



has settled my case with GOD and if he allows me to die, he succeeded in granting me a happy last hour." Then the miracle happened! In the afternoon her pain suddenly eased, strength and life returned to the weakened limbs. In the evening she was able to get up, eat and in the following night she could sleep. Early in the morning of 2 July she received Holy Communion in the chapel – as she had confidently predicted at the beginning of the novena.

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This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- Saint Joseph, You Terror of demons, refuse them admittance to our families and do not allow even one soul of our relatives to perish. Thank you, beloved Father Joseph!



To us the most important moment is always the present moment, the here and now – always living holily here and now. The most important person is always the one who is facing me right now. The most necessary work and behaviour is always love.

With kind regards and the blessing of Saint Joseph,

Sister Paula



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Lay Community of St Joseph

The Blessed Passing Away of St Joseph Continued

Then St Joseph addressed our LORD. He made every effort to kneel on the ground, wishing to speak in this hour to his GOD with profound awe; but the most kind JESUS approached and embraced him. St Joseph, however, supporting his head on JESUS' arms, spoke: „My LORD, most high GOD, SON of the Eternal FATHER, Creator and Redeemer of the world, give Your eternal benediction to Your servant, who is the work of Your hands! Most gentle King, forgive the sins that I, unworthy as I am, have committed in Your service and in Your company. I confess and glorify You, and render to You, with a contrite and humble heart, eternal thanks for having chosen me by Your infinite goodness from amongst all men to be the Spouse of Your true Mother. May Your own Majesty and glory be my thanksgiving for all eternity!“

The Redeemer of the world gave him His blessing saying: „My Father, rest in peace, in the grace of My Heavenly FATHER and in My own! Proclaim the glad tidings to My Prophets and Saints, who await you in Limbo, and tell

them that their redemption is near." At these words of JESUS CHRIST, the happy Joseph breathed out his soul in the arms of the SAVIOUR. The SON of GOD closed his eyes. At the same time, the multitude of Angels, who surrounded their King and Queen, chanted the sweetest hymns of praise with heavenly beautiful and harmonious voices. By command of the LORD, they accompanied Joseph's most holy soul to the gathering-place of the Patriarchs and Prophets. The souls there all recognised him as the Foster Father and intimate friend of the Redeemer of the world, by the splendours of incomparable riches of grace and therefore worthy of the most particular veneration. But he, according to the LORD's command, brought them the glad tidings that their redemption was drawing near, thus spreading unutterable joy in the midst of this countless gathering of the Saints.

It must not be passed over in silence that St Joseph's precious death, although preceded by long-lasting and painful illnesses, did not only have these as causes. He might have lived longer, notwithstanding all his maladies, if the effects of that ardent fire of love that burnt in his heart had not been added. Because this most blissful death was rather a triumph of love than the penalty for sin, the LORD suspended the special and wonderful effect of grace by which He had so far preserved the natural strength of His servant against the consuming violence of his love. No sooner did this effect of grace stop than nature was defeated. This victory sundered the ties that detained his most holy soul in his mortal body, in which, in fact, consists