



And You, st Joseph, show us Your fatherly power over the heart of Your beloved foster Son JESUS.

The special blessing of the Almighty and Triune GOD descend on these Medals and their wearers and remain on them always. Amen!

(Holy water)

So may the Medals, marked with the image of st Joseph, be an instrument of many graces, a source of strength and protection. May the wearers hold the precious Medals in high esteem as real children of st Joseph and wear them with genuine respect. May all strive to gain the indulgences attached to the Medal. The mere wearing of the Medal is a renunciation of Satan. Wearing the Medal is like a confession that st Joseph possesses the power to grant to all those who entrust themselves to him a blissful transition to GOD. Wearing it is also a kind of permanent invocation of st Joseph and a constant vow: „Holy father Joseph, I belong to You, I will stay on Your spiritual path, be always close to me on my way to GOD. Yours in life, Yours in death!“

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- That in our Community there will be untiring efforts in all things to do what pleases GOD.
- That people may recognize GOD's will and actually carry it out.
- Let us join prayers for a very sick person for a speedy recovery. Please join in – thank you!

With the blessing of st Joseph and my request to him to strengthen all of you and encourage you for this new year, I say goodbye again.

With kindest regards,

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Lay Community of St Joseph

Beginning of a New Year

How wonderfully the Almighty GOD has guided and preserved us in the old year – and now He leads us with the same protecting hand into a new, still spotless year. – To us it is still a secret – let us not worry. What will be, will be. GOD is above everything! He knows about each one of us. He watches us and keeps us in His mind – let us trust Him! Even the great Saints are continuously at GOD's and our disposal. It is up to us willingly to follow His divine will in a perfect way if possible – willingly to serve Him for love. Then I think we all will begin the new year in such a way that st Joseph, too, will give us his blessing and his protection along the way.

The year 2010 was dedicated particularly to st Joseph, the terror of all demons, and the Church and humanity were entrusted to his protection. Let us thank st Joseph for his wonderful care, his protection and his help. He has shown us once again in an incomprehensible way his greatness and power of intercession. We could experience this again and again in so many a difficult situation. Every time it turns out that GOD loves st Joseph together with Mary above all Saints and that He grants him power to make possible the impossible. And it proves indeed to be true! So, in all those many years and at all times st Joseph really saved us from difficult and worrying situations. His arms are always open to anyone who confides in him. A

particularity of our Community is that we can trust in him, for each one is under his authority.

The year 2011 was dedicated to the Holy Family considering the countless broken families.

I would like to quote once more the Dedication to st Joseph and the Blessing of the Medal. Perhaps some people like to freshen up these words from time to time as an encouragement.

Dedication to St Joseph

Hail st Joseph, You wonderful foster and nursing father of JESUS, we dedicate ourselves today in a special way to You for time and eternity. We dedicate our Community to You and place it entirely under Your protection. Let Your blessing hands always protect us and all those we entrust to You.

We ask You for the grace of perseverance. Grant that we may share Your virtues. Preserve for us an intimate union with GOD. Teach us that prayerfulness, that profound humility of heart, that perfect compliance with GOD's will, which You possessed in such a wonderful manner. Pray for us that we may be granted patience in adversity – an unswerving faith in GOD's providence. Obtain for us an ardent love for Your foster Son JESUS and His most holy Mother, who both raised You to such a high level of sanctity. – Lead every one of us to great holiness.

Beloved father Joseph, protect us all in a special way and remain a good father to us. Amen!

St Francis of Sales, st Catharine of Siena, st Brother André, all You Saints who highly venerated st Joseph and all holy Patron Saints, help us to carry out this plan with joy and love so that the Community may grow inwardly and outwardly.

Blessing of the St Joseph Medal

In the Name of the Almighty GOD, of the ✚ FATHER, of the SON, of the HOLY GHOST. Amen! – Our help is in the Name of the LORD who created Heaven and earth.

I adjure you, Medals, in the power of the Almighty GOD: all violence of the Adversary, the whole army of the Devil with his attacks, all deception of Satan leave and flee from these Medals that they may redound to the salvation of the bodies and souls of all those who wish to use them, in the Name of the Almighty GOD, of the ✚ FATHER, of the ✚ SON, of the ✚ HOLY GHOST. Amen!

LORD, hear my prayer, let my cry for help come to You! Almighty GOD, Bestower of all good, we beseech You through the intercession of st Joseph to pour into these Medals Your special blessing so that all those who wear them and are intent on good deeds may receive health of body and soul as well as the grace of continuous perfection and sanctification through the extraordinary guidance of st Joseph.

Grant that the wearers of these Medals may escape all deceitful snares of the Devil through the merciful help of st Joseph and appear holy and undefiled in Your sight. Amen!

Thus extraordinarily blessed, may you be hallowed in order to be stripped of anything profane. Be HALLOWED to the greater glory of st Joseph, in the Name of the ✚ FATHER and of the ✚ SON and of the ✚ HOLY GHOST. Amen!

Let us pray: LORD JESUS CHRIST! You know how modest the veneration of Your so dearly beloved foster and nursing father Joseph still is, how unknown his greatness, power and glory are.

We ask You, grant that his still hidden power and greatness may become visible through this Lay Community of St Joseph founded today, to the benefit of the souls, of Your holy Church and for the victory over the infernal spirits. Amen!

