



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

700 King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8P 1C7

June 7, 2021

Dear Reverend Monsignor,
Dear Reverend Father,
Dear Deacon,
Dear Pastoral Minister,

Subject: Invitation - Novena and Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph

As agreed by the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops at its meeting of March 2021, and in solidarity with the Holy Father's proclamation of a "Year of Saint Joseph", we invite parishes and parishioners to celebrate an ***Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph***, on Thursday, **1st July** (Canada Day). Complying with COVID-19 restrictions, parishes may celebrate within the church itself or parishioners could offer the ***Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph*** at home.

The *Act of Entrustment* will be **preceded by a *Novena*** imploring Saint Joseph's intercession for the welfare of the entire country, for the many needs of society, and to pray in particular for those who passed away due to COVID-19. The *Novena* will begin on **Tuesday, 22 June and end on Wednesday 30 June**. We invite parishes to share (where possible using electronic means as well as social media) the *Novena*.

In preparation, please find attached a resource document (in English and French) prepared by the CCCB Liturgy Office. Please note that the resource is also available on the CCCB website:

English: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/celebrating-the-year-of-saint-joseph/novena-and-act-of-entrustment-to-saint-joseph/>

French: <https://www.cccb.ca/fr/evangelisation-catechese-et-education/celebrons-lannee-de-saint-joseph/neuvaine-et-acte-de-confiance-a-saint-joseph/>

Yours in Christ.

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