



this time. Although I knew from the records that Mrs D. was evangelical, I followed her and talked to her outside. I reminded her that she had such a mighty Name Patron in Heaven, who, like her, had suffered the fate of being an exile and would surely understand all her needs. He could also help her in her apparently hopeless case if only she had faith. I gave her the St Joseph's book and recommended her to pray from it every day. And St Joseph did help. The insurance documents turned up. Her pension was transferred to her, also the additional payments for the long waiting period. And so the provision for her old age was safeguarded. (M. St.)

### This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- „Saint Joseph, graciously give us your support from Heaven, you powerful helper in our struggle against the powers of darkness. Take us all in your constant protection. Please!“



Easter may gladden and fill your hearts with peace and confidence. We will all rise from the dead and enjoy Heaven if we try hard down here. It is worthwhile!

With kind regards and all good wishes I say goodbye again. United in thought with the blessing of Saint Joseph,

*Sister Paula*



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## Lay Community of St Joseph

### No Demands of St Joseph

What an indescribable greatness there was in St Joseph. In all his everyday worries and needs it did not occur to him to make any demands on his JESUS. For example, that He might help him get over his adversity with His divine power. Affliction, responsibility and the battle against dark powers were always present, as well as torments, blows and slanders on the part of malicious people stirred up by evil spirits. Joseph exhorted these people and prayed for them. He was always convinced of the Almighty of His Foster Son. That proves his absolute confidence.

Joseph was always the chosen favourite of the HOLY SPIRIT. That is why Joseph was able to bear the highest dignity of being the Foster Father of the SON of GOD and Protector of the Immaculate Mother of JESUS, because his profound humility and wonderful childlikeness, his purest love would not tolerate anything else.

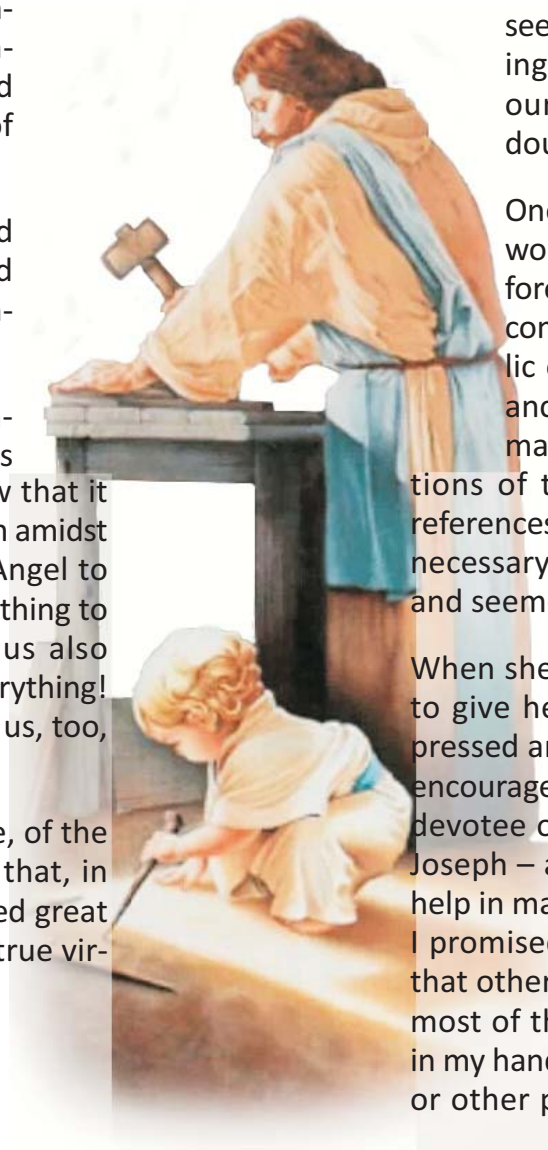
If all the Angels had been at the disposal of St Joseph in order to fulfil his wishes, he would nonetheless have remained the simple, humble, loving Joseph. He recog-

nised GOD's greatness in his JESUS and always thought of himself as being absolutely unworthy. His heart was filled with an indescribable peace – a heart simply willing to do anything: to escape from Herod, the dangers involved, the tribulations, cold, hunger and uncertainty. He knew: „GOD is with us.“ How often did Joseph suffer and weep over the future sufferings of JESUS, which he foresaw.

This wonderful Saint is so little venerated by us and our love for him is so wretched. – Mary tenderly and intimately loved him and by doing so she sets a wonderful example to us.

We, too, always have an Angel at our service, a wonderful heavenly friend. Do we talk with him? Let us ask him to help us to face our daily troubles. I know that it is indeed not always easy. Sometimes we master them amidst tears, sighs and laments. Let us ask our Guardian Angel to remind us of St Joseph's life, how he entrusted everything to Heaven in patience, humility and devotion. Let us also recognise – as it is at this moment – GOD's will in everything! Knowing that the Almighty is above us will give us, too, great peace in our hearts.

After all, Joseph is the model of the ordinary people, of the modest and humble. Joseph clearly demonstrates that, in order to be good and true Christians, we do not need great deeds, but that we need very ordinary, simple, but true virtues and that they are enough.



## St Joseph – Father of the Exiles

I am working as an honorary employee at a retirement and social advice centre in our parish. People seeking advice in retirement matters, concerning housing or money, can consult us. Many people come to our consultation hours, especially foreigners have double trouble dealing with the authorities.

One of our clients was a German speaking Romanian woman, Mrs Josephine D. Her retirement case seemed foredoomed to failure from the start because she had come indirectly through Austria to the Federal Republic of Germany and had only very incomplete insurance documents. Most of the papers were still in Romania or with the Austrian authorities. Poor translations of the Romanian certificates of employment and references led to mistakes and often made further enquiries necessary, in short, the case had already gone on for years and seemed hopeless.

When she made another enquiry at our office and we had to give her this little promising report, she was very depressed and said goodbye, and I thought about how I could encourage her. (I must hasten to add that I have been a huge devotee of Joseph for some years by reading the book “St Joseph – also your helper,” and I could also experience his help in many difficult situations. Out of gratitude for his help I promised St Joseph to particularly circulate his books so that other people, too, might gain faith in his kindness; and most of the time I have been carrying a book of St Joseph in my handbag ever since, assuming with certainty that some or other person could surely need it.) And so it was again