On 19 June 2013, the Apostolic See announced an addition to Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV. Following the naming of the Blessed Virgin Mary, this phrase, “with blessed Joseph, her Spouse” is included in each of the prayers.

The Latin text was declared typical on 01 May 2013, the date of the decree. On 19 June 2013, official translations in the major western languages were provided. These additions to the Eucharistic Prayers are immediate. The English formulas are:

**In Eucharistic Prayer II:**
... that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
with the blessed Apostles ...

**In Eucharistic Prayer III:**
... especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs ...

**In Eucharistic Prayer IV:**
... with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
and with your Apostles ...

The complete text of the decree begins on page 2. The notice from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop follows on page 7 with more complete editions for English, Spanish, and Latin. French is included in a shorter form.


Exercising his paternal care over Jesus, Saint Joseph of Nazareth, set over the Lord’s family, marvelously fulfilled the office he received by grace. Adhering firmly to the mystery of God’s design of salvation in its very beginnings, he stands as an exemplary model of the kindness and humility that the Christian faith raises to a great destiny, and demonstrates the ordinary and simple virtues necessary for men to be good and genuine followers of Christ. Through these virtues, this Just man, caring most lovingly for the Mother of God and happily dedicating himself to the upbringing of Jesus Christ, was placed as guardian over God the Father’s most precious treasures. Therefore he has been the subject of assiduous devotion on the part of the People of God throughout the centuries, as the support of that mystical body, which is the Church.

The faithful in the Catholic Church have shown continuous devotion to Saint Joseph and have solemnly and constantly honored his memory as the most chaste spouse of the Mother of God and as the heavenly Patron of the universal Church. For this reason Blessed Pope John XXIII, in the days of the Most Holy Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, decreed that Saint Joseph’s name be added to the ancient Roman Canon. In response to petitions received from places throughout the world, the Supreme Pontiff Benedict XVI deemed them worthy of implementation and graciously approved them. The Supreme Pontiff Francis likewise has recently confirmed them. In this the Pontiffs had before their eyes the full communion of the Saints who, once pilgrims in this world, now lead us to Christ and unite us with him.

Accordingly, mature consideration having been given to all the matters mentioned here above, this Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, by virtue of the faculties granted by the Supreme Pontiff Francis, is pleased to decree that the name of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary is henceforth to be added to Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV, as they appear in the third typical edition of the Roman Missal, after the name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as follows: in Eucharistic Prayer II: "ut cum beáta Dei Genetríce Virgine María, beáto Ioseph, eius Sponso, beátiis Apóstolis"; in Eucharistic Prayer III: "cum beátissima Virgine, Dei Genetríce, María, cum beáto Ioseph, eius Sponso, cum beátiis Apóstolis"; and in Eucharistic Prayer IV: "cum beáta Virgine, Dei Genetríce, María, cum beáto Ioseph, eius Sponso, cum Apóstolis".

As regards the Latin text, these formulas are hereby declared typical. The Congregation itself will soon provide vernacular translations in the more widespread western languages; as for other languages, translations are to be prepared by the
Bishops’ Conferences, according to the norm of law, to be confirmed by the Holy See through this Dicastery.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the offices of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 1 May 2013, on the Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker.

Antonio Card. Cañizares Llovera
Prefect

+ Arthur Roche
Archbishop Secretary

Formulae quae ad nomen Sancti Joseph spectant
in Preces eucharisticas II, III et IV Missalis Romani inserendae,
linguis anglica, hispanica, italica, lusitana, gallica, germanica et polonica exaratae

Probatum

Ex aedibus Congregationis de Cultu Divino et Disciplina Sacramentorum, die 1 mensis Maii 2013.

+ Arturus Roche
Archiepiscopus a Secretis

Anglice

In Eucharistic Prayer II:
"that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles...";

In Eucharistic Prayer III:
"with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs...";

In Eucharistic Prayer IV:
"with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, and with your Apostles...".
Hispanice

En la Plegaria eucarística II:
«con María, la Virgen Madre de Dios, su esposo san José, los apóstoles y...»;

En la Plegaria eucarística III:
«con María, la Virgen Madre de Dios, su esposo san José, los apóstoles y los mártires...»;

En la Plegaria eucarística IV:
«con María, la Virgen Madre de Dios, con su esposo san José, con los apóstoles y los santos...».

Italicce

Nella Preghiera eucaristica II:
«insieme con la beata Maria, Vergine e Madre di Dio, con san Giuseppe, suo sposo, con gli apostoli...»;

Nella Preghiera eucaristica III:
«con la beata Maria, Vergine e Madre di Dio, con san Giuseppe, suo sposo, con i tuoi santi apostoli....»;

Nella Preghiera eucaristica IV:
«con la beata Maria, Vergine e Madre di Dio, con san Giuseppe, suo sposo, con gli apostoli...».

