



my children accordingly. You can wash (baptise) them all.“ – „Did you know that we were passing near here today?“ – „Certainly, I had a dream in which I saw an older man. He told me to send my boy on the track, and to call the two strangers, and that they would wash me so that I could go to the good place after my death.“

The missionaries were profoundly moved. The comportment of the sick woman in the face of death was of such simplicity, that it was not possible to doubt her sincerity. On leaving, they gave her an image of St. Joseph, Patron Saint of the dying. The woman was beside herself with joy. „I know him, it was he who visited me! He often came to me. It was he who made me send my son on the country road to call you.“ Was it in a dream, or did St. Joseph really come to her? She did not know and it did not matter to her. The missionaries learnt later that the woman died that same night.

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This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- „So many people live a withered, dull, marrowless, miserable and guilt-ridden life. Father Joseph, give them fresh heart and pray for them that they may obtain a new life. You can achieve anything with Your divine SON!“



With very kind regards and the blessing of Saint Joseph, I remain with you,

Father Paula



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Lay Community of St Joseph

His Whole Life Was Aimed at GOD

People had serious doubts about what was revealed to Barbara Weigand by Heaven. She implored St. Joseph to enlighten her.

He appeared to her and Barbara said: „You may want to teach me, holy nursing Father of my LORD. What is it you want to tell me? Speak, Saint Joseph, for your servant is listening.“

Joseph: „Remember: everything which is aimed at advancing the glory of GOD and the well-being of our neighbours cannot be made up by a human mind or influenced by any other spirit but the SPIRIT of GOD. This was the principle of my spiritual life.

In my youth, I avoided the company of men as well as I could. I withdrew into seclusion in order to serve my GOD better, to be able to perceive His voice better, who spoke to me as it is speaking to every honest soul striving for Heaven. My whole life and ambition was aimed at pleasing GOD, the longing for the promised Redeemer filled my whole soul. I was prepared to give my life in order to see this Redeemer just once and then I would gladly have died. But see, how much the LORD rewards those who only seek to glorify GOD and to further the salvation of

their neighbours. I was chosen as a guardian, I was placed at the side of the most pure holy virgin, who would give birth to this Redeemer, who was destined by GOD the FATHER to be the Co-Redeemer. And how did I complete this task, my daughter?

All my brothers and I were descended from the royal family of David. But they all shrunk back from a low social status, always looking to find a better and easier life. I sought the very opposite. I wanted to earn my living through the work of my hands, since due to this low social status I was more exposed to contempt and unfair treatment and because I knew that the poor are GOD's favourites. I therefore wanted to always live in want and nameless. When GOD had once appointed me to be the nursing Father of His only begotten SON, I submitted to all the hardship, sufferings and persecutions which I had to endure because of this divine Child. Behold, I had to live my life in a very human way."

Excerpt from "Offenbarungen an Barbara Weigand"
(Revelations to Barbara Weigand)

Saint Joseph, Helper of the Missionaries

An adventure in China of two Austrian missionaries from the Steyl Mission, Father Götsch and Brother Gervasius. The latter was accompanying the priest to a very sick woman from Kao-tai to the Qilian mountains. After three days of horse riding they reached their destination. The woman, however, had already died. Dejected, the missionaries set off for their post.

They were on their way back home when, halfway there, they met a young boy, who was waiting for them on the roadside.



He asked them to accompany him to his mother. The boy took them to a settlement, out of their way, some fifteen kilometres away. The dying mother was waiting for them in a cob hut. She started immediately asking them some strange questions: „Will you, stranger, tell me the truth and answer my questions?“ – „But certainly, mother.“ – „Is there one GOD in three Persons? – Is there a place of happiness for the good ones, and a place of terror for the bad, in the other life? Is it true that GOD came on earth to die for the people and open for them the place of happiness? Stranger, is all this true?“ Astonished, the priest replied affirmatively. Where did this sick person get her knowledge from? „Well!“ said the sick woman, „you have some water with you. So wash me, that I can enter in the place of happiness.“ How did she know that Father had some baptismal water with him?

Father Götsch gave her a brief instruction and baptised her. Then, filled with joy, the woman exclaimed: „You also have some Bread with you. But it is not ordinary bread. It is GOD Himself. Give me some!“ The agonising woman knew that too. He gave her the Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the sick.

Father Götsch then said to her: „Up till now it is you who have asked the questions. Now it is my turn. Where did you get these truths of the faith from? Have you had prior contact with some Catholics, or Protestants?“ – „No, stranger.“ – „But you must have read some books?“ – „I cannot read at all.“ – „But where did you get your knowledge of the faith from?“ – „I have only thought that it must be like that, and I have lived according to what I knew for nearly ten years. I have also instructed