



he was given help: almost simultaneously he was offered three jobs. He chose the one which seemed the best and most suitable to him so that he could provide well for his family.

Afterwards, this father was always full of praise for the power of st Joseph and continually encouraged his friends to have great faith in st Joseph.

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- Let us particularly pray for good priests this month and with this in mind put our daily work into the Chalice of sacrifice.



Joseph has taken over a wonderful, mysterious fatherhood on behalf of Heaven. His most holy Spouse has confirmed his fatherhood with the following words: „Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.“ (Luke 2,48)

With kindest regards and the blessing of saint Joseph I remain with you, your

Brother Paula



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Lay Community of St Joseph

Speech of Bernard of Siena

Mary and Joseph – they entered into the bond of marriage by inspiration of GOD. Every marriage is a unity of hearts in such a way that the spouses are virtually one person, so that we can speak of the ultimate unity.

There is every reason to believe that the HOLY SPIRIT joined to this Virgin a person who had the closest resemblance to her in virtue. I would rather believe that st Joseph was the most pure and the most chaste, the most humble and modest, he was glowing with love of GOD and devotion to GOD, he certainly was very advanced in the holy vision of GOD.

The Virgin knew that the HOLY SPIRIT had given him to her as her spouse, as the faithful guardian of her virginity, that he was to be joined to her in the most intimate love and devoted care of the divine Child. I therefore also believe that she loved st Joseph with a fervent heart.

Joseph had an ardent love of CHRIST. Who can deny that CHRIST gave to st Joseph very blissful sensations and joys when he took Him as a child in his arms and talked to Him as a child or adolescent? Even purely on the outside



the grace of CHRIST was enough to bring about this joy through innocent glances, through conversations and hugs. How many kisses had he received from CHRIST! What joy for him when he heard the Child babbling “Father”! What bliss and delight when he was hugged by CHRIST! When travelling with the Infant JESUS and sitting down for a while exhausted by exertion, behold, with what feelings he rested the Infant JESUS on his lap! Completely transformed by love, he was drawn to Him: to this so dear a Child,

whom his virgin Spouse had given him through the HOLY SPIRIT.

Reference to St Joseph

We want to dedicate a thought to st Joseph, this just man. He usually goes unnoticed a lot. I imagine him prayerful, submerged in contemplation, tenderly protecting the SON of GOD made man, entrusted to his fatherly care. With the sensibility of a man who does not live for himself, st Joseph generously devoted himself to this task, both quietly and effectively.

Today we spoke about the life of prayer and missionary zeal. Who would be a better teacher than st Joseph? If you wish, I will give you some advice which I have been constantly repeating over the years: Turn to st Joseph! He will show you tangible ways to come to JESUS, human and divine ways,

to come near to Him. Then you will also soon dare to take the divine Child, who was born to us, in your arms, to kiss Him, to dress Him and care for Him, just as he did.

The Magi gave the Child JESUS tribute and homage, incense, gold and myrrh; Joseph gave Him his young and loving heart, unrestrictedly. (Josef-Maria Escriva)

A Father Received Help to Earn a Living

The father of a large family had been harassed at work by one of his superiors in such way that he could no longer put up with it, not even with the best will in the world. So he quit the job hoping to get another one soon. But there was no

other job to be found. So he started praying novenas, especially to st Joseph. But all efforts seemed to be in vain. Relatives arranged for Holy Masses to be said in honour of st Joseph – to no avail. The poor man was desperate. He had been unemployed and without income for over a year. Then a priest suggested praying another novena to st Joseph and joining a society of st Joseph. It happened to be March; so he prayed to st Joseph most confidently. And

