



beings and, one may even say, to all humanity that is subject to the law of work. Far above the half-faded images of founders of empires, law-givers and conquerors, appears the gentle and inspired life of st Joseph, the worker.

That is how GOD raises the humble! (Dom Bernard Maréchaux)

Excerpt from "The Glories of Saint Joseph",  
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### This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- „Fatherly Protector of the Holy Family, please grant the families domestic peace and the necessary income. Help them in all their trials and tribulations, especially help them to bring up their children. Thank You, Father Joseph!“



Always with kind regards and with the blessing of saint Joseph,

*Paula*



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## Lay Community of St Joseph

### Partnership

Through the testimony of the Apostles we also learn about the birth of JESUS, His circumcision, His presentation in the temple, the flight into Egypt and about the hidden life in Nazareth. CHRIST's Divinity, which shines forth through His Humanity on all people, in His infinite love gives us a part in it.

The first to receive this divine love were, of course, those whom GOD according to His will had destined to live together with JESUS most intimately: Mary, His Mother and Joseph, His foster father.

As the fatherly love of Joseph could not remain without any influence on the childlike love of JESUS and vice versa, it resulted in a unique relationship, the depth of which can only be guessed at. The souls open to GOD's grace rightly see in st Joseph a shining example of inner life.

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## Saint Joseph – My Reliable Friend

On 19 March 1924, at the age of 15, I entered the order of the Dominican sisters. It is now 55 years since, so I have been able to celebrate the golden jubilee of my profession. Saint Joseph has been my constant companion during my whole life in the convent. Even today he accompanies me, as I am still working fully as a missionary sister in South-Africa from 5.00 am till 5.00 pm.

In 1972 I started a nursery school, with literally nothing. They all thought that I had lost my mind because I was already past sixty. Though permission had been granted, I did not have one single penny. I got a nearly ramshackled house, with broken floors and windows. There was a large playground, but nothing on it than weeds and a few old trees. Then I turned to my good friend st Joseph and with his help started to beg for money wherever I saw an opportunity. There was still a tough road ahead. But the money came. Always enough to carry on.

The first day three children came, at the end of the week 20 and at the end of the month we had already 45 children. St Joseph also immediately helped me to obtain a certificate of official recognition. Obtaining this official recognition was already a little miracle!

If you could see the house now, you would not believe that it was a miserable hovel. Inside there are six large and friendly rooms with 19 new windows. All floors are new. We now have 100 children to look after. „We“ are four white and three dark-skinned sisters and three nursery school teachers.

I owe all that to my faithful friend Saint Joseph. (Sr. M. A. K. in South-Africa)

Excerpt from “Saint Joseph, We Thank You”,  
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## Protector of the Workers

Joseph the worker is the model and patron of workers; he it is who dispenses the graces of JESUS the worker. To these graces Joseph adds the precious contribution of his own merits. When a worker is faithful to GOD, st Joseph scatters choice blessings on him and his family. It is not rare for GOD to draw from these blessings saintly preachers, rescuers of souls, just as he drew JESUS, the Redeemer of the world, from the workshop of st Joseph.

Would that contemporary society, disillusioned with false doctrines and false promises, recognise that nowhere is the worker’s humble life so much honoured as it is in the Church of JESUS CHRIST.

If the Church did not do this, she would question her own origin because, all things considered, she emerged from the house of Nazareth where Joseph, Mary and JESUS lived by the work of their hands.

Let us recognise here a commendable design of Providence! The life of Joseph the worker was a humble life, and because of this, it was doomed to sink into oblivion.

Here is precisely how, from this life of humility, GOD could fashion a patronage that extends itself to billions of human

