



to our little advert. In short, everything was plain sailing. The help of St Joseph was quite obvious! – In appreciation of his help we will cooperate to spread the book of St Joseph. It is a matter of course that he will always have a place of honour in our family. We have put up a statue of St Joseph in our new home.

### This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- „Hail Saint Joseph, You blessed and unequalled one amongst the Saints! Please, continue to hold Your blessing hands over us and pour Heaven's blessing on our families.“



Brother André often said: „It requires faith to rub the St Joseph's medal or St Joseph's oil on your skin.“ He never tired of repeating these words to every supplicant and summoned them to perform a novena to St Joseph. And he added: „Several sick persons do not receive the recovery they prayed and hoped for because they have no proper faith and do not wish to submit to GOD's holy will.“

As always, very heartfelt regards and with the blessing of Saint Joseph, I remain with you,

*Brother Paula*



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## Lay Community of St Joseph

### No Retirement in Heaven

A deceased person may have begun their work here on earth, but not have finished it. Because in Heaven they belong to the mysterious Body of CHRIST, they should and may assist in perfecting the whole Body of CHRIST – for the salvation of souls, of their fellow human beings here on earth. All of Heaven is tirelessly weaving, knitting and working.

The citizens of Heaven are much closer to us than people can mutually be. Their knowledge of us is much clearer and deeper than any fellow human being can ever have of us here on earth. The spiritual connection they have with us has a magnitude and intimacy which goes a thousand times beyond the relationship between people. How many more times does the relationship between St Joseph and us exceed this one when we heartily love and venerate him. How willingly will he take up our requests in his heart when they are justified and worthy of trust?

GOD works this spiritual connection between the Saints and us, people on earth, in a supernatural way. What an unspeakable, incomprehensible love of the Heavenly

FATHER! – Yes, how incomprehensible for us, people, that He sent His most beautiful, dearest, purest creature on this sinful and cold earth. Despite the millions and millions of obscene insults every day, He placed His confidence in us and put an ardent desire in our hearts for salvation. In His plan of salvation Mary, His beloved Daughter, Mother and Spouse, is the one who gave birth to the Messiah. GOD did not want Mary and her divine Child to be unprotected. So GOD wonderfully ordained that Joseph should enter her life.

### **The Protector of the Holy Family**

In the life of JESUS nothing was left to chance. Everything happened according to GOD's miraculous plan. Mary was destined from all eternity to be Mother of GOD. Joseph was destined from all eternity to incorporate JESUS into the world and so, in the eyes of his contemporaries, there was no doubt about this child's being his natural Son.

What a great confidence GOD had placed in St Joseph. The most precious treasures He entrusted to him. He committed the hidden life of JESUS to the keeping of the silent Joseph. – The SAVIOUR hid Himself in the shadow of His nursing Father. Joseph kept watch over his family with all his loving strength and even today and always he guards the holy Church of CHRIST, as he once did the little church.

### **With the Help of St Joseph Everything Went Smoothly**

My mother fell seriously ill in January 1972. Whenever I

visited her, she would tell me about the book "St Joseph will also help you," which my sister had given her. She begged me: „You must read it, otherwise you cannot believe it.“ To please her, I just took the book home and read in it from time to time. While reading, I noticed that they often mentioned novenas held on the occasion of his name day. Because my husband's name is also Joseph, I told my children, aged 5 and 11: „We also want to pray an 'Our FATHER' for 9 days, beginning on 10 March, in honour of St Joseph.“ But we did not actually have a special intention.

As a self-employed businessman, my husband had been trying to purchase a house in the town centre for 20 years. How many times had our promising chances come to nothing at the last minute. What a nerve-racking situation up to now! Our latest negotiations had also remained unsuccessful, because the landlady became ill and we had not heard from her since then. Many an effort failed. My husband was offered the opportunity to rent a location in the commercial centre of a major city. I thought of St Joseph. This lady was not disinclined to sell the house as well. Now a very exciting time was ahead of us. Would we succeed or not? But I was full of confidence and had no doubts at all. Despite many prominent prospective buyers, we got the house.

After the purchase, one difficulty after the other arose with the neighbours, and so on. Much to our regret our housemaid quitted. But everything was solved as if directed by an invisible hand. We were able to sell some properties at an unexpectedly good price. A home help promptly responded