Lusitane

Na Oração Eucarística II:
"com a Virgem Maria, Mãe de Deus, com São José, seu esposo, os bem-aventurados Apóstolos...";

Na Oração Eucarística III:
"com a Virgem Santa Maria, Mãe de Deus, com São José, seu esposo, os bem-aventurados Apóstolos...";

Na Oração Eucarística IV:
"com a bem-aventurada, Virgem Maria, Mãe de Deus, com São José, seu esposo, os Apóstolos...".

Gallice

Dans la Prière eucharistique II:
« avec la Vierge Marie, la bienheureuse Mère de Dieu, avec saint Joseph, son époux, les Apôtres ... »;

Dans la Prière eucharistique III:« auprès de la Vierge Marie, la bienheureuse Mère de Dieu, avec saint Joseph, son époux, les Apôtres ... »;

Dans la Prière eucharistique IV:
« auprès de la Vierge Marie, la bienheureuse Mère de Dieu, auprès de saint Joseph, son époux, des Apôtres ... ».

Germanice

Eucharistisches Hochgebet II:
"mit der seligen Jungfrau und Gottesmutter Maria, dem seligen Joseph, ihrem Bräutigam, mit deinen Aposteln...";

Eucharistisches Hochgebet III:
"mit der allerseligsten Jungfrau und Gottesmutter Maria, mit dem seligen Joseph, ihrem Bräutigam, mit deinen heiligen Aposteln...";

Eucharistisches Hochgebet IV:
"mit der seligen Jungfrau und Gottesmutter Maria, mit dem seligen Joseph, ihrem Bräutigam, mit deinen Aposteln...".

Polonice

II Modlitwa eucharystyczna:
«z Najświętszą Bogurodzicą Dziewicą Maryją, ze świętym Józefem, Jej Oblubieńcem, ze świętymi Apostołami...»;

III Modlitwa eucharystyczna:
«z Najświętszą Dziewicą, Bogurodzicą Maryją, ze świętym Józefem, Jej Oblubieńcem, ze świętymi Apostołami...»;

IV Modlitwa eucharystyczna:
«z Najświętszą Dziewicą, Bogurodzicą Maryją, ze świętym Józefem, Jej Oblubieńcem, z Apostołami...».

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
DECREE OF PROMULGATION

On May 1, 2013, the Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, through special faculties granted to it by His Holiness, Pope Francis, issued a decree (Prot. n. 215/11/L), signed by His Eminence, Antonio Cardinal Cañizares Llovera, Prefect, and His Excellency, the Most Reverend Arthur Roche, Secretary, effectively granting the insertion of the invocation of the name of Saint Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV, with the approved Latin formulas for the Missale Romanum, editio typica tertia. On June 19, 2013, in accord with that same decree, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments provided to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved texts of the invocation in English and Spanish translation.

Wherefore, as President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, I hereby decree that the name of Saint Joseph is to be inserted into Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV, as contained in the Roman Missal, Third Edition, using the approved vernacular translations provided to this Episcopal Conference by the Congregation. The addition may be made effective immediately, and the effective date whereby the invocation must be observed within the Dioceses of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is September 19, 2013, three months after the publication of the above referenced decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in L’Osservatore Romano.

Given at the offices of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, in the city of Washington, the District of Columbia, on the 3rd day of July, in the year of our Lord 2013, the Feast of the Blessed Apostle Thomas.

Timothy Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York
President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Reverend Monsignor Ronny E. Jenkins, J.C.D.
General Secretary, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops


NAME OF SAINT JOSEPH IN THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS

INTRODUCTION

On May 1, 2013, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments promulgated the decree Paternas vices by the authority of the Supreme Pontiff, Pope Francis. The decree instructs that the name of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, should be inserted into Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV. Already on November 13, 1962, Pope John XXIII had inserted the name of St. Joseph into the first Eucharistic Prayer (the Roman Canon), and now that work has been carried forward to the other three Eucharistic Prayers, initially by Pope Benedict XVI and now confirmed by Pope Francis.

Pious and liturgical devotion to St. Joseph is first recorded with certainty in the seventh century, though reference to him is made in Sacred Scripture and multiple patristic texts earlier than that. A full liturgical Office was established for him on March 19 in the 13th Century, and in 1870 he was proclaimed Patron of the Universal Church. Many church writers and several Popes have written of St. Joseph, including the apostolic exhortation by Pope John Paul II entitled Redemptoris custos (August 15, 1989).

The decree Paternas vices draws some of its language from this exhortation, expressing in concise words the role of St. Joseph in the economy of salvation, stating, for example, that St. Joseph, "stands as an exemplary model of the kindness and humility that the Christian faith raises to a great destiny, and demonstrates the ordinary and simple virtues necessary for men to be good and genuine followers of Christ. Through these virtues, this Just man, caring most lovingly for the Mother of God and happily dedicating himself to the upbringing of Jesus Christ, was placed as guardian over God the Father's most precious treasures."

The Congregation has provided the Latin texts, which are now considered the typical edition, as well as official translations in the major western languages, including English and Spanish.
**English**

**Eucharistic Prayer II**

Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with **blessed Joseph, her Spouse,**
with the blessed Apostles,
and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages,
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Eucharistic Prayer III**

May he make of us
an eternal offering to you,
so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect,
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with **blessed Joseph, her Spouse,**
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs
(with Saint N.: *the Saint of the day or Patron Saint*)
and with all the Saints,
on whose constant intercession in your presence
we rely for unfailing help.

**Eucharistic Prayer IV**

To all of us, your children,
grant, O merciful Father,
that we may enter into a heavenly inheritance
with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with **blessed Joseph, her Spouse,**
and with your Apostles and Saints in your kingdom.
There, with the whole of creation,
freed from the corruption of sin and death,
may we glorify you through Christ our Lord,
through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.
Dans la Prière eucharistique II:
« avec la Vierge Marie, la bienheureuse Mère de Dieu,
avec saint Joseph, son époux,
les Apôtres ... »;

Dans la Prière eucharistique III:
« auprès de la Vierge Marie, la bienheureuse Mère de Dieu,
avec saint Joseph, son époux,
les Apôtres ... »;

Dans la Prière eucharistique IV:
« auprès de la Vierge Marie, la bienheureuse Mère de Dieu,
auprès de saint Joseph, son époux,
des Apôtres ... ».
Spanish

Plegaria Eucarística II

Ten misericordia de todos nosotros,
y así, con María, la Virgen Madre de Dios,
su esposo san José,
los apóstoles
y cuantos vivieron en tu amistad
a través de los tiempos,
merezcamos, por tu Hijo Jesucristo,
compartir la vida eterna
y cantar tus alabanzas.

Plegaria Eucarística III

Que él nos transforme en ofrenda permanente,
para que gocemos de tu heredad
junto con tus elegidos:
con María, la Virgen Madre de Dios,
su esposo san José,
los apóstoles y los mártires,
(san N.: Santo del día o patrono)
y todos los santos,
por cuya intercesión
confiamos obtener siempre tu ayuda.

Plegaria Eucarística IV

Padre de bondad,
que todos tus hijos nos reunamos
en la heredad de tu reino,
con María, la Virgen Madre de Dios,
con su esposo san José,
con los apóstoles y los santos;
y allí, junto con toda la creación
libre ya del pecado y de la muerte,
te glorifiquemos por Cristo, Señor nuestro,
por quien concedes al mundo todos los bienes.
Latin

Prex Eucharistica II

Omnium nostrum, quæsumus, miserére,
ut cum beáta Dei Genetríce Virgine María,
**beáto Ioseph, eius Sponso,**
beáti Apóstolís et ómnibus Sanctís,
qui tibi a sæculo placuérunt,
aéternae vitae mereámur esse consórtes,
et te laudémus et glorificémus
per Fílium tuum Iesum Chrustum.

Prex Eucharistica III

Ipse nos tibi perficiat munus aéternum,
ut cum eléctis tuis hereditátem cónséquii valeámus,
in primis cum beatíssima Virgine, Dei Genetríce, María,
**cum beáto Ioseph, eius Sponso,**
cum beáti Apóstolís tuis et gloríosís Martýribus
(cum Sancto N.: Sancto diei vel patrono)
et ómnibus Sanctís,
quorum intercessióné
perpétuo apud te confidimus adiuvári.

Prex Eucharistica IV

Nobis ómnibus, filiis tuis, clemens Pater, concéde,
ut cæléstem hereditátem cónséquii valeámus
cum beáta Virgine, Dei Genetríce, María,
**cum beáto Ioseph, eius Sponso,**
cum Apóstolís et Sanctís tuis
in regno tuo, ubi cum universa creatùra,
a corruptióne peccáti et mortís liberáta,
te glorificémus per Christum Dóminum nostrum,
per quem mundo bona cuncta largíris.