dear

Music Link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/15FuGEFkeiRqTl0T8YGlwGk0t8QHWo84/view?usp=sharing>

1. With grateful hearts we breathe today  
The tender accents of our love.  
We carol forth a little lay  
To thee, great saint in heaven above.

*Chorus.* —O Joseph dear, from thy bright throne,  
Incline thine ear unto our prayer.  
And o'er us all as o'er thine own,  
Extend thy fond paternal care,  
And o'er us all as o'er thine own,  
Extend thy fond paternal care,  
Extend thy fond paternal care.

2. More favored than earth's greatest king.  
Thou wert the guardian of that Child,  
Around whose crib full choirs did sing,  
With cadenced voices soft and mild.



## Psalm 92

**Ant.:** Joseph got up in the night, taking the child and his mother with him, left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night,  
on the ten-stringed lyre and lute  
with the murmuring sound of the harp.

Your deeds, O Lord, have made me glad;  
for the work of your hands, I shout with joy.  
O Lord, how great are your works!  
The foolish man cannot understand.

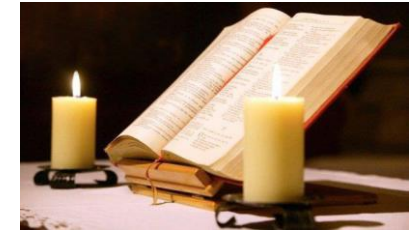
Though the wicked spring up like grass  
And all who do evil thrive:  
they are doomed to be eternally destroyed.  
But you, Lord, are eternally on high.  
See how your enemies perish;  
all doers of evil are scattered.

To me you give the wild-ox's strength;  
you anoint me with the purest oil.  
My eyes looked in triumph on my foes;  
my ears heard gladly of their fall.  
The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
And grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just;  
in him, my rock, there is no wrong.

## Word of God : Mt 2 : 13 - 15

After the Magi had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother with you, escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him." So, Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: *I called my son out of Egypt.*



(Time of silence)

## Pope Francis: Patris Corde, n° 5



Joseph was the man chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true "miracle" by which God saves the child and his mother. God acted by trusting in Joseph's creative courage. Arriving in Bethlehem and finding no lodging where Mary could give birth, Joseph took a stable and, as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God come into the world. Faced with imminent danger from Herod, who wanted to kill the child, Joseph was warned once again in a dream to protect the child, and rose in the middle of the night to prepare the flight into Egypt.

A superficial reading of these stories can often give the impression that the world is at the mercy of the strong and mighty, but the "good news" of the Gospel consists in showing that, for all the arrogance and violence of worldly powers, God always finds a way to carry out his saving plan. So too, our lives may at times seem to be at the mercy of the powerful, but the Gospel shows us what counts. God always finds a way to save us, provided we show the same creative courage as the carpenter of Nazareth, who was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence.

(Time of silence)