



from a dish. St Joseph had understood the request thoroughly and in his kindness had not only given the milk but, as a bonus, also a cat.

(Sister Emmanuel)

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- Let us pray for all frightened people, who are expelled from our country and have nowhere to stay – who are forced to be constantly on the run somewhere or other, who are not wanted, that st Joseph may protect them. After all, he knows what it means to be on the run.

You have recently received the little novena to st Joseph. If you wish to pray it regularly, you may also do this without the obligation connected with the novena, that is to say without the obligation to confess and receive Holy Communion.

(Sword-Bishop)

„If GOD is actually present in everything that is in the universe, if the learned as well as the unlearned are from GOD, then there is no one who is high and no one who is low. All are equal without reservation. They are equal because they are all creatures of this Creator.“

(Mahatma Gandhi)

With all best wishes and regards, I remain with you and with the blessing of st Joseph and say goodbye again

Sister Paula



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Lay Community of St Joseph

Saint Brother André

In all probability he was the most productive spiritual healer of all times. His poor health prevented him from ever becoming a priest and he hated having his picture taken. His most favourite pastime was praying alone. Nevertheless, at his death the lay brother was Quebec's most loved and most famous person. In his early thirties he acquired special healing abilities from GOD through his self-sacrificing life. He was employed as a humble porter and gardener at the then "Collège Notre-Dame" (College of Our Lady), a Catholic college at Mount Royal in the Canadian city of Montreal. He finally became the attracting

magnet and saw as many as 1,000 people on a daily basis. The most popular trick of the "miracle man" was to heal the lame and disabled and afterwards collect the crutches and the superfluous walking aids. Today the oratory in Montreal is covered with hundreds of these remains which bear testimony to the awe-inspiring divine power. His healings are innumerable. The last count



showed that 10 million letters speaking to his abilities had arrived at the oratory. The newly renovated oratory of st Joseph, the construction of which he had initiated, still attracts several million pilgrims each year. Brother André was also very friendly to non-Catholics. Seekers of every denomination were healed.

Lover of Poverty

The great st Joseph knew poverty, even destitution. He was forced to live from day to day on his labour; he had to seek work under difficult and humiliating conditions, waiting often-times with great worry and despite his assiduous labour and the privations he imposed on himself, he was not always able to shield Mary and Jesus from the discomfort of poverty.

He was poor, but he loved poverty; he never wished to replace it with the treasures and the oriental luxury of his forefather, King Solomon. If Moses preferred the harsh and persecuted life of his Hebrew brothers – which prophetically depicted the shame of Christ to come – to all the opulence and delights of the corrupted Egyptian court, st Joseph himself, and even more so than Moses, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, suspected and embraced poverty as a priceless treasure.

The goods of the world are in opposition to the goods of Heaven; holy souls do not wish to have riches unless it be to distribute them among the poor. They cannot resign themselves to passive enjoyment of the comforts of life when there are so many humans who do not even have the basic necessities.

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Let us all go to Joseph, the father of the poor,
He eases your sorrow, he heals your pain.
His fatherly heart is burning with love and mercy.
Pray fervently and, like a child, open your heart to him.

St Joseph Answers Accurately and Immediately

In order that st Joseph may be loved more, we would like to publish a testimony from Poland.

During the Second World War Polish sisters were in charge of an orphanage. The people were very poor and the sisters lived by divine Providence. One day they were short of milk for the children, which threatened their health. The Mother Superior asked the sister in charge of the kitchen to write a petition to st Joseph and put it behind his icon, as it was customary in the Community. The sister, being illiterate, now sat before the white sheet of paper, embarrassed because she did not know how to sketch the milk. She completed the task as best she could. The next morning an unknown person knocked at the door of the convent and told the sisters that he had a gift for the Community. They were full of joy thinking that maybe the milk was coming! But to their great surprise the unknown person just gave them a cat. When he asked them if they needed something, the sisters replied: „Yes, milk!“ – „Milk?“ the visitor called out, „I have plenty of it! I will bring you some straight-away.“

After the milk had been delivered, the Mother Superior asked for the petition which had been placed near to st Joseph, because she wanted to see the note. When she saw the drawing on it, she burst out into a loud laughter. For the sister in charge of the kitchen had drawn a cat drinking in big gulps