

**YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**  
**8 DECEMBER 2020 – 8 DECEMBER 2021**

**Patron of the Church in Canada**

Zealous guardian of the Redeemer,  
Patron of the Church in Canada,  
you were invoked by the first missionaries of this country  
to assist the growth of the seed of Christian faith  
courageously sown in this land.  
Intercede for all its inhabitants  
who, along the history,  
often adopted your name from Baptism  
so that all families  
may give a central place to your Son in their lives  
and in abundance produce the fruits of the Gospel:  
love, understanding, forgiveness,  
care for one another, holiness and happiness.

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