



I write these words in great gratitude because I promised to make this help of St Joseph public. (R. H.)

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- May St Joseph from Heaven continue the mission that he once carried out in Nazareth on the little Church.
- May he help to renew the Church in the HOLY SPIRIT. – “Please, Saint Joseph.”



„Examen yourself several times daily, at least in the evening and morning, whether you have control over your soul or whether a passion or anxiety has deprived you of her. Be careful to see whether your heart obeys you or whether it got tangled up in unjust feelings of love, hatred, envy, lust, anxiety, annoyance.“ (St Francis of Sales)

Seek the stillness – the stillness and peace, which St Joseph always carried in his heart.

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

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Lay Community of St Joseph

Joseph, a Great Mediator

Never will we come directly to GOD's throne with our concerns and worries. We need an advocate, an intercessor acting as a mediator. St Joseph has such a great power over the Heart of JESUS that JESUS hardly can deny him anything – except when something else would be better for this person. So on our part we must sometimes have a little patience.

How happy could we be if we were to earn for ourselves the intercession of St Joseph! Also his wonderful Spouse Mary never refuses him anything. Joseph will help us through his intercession to make great progress in all virtues if only we have confidence in him – especially in those virtues which he possessed in such a high degree: in the purity of the body and the soul, in the wonderful virtue of humility, of steadfastness, of strength, of silence and perseverance. They all are virtues which make us victorious over our enemies.

Let us follow St Joseph here on earth so that we, too, may enter Heaven and enjoy eternal glory and the permanent presence of St Joseph. This reward is something

incomprehensible – eternal blessedness in the vision of GOD.

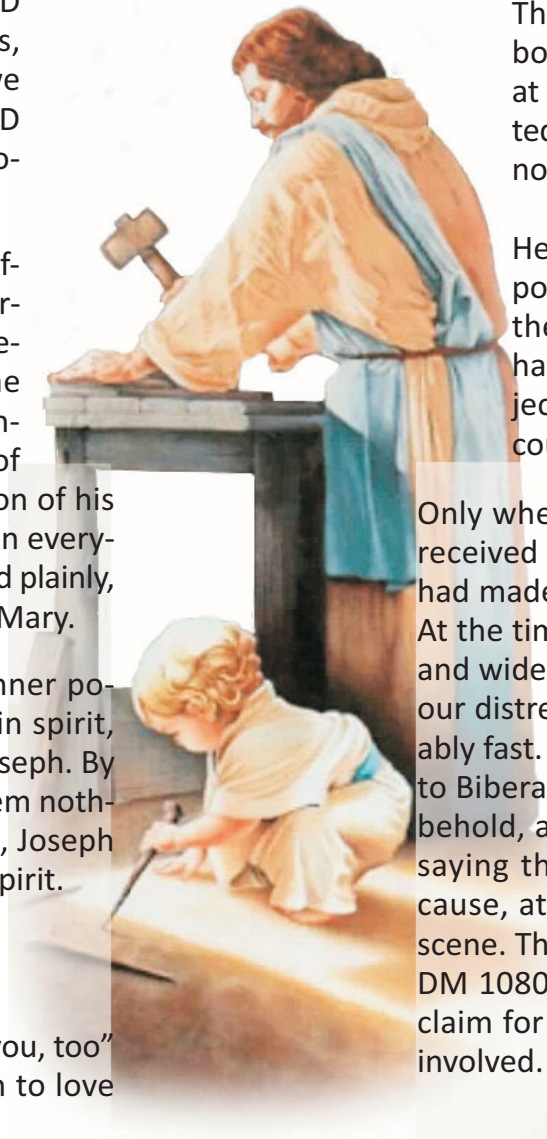
We will praise GOD's glory with all the Angels of GOD and the Saints, with all the Powers and Authorities, with the heavenly Virtues and all the Seraphim, we will call out in chorus: „Holy, holy, holy, LORD, GOD of Hosts! Heaven and earth are full of Your great glory!“

Saint Joseph was so imbued with selflessness and self-forgetfulness that he did not feel poverty as a burden, but as happiness. He enjoyed having nothing because, of that very reason, he had experienced the joy of drawing in abundance from GOD. Doing without and sacrificing were a gift to him, the modesty of his everyday life a happy habit. It was the expression of his unselfish bearing in his family and neighbourhood. In everything he wanted nothing other than to live silently and plainly, poor in every respect, in the shadow of JESUS and Mary.

Wanting-to-possess-nothing was a mirror of his inner poverty. The words of JESUS: „Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven,“ perfectly fit Joseph. By feeling from the bottom of his heart the need to seem nothing and to be nothing, to always take second place, Joseph truly managed to reach a state of deep poverty of spirit.

The Plaintiff Withdrew the Charge

After reading in the booklet “Saint Joseph will help you, too” how well St Joseph helps in many matters, I began to love



and venerate this great intercessor. When, one day, my brother drove his tractor to the field, it was scraped by a car. The presumed cause was a slippery road. The car's bodywork had only minor damage, which both parties at the scene of the accident estimated at around DM 180,-. The driver of the car even admitted that my brother was not to blame and that he did not want to call the police.

He came to us a few days later and said: „Let us report the damage to the insurance company.“ My brother did so and described exactly how the accident had happened. Because the insurance company rejected every claim, the liability was to be clarified in court.

Only when my brother was summoned to the hearing and received the bill of indictment, did we hear that a witness had made an evidently false statement against my brother. At the time of the accident no “witness” was to be seen far and wide, only 15 minutes later someone had shown up. In our distress we turned to St Joseph. His help came remarkably fast. Taking the first train, my brother had already gone to Biberach to the hearing, which was due at 9.30 a.m. But behold, at 9 a.m. the postman brought a letter from court saying that the witness had retracted his statement because, at the time of the accident, he had not been at the scene. The plaintiff had withdrawn his claim for damages of DM 1080,-. And so St Joseph saved us from an unjustified claim for damages and a judicial hearing with all the costs involved.