



A learned author once rightly said: „He who has been raised to such a height by the King of kings, is surely entitled to be venerated by the people.“ JESUS Himself recommended st Margaretha of Cortona to cherish a special veneration towards st Joseph, who nourished, fostered and guarded Him during His life on earth. (st Alphonsus Liguori)

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- „We may want to do the little things with great love in order to overcome indifference.“ (blessed Mother Teresa)



The month of October is the Rosary-month. Let us increase our efforts to please the spouse of st Joseph, by doing so we will inevitably please st Joseph as well.

I am always united to you through the blessing of saint Joseph and with kind regards I say goodbye again,

Paula



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Lay Community of St Joseph

Glory of Family Life

Joseph, Mary, JESUS – their unity is so tremendous that they are an image of unity of the Most Holy TRINITY.

Who can fathom the mystery of the Holy Family? What feelings must have been aroused in st Joseph at the very thought of not only being the spouse of Mary, the Mother of the Creator, but also of her serving him as a maid-servant (as was the custom in the Old Covenant), knowing that she outshone the highest Seraphim in holiness and dignity and was inferior only to GOD.

What a fullness of blessing will GOD have bestowed on st Joseph, whom He had entrusted with the true and living Ark of the Covenant; indeed, the Lawgiver Himself who was enclosed within her. Unrivalled were the happiness and bliss of Joseph.

He kept safe in his home the Ark of the New Covenant, the Altar, the Sacrifice and the Temple in a worthy manner as a faithful and wise servant, whom the LORD has appointed over His Church. He was a watchful head of the family – a vigilant protector of his holy Spouse, the Mother of JESUS – a watchful father and guardian of the

SON of GOD and always full of righteousness, wisdom, fortitude, faithfulness, full of humbleness, gentleness, patience and love. – Unto no man GOD has done what He did unto Joseph.

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Confidence Will Be Rewarded

One day, a young woman, mother of three children, presented herself at the Convent of the Religious of st Joseph at Bessillon, asking them to pray earnestly for her. In fact, she was expecting a fourth child and was herself affected by a serious disease. The doctors had given up hope and told her that the only way that she could pull through was to have an abortion, even putting pressure on her by adding that this was for her a duty as she already had three children to bring up.

Faced with this murderous advice which she could not follow, she went in her predicament to find a priest, who said to her: „Go for nine days to the Holy Mass at st Joseph’s Convent at Bessillon.“ She obeyed at once and, ill as she was, she managed to travel more than one hundred and fifty kilometres during nine consecutive days, to come and make her supplication to st Joseph at the place of his apparition.

The child was born at full term, with no defects. In fact, he is a fine boy of eleven years now, very intelligent and lively. He has even been followed by two little brothers. All of them together, they are a happy family.

On another occasion, the nuns of Mount Bessillon received a telephone call from someone who did not make himself

known. He left them this message: „I am on the verge of disaster – financially, morally and spiritually – and deeply depressed. Please pray to st Joseph for me.“

Three years later, the same man wrote to them to say: „I have emerged from my darkness; I have found a position that I enjoy; my wife has come back to me and is expecting a third child. Together we are discovering how much the good GOD loves us, He Who has come to look for us in our misery. Give thanks to st Joseph with us.“

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An Example Set by CHRIST

During His earthly life, JESUS showed so much respect, reverence and obedience to st Joseph. It shall suffice us to make us all zealous venerators of the great Saint.

From the very moment when GOD had chosen st Joseph to take over the fatherhood of His divine SON, JESUS always regarded him as His Father and as such He was absolutely obedient to Joseph in a loving manner. „... and was obedient to them.“ (Luke 2,51), which means that He was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Now it was Joseph’s task to be in charge of the family as its head. It was entirely JESUS’ concern to obey and be responsible to him. This so humble obedience makes us realise that the dignity of st Joseph surpasses the dignity of all the Saints in Heaven, with the exception, of course, of the Mother of GOD’s.

