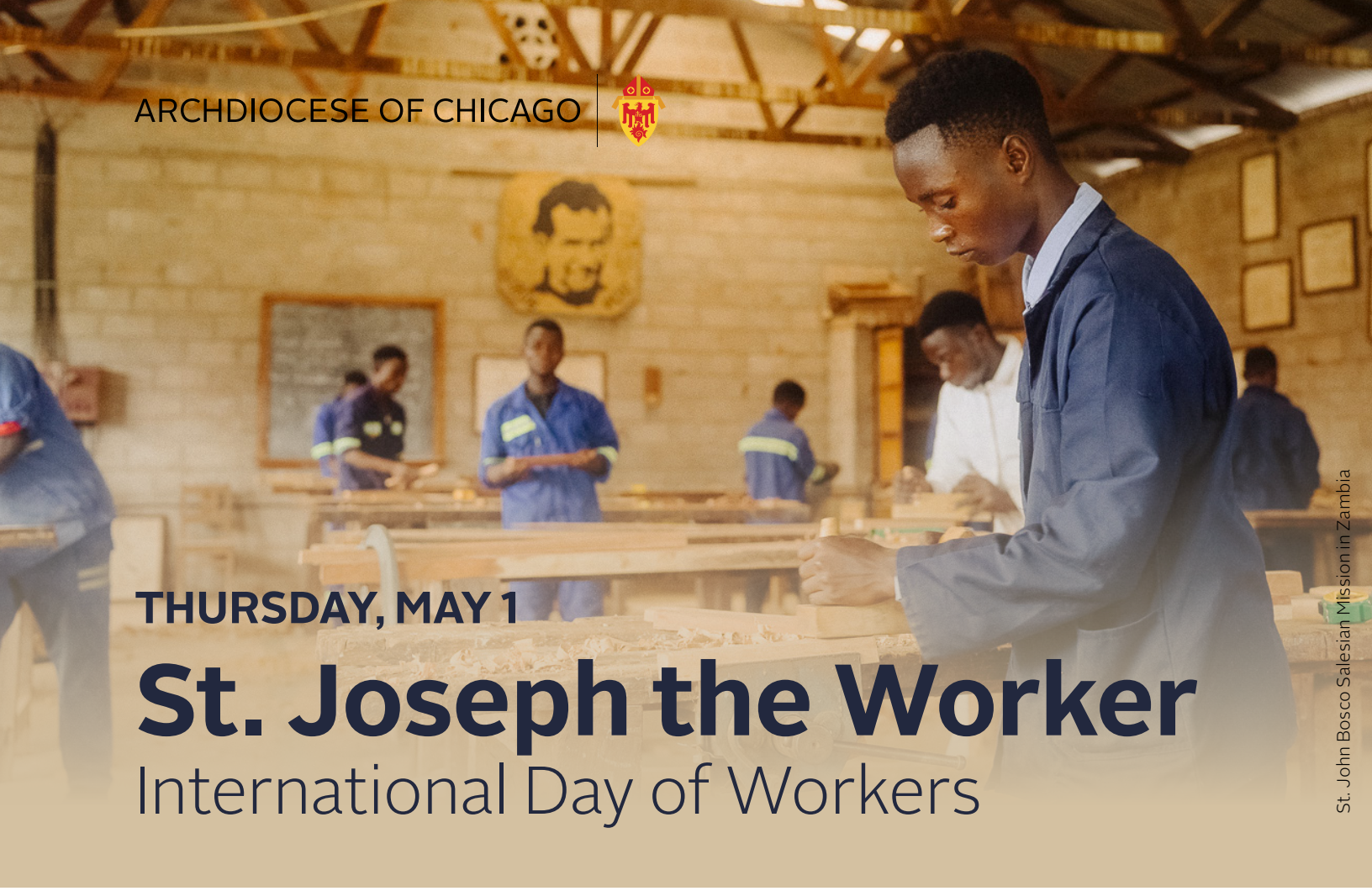
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



St. John Bosco Salesian Mission in Zambia

THURSDAY, MAY 1

St. Joseph the Worker

International Day of Workers

God our Loving Father, Creator of the universe,
in every age you call us to develop and use our gifts for the good of others. With St. Joseph as our guide, help us to see every variety of labor as a way to collaborate with You in joy and with patience.

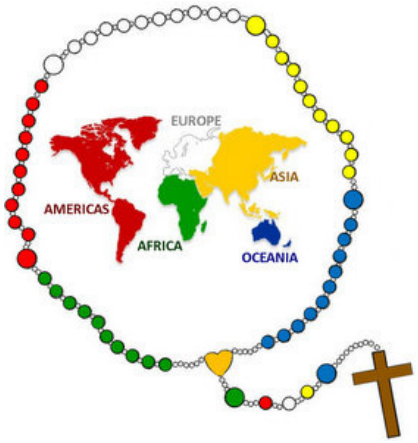
Let us follow the example of St. Joseph the Worker who,
because of his deep faith in You, worked tirelessly to protect and provide for those entrusted to his care. May we recognize Christ in every co-worker and unite our efforts with missionaries around the world who, like Joseph, care for the mostvulnerable.

We pray for the missionary workers sent out to 1,123 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Americas and Oceania.
They: build up the Church, offer the Sacraments, teach the faith, encourage vocations, form future priests, educate the young, protect life, provide: healthcare,childcare, safe homes for orphans, the elderly, people with disabilities and the sick, provide pastoral care and counseling and in dialogue they build peace and understanding.

May we recognize that we too are called to be missionary disciples and contribute to this work.
Let us give thanks for theChurch's missionary workers and be strengthened in our own call to go forth and build God's Reign on earth.

Amen.

As the faithful of the Archdiocese of Chicago, let us be one with all missionary disciples in prayer by reflecting with a mini-World Mission Rosary.



We offer one Hail Mary for each of the five areas of the globe

- Let us give thanks for the growth in vocations in Africa.
  Hail Mary, full of Grace...
- Let us give thanks for the missionary spirit of the Americas.
  Hail Mary, full of Grace...
- Let us give thanks for the resilience of the peoples of Asia.
  Hail Mary, full of Grace...
- Let us give thanks for the generosity of Europe.
  Hail Mary, full of Grace...
- Let us give thanks for the profound faith of Oceania (Pacific Islands).
  Hail Mary, full of Grace...

We offer an Our Father for unity

We pray to God, Our Father and Creator, make us ONE. Our Father, who art in Heaven...

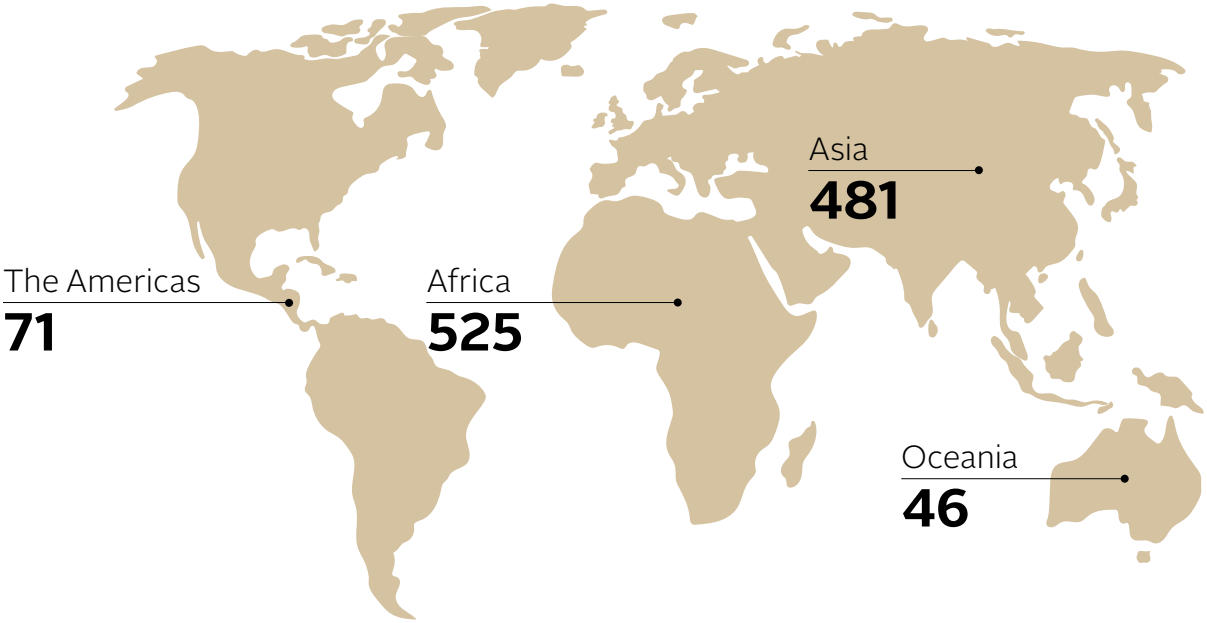
We ask for the intercession of the saints

- St. Joseph the Worker... pray for us!
- St. Francis Xavier, Patron of global mission... pray for us!
- St. Therese of Lisieux, Patron of missionaries... pray for us!

Let us close with a simple prayer

Lord, give success to the work of our hands. Whatever we do, in word or in deed, let us do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen!

1,123 MISSION DIOCESES



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