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This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- Let us pray for peace which heals all wounds.
- Let us give away undemanding love.
- Let us put up with our fellow human beings in patience.

Many thanks to all who helped to finance the st Joseph medal so generously! It is a huge surprise. I did not dare to think it possible. I only said to myself: „St Joseph will provide.“ First of all, I am concerned to present to all of you a beautiful medal, which will stay beautiful – I hope this will soon be the case.

October is the month of the Rosary. GOD Himself gives us His Mother. He gave her the power to protect us and to distribute immeasurable graces. She places all her time and energy at our disposal. Do let us make her happy!

With many heartfelt thoughts and greetings, I remain united and say goodbye with the blessing of st Joseph,

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Lay Community of St Joseph

The Faithful Steward

In the Old Covenant we have a beautiful example of st Joseph: the chaste Joseph of Egypt, whom Pharaoh rescued from oblivion and humiliation.

Because of his wisdom and virtue he made him steward of his kingdom. As the ruler of Egypt exalted this weak example and brought it to light, so GOD called the silent, unnoticed, but inwardly far greater and holier Joseph out of the obscurity as a steward of divine mysteries and put him on a stand before Heaven and earth.

„GOD made him master of His household, ruler over all He possessed.“ (Psalm 105,21)

Contemplating the Virtues of st Joseph

The hidden Joseph

Joseph puts himself in the shade of JESUS and Mary – he hides in their greatness. – He teaches us to become small before GOD and our neighbour.

The silent Joseph

His life bore the seal of silence – the secret with which GOD had entrusted him, he took with him into the grave. – He teaches us to be silent because only then will we find depth in GOD.

The humble Joseph

He loved being modest. – He encourages us to be nothing in order to be everything in GOD.

The loving Joseph

There was such fervour of love in his heart! – He could give away whole fire-storms if only people's hearts were open. – Every bit of self-love would be burnt.

The wise Joseph

He always served GOD's purpose. – He takes away from our hearts everything which hinders us to do GOD's will.

The obedient Joseph

How willingly did he listen to his Angel – what an intimate relationship did he have with his heavenly friend. – He grants a watchful ear to hear GOD's instructions and carry them out.

The suffering Joseph

His whole life was immersed in pain and suffering. – He is a good example to us to embrace our daily cross.

The trusting Joseph

He always carried out GOD's instructions quickly and faithfully – whether he understood their meaning or not. – He will give us, too, an immeasurable faith in GOD's Providence.

The faithful Joseph

He served Mary and her divine Child with such an exemplary faithfulness. – He will teach us, too, to faithfully fulfil our daily duties, both great and small.

The praying Joseph

He was always united with GOD and deeply absorbed in Him – no matter if he was working, eating or resting. – May he help us, too, to turn our work, our lives into a constant prayer – may he help us that with time being-in-GOD will become a lasting state.

