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This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- For our Community: that everyone may avoid bad programmes and keep their senses in check.
- That everyone may aspire after the virtue of purity.

With the blessing of st Joseph and with kind regards I say goodbye again,

Sister Paula



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Lay Community of St Joseph

Prayer of st Therese of Ávila

- Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.
- Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.
- Make me thoughtful but not moody – and helpful but not bossy.
- With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all – but You know, LORD, that I want a few friends at the end.
- Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.
- Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing – and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.
- I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

- Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.
- Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint – some of them are so hard to live with – but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.
- Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And give me, o LORD, the grace to tell them so.

an act of total confidence in St. Joseph, agent of Divine Providence. Two months later, in a manner completely unexpected, a donation of great importance was offered for this project. This unexpected sum allowed them to pay for the work, and on 30 August 1992, the house was inaugurated.

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A New Home for the Elderly

Chile's 1985 earthquake destroyed the convent of the Little Sisters of the Poor, in Santiago, near Our Lady of Lourdes Basilica. Soon after, the Mother Superior General paid a visit to Chile.

The old persons evacuated from the ruined home were, for the most part, moved to another home in Santiago, while the remainders were housed in a number of other institutions. They suffered from their plight and prayed earnestly for the reconstruction of their home in Santiago. This situation soon became unbearable, and a large delegation came to petition the Mother Superior General for the rebuilding of their house. The Cardinal of Santiago strongly supported their request.

After praying and consulting the General Council, it was decided to go ahead with the plan of reconstruction, making

