



„Confess your secret sins!“ When the priest noticed my inner struggle, very kindly encouraging me, I opened my heart to him and confessed everything I had previously kept secret. By doing so, peace returned into my soul. This happy day was actually the last day of the devotion. Indeed, how good and powerful is St. Joseph! I will thank him for the rest of my life and I would like to recommend St. Joseph to all people, to turn to him if they need courage and strength at Confession in order to make a sincere Confession. (D. O.)

### This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- May St. Joseph give the children and young persons the necessary protection against the harmful teachings at school, against the wilfully early and bad sex education.



John Hümmeler: „In his day St. Joseph was so poor and despised that occasionally people even reproached the Son of man for being of such an apparently low birth.“

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

*Sister Paula*



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## Lay Community of St Joseph

### Great Helper in Need

It is the wish of the Mother of GOD that we also go to her Spouse Joseph and beg him to help us in all our worries, needs and desires. He feels an urgent need to grant the people his protection. He was bound by an immeasurably pure love to his holy Spouse and her divine Child, whom he always used to hug with a wonderful fatherly love. Night and day, he watched over his Holy Family and in this way warded off so many evil things from them. Willingly he bore all malice Himself on the part of his fellow human beings and the evil powers.

In this little church, he was the Priest and Protector and in the same way, he is also today the Patron of the whole Church paid for by JESUS CHRIST with His blood. He takes every person of good will under his wing. St. Joseph keeps away from us every contagion of misbelief and corruption if we honestly trust him. As a powerful helper, he supports us from Heaven in our struggle against the powers of darkness, as he once used to stand by the Child JESUS saving Him from extreme mortal danger. We are not able to do anything ourselves, but with the constant protection of St. Joseph, his help and example in

mind, we can be good to the best of our ability, live a saintly life and led by his hand enter eternal joy.

How much does Joseph care about the families – ensuring that mutual love and domestic peace dwell in them. Let us entrust to him the fears and worries of our families, the upbringing of our children. Let us venerate and love St. Joseph, then we may be absolutely sure of his help.

- St. Bernardino of Siena:

„Sacred Scripture says about the servants of GOD: ‚All those who were pleasing to GOD went through many hardships and remained true to faith.‘ St. Joseph deserves this praise like no one else. He patiently and firmly stood by his most pure Spouse in suffering and affliction.“

With every trial a person goes through, GOD has only one thing in mind: to purify their soul, to constantly draw them nearer to His heart and to place them on a higher level.

- St. Chrysostom:

„GOD treated St. Joseph as He is generally wont to treat His servants. He sends them trials in order to purify their hearts from the slag of self-love, but in such way that He adds to their bitterness the sweetness of consolations.“

In the life of St. Joseph GOD's acts of Providence were well hidden from the people. He did not see the works and mira-

cles of JESUS. But Joseph was granted the grace to die in the arms of JESUS in the presence of his most holy Spouse Mary.

We have seriously devoted ourselves to St. Joseph. Therefore, we can be absolutely sure that he will ask for us in prayer the grace to end our lives in JESUS and that we will pass over into eternal life with St. Joseph taking us by the hand.

### He Found Peace Again

Blinded by the Evil One, I had withheld some sins at my first Confession. I was troubled by this terrible mishap for four years without having the courage to straighten it out. Then the day of my First Holy Communion drew near. An inner voice urged me to reveal the sins I had hushed up for years. However, also at this Confession I was too much of a coward to confide in my confessor. And in this state of mind I received the Bread of Life for the first time, unworthy like Judas. For one and a half year, I trampled on the LORD like this through blasphemous Confessions and Communions.

A priest who cared about me had noticed my indifference to religious matters for some time. – He wanted to lead me back to JESUS. Imploringly, he recommended this request to St. Joseph and also instructed his religious acquaintances to do the same. Unbeknownst to me, they started to pray a three-day devotion to St. Joseph for my change of heart. At my next Confession, at which I still did not intend to clear up my offences, I suddenly felt within me a powerful call:

