

*Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him*

**Saint Joseph  
Homily, 19th March 2020**

**Mat 1,16.18-21.24**

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Today the Gospel tells us about Joseph's dream, when the angel announces him Jesus' birth from the Virgin.

Beyond or throughout this extraordinary event, I would like to help us catching how God can talk to us in an ordinary way through our dreams.

We can dream with eyes closed during the night, but we can also dream with open eyes during the day.

How much we do dream.  
How many wishes we do cultivate.  
How many projects we do elaborate.

In some of our dreams God is certainly present; when we dream to be his disciples, when we think of totally serving him, of accepting the Lord's word.

Let's try to spiritually penetrate these facts: wishing God, looking for God's kingdom, wishing to love God and neighbour, desiring to be new creatures, all this is something that goes beyond our nature. That's why these dreams and projects are inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Let's do like Joseph then. Let's awake from our sleep and do practice what these dreams tell us: *when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.*

Let's do all we can to make the dream of a new spiritual life come true, to become new creatures, beautiful people, as the Holy Spirit teaches us.

May the Lord be praised.