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The Year of St. Joseph is also a Year of the Family. Our friends at Bayard have shared materials that we can use with families to help them focus on St. Joseph as both patron and model of families.

The Year of Saint Joseph

Pope Francis is marking the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as the patron of the universal Church in a special way. He has released a new apostolic letter, **With a Father's Heart (*Patris corde*)**, and proclaimed a special **Year of Saint Joseph** beginning on 12/8/20, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and extending to the same feast in 2021. Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a father who was beloved, tender, loving, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous, working, and in the shadows.

The Year of the Family

Pope Francis has also called for a time to celebrate the family. Officially named the Year "*Amoris L* celebration begins on March 19, 2021, the fifth anniversary of his signing the apostolic exhortatio *Laetitia*). It continues through the World Meeting of Families in Rome on June 26, 2022.

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