



I have got many employees, but there is this obsession to take my own life that haunts me.“ I took his arm and, smiling, I said: „No, you are not going into the water, it is much too cold. We will take care of your horse and you will tell me your story, then we will see.“ (To be continued next month)

### This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- Let us make every endeavour this month to dilly-dally less in the abandonment of ourselves.



May sacred silence turn into a habit of ours more and more. St. Teresa of Avila makes an apt remark: „Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.“

On 19 September it has been 6 years that the Lay Community was founded. With great joy I am granted to see St. Joseph's relentless working and the growing of the Community. Let us continue to shower St. Joseph with many kindnesses!

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

*Paula*



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## Lay Community of St Joseph

### In this House Order Prevailed

JESUS says: „O beloved Foster Father of mine on the earth, how loved you have been by GOD, by GOD the FATHER in the most high Heavens, by GOD the SON, who became the SAVIOUR on the earth!

In that house there is no quick temper, no sulkiness, no grim faces, neither are there any mutual reproaches, least of all against the GOD who does not shower them with material wealth. Joseph does not reproach Mary with being the cause of their hardship, neither does Mary reproach Joseph with being incapable of procuring a more pleasant life for them. They love each other holily, that's saying it all. Therefore, they do not worry about their own well-being, but only about that of their consort. True love is not selfish. True love is always chaste, even if it is not so perfect in chastity as the love of both these virgin souls. Chastity united to charity yields a suite of other virtues and therefore two people who love each other chastely become a perfect parental couple.

The love of My Mother and Joseph was perfect. Consequently, it was an incentive to every other virtue, in

particular to the love of GOD, who was blessed all the time, notwithstanding His holy will imposed worries on them for the body and the soul. He was blessed because, above the flesh and heart, the spirit prevailed, and they exalted the LORD with thankfulness because they had been chosen as guardians of His eternal SON ...

Humility reigns in that house. What a lesson for you, the proud! Mary, from a human point of view, would have had thousands upon thousands of reasons to be overbearing and to let herself be adored by her Spouse. Quite a lot of women do so only because they are a little better educated, or of nobler birth, or of a wealthier family than their husbands. Mary is Spouse and Mother of GOD, and yet she serves, and does not expect to be served by her consort, to whom she is lovingly attached. Joseph is the master of the house, judged by GOD so worthy of being the head of the family as to be entrusted by GOD with the guardianship of the Word Incarnate and the Spouse of the HOLY SPIRIT. And yet he is anxious to relieve Mary of her work and trouble. He takes care of the most humble household chores so that Mary may not get tired, and what's more: as best he can, he tries to support and encourage her and goes out of his way to make her house more comfortable and to please her with a little flower garden.

In this house order is highly appreciated: the supernatural, moral, and material order. GOD is the Supreme Head. He is worshipped and loved: that is the supernatural order. Joseph is the head of the family. He receives affection, respect, and



obedience: that is the moral order. The house is a gift of GOD as well as the clothes and the furnishings. The Providence of GOD is visible in all things, of GOD, who supplies wool to sheep, feathers to birds, hay to animals, grains and branches of trees to birds, and who weaves the dress of the lily of the valley. The house, the dresses, the tools are accepted with gratitude, blessing GOD's hand that supplies them, treating them with respect as gifts of the LORD, not with bad humour because of their wretched state; they are not needlessly worn out, divine Providence is not abused: that is the material order.

You did not understand the words they exchanged in the dialect of Nazareth, neither did you understand the words of the prayer. But the things you saw have been a great lesson. Ponder on them, you all who now suffer so much because you failed in so many things towards GOD; also in those things in which the holy Spouses, who were my Mother and Father, never failed."

Excerpt from "The poem of the Man-GOD" by Maria Valtorta

### „Do You Know Who St. Joseph Is?“

Continued: „Where am I here? What house is this? A manor?“  
 – „No, a monastery.“ – „I have never seen anything like it. And why are you dressed in white and black like a clown?“  
 – „Well, that is the habit of our order. But please tell me, who are you?“ – „I am the director of the imperial circus of Lyon.“ – „Are you ruined?“ – „Oh no! I own a fortune of at least one million Francs; I am very successful in business.