



Foederatio Internationalis  
Pueri Cantores

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St. Joseph's Day, Husband of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

My very dearest Pueri Cantores  
Family!

May I cordially greet you all today, the Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Step-Father of Jesus and Patron Saint of the Church and of all Families.

I am writing to you today, because in these present circumstances, with the fear all around us of the coronavirus threat (COVID-19), we do truly need Peace, Faith and Solidarity.

While reading about St. Joseph (Mt 1,18-25; 2,13-15.19-23; Lk 2, 41-52) we can clearly feel his inner PEACE and his gentle acceptance of God's will. Inner peace is very difficult to achieve and we must continuously strengthen ourselves through prayer: "Thy will be done".

When we observe the life of St. Joseph, we can see how he accepts everything in a spirit of FAITH. This reminds us of another Joseph, whose complicated story (Genesis 37 and 39-50) shows that God will help us to make sense of, and to find virtue in any situation. And we know that this is still true today ... even in these difficult times. God never abandons us!!!

It is important that the gifts of Peace and Faith are always accompanied by SOLIDARITY, which means giving support and care for others at many different levels: in our homes, in our choirs and our communities, in our parishes, within the borders of the countries where we live, in the national federations we belong to, as part of the International Pueri Cantores Federation and throughout the whole world.

I care for all of you and send you all a friendly hug directly from St. Joseph's tender arms. Especially I pray for all our friends in Italy and in all those places afflicted by this awful virus. We are with you! We pray for you all and for the good health of everyone throughout the world!

Sisters and Brothers!

May I suggest that Our Family Pueri Cantores unite in prayer, through the intercession of St. Joseph. Let us pray every day, if possible, at exactly 8:00 p.m., so that we can truly feel part of the thousands of girls and boys who will be praying together all over the world:

***St. Joseph, teach me a Faith filled with trust in a God who watches over us.  
Teach me how to live my life listening to God's voice.  
Teach me how to meet Jesus, who came to this world to save us.  
Grant us good health, help us to overcome this epidemic and grant us all strength  
and grace, so we can usefully give assistance to all those who need help. Amen!***

To all of you, my constant prayer and God's holy blessing!

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