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St. Joseph, bring all those called, especially the young, to a deeper knowledge of Christ and his Holy Mother, so that they may more easily reflect in their vocations the self-giving of Jesus and Mary. Share with them your care for the Church whose Universal Patron you are, so that they may share with you one day your glory in heaven.

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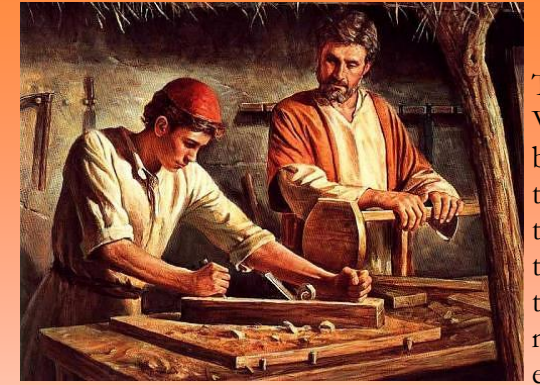
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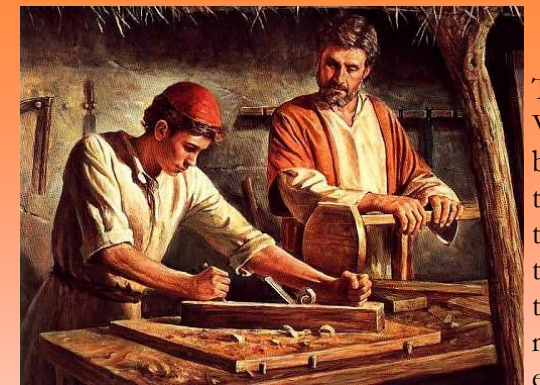


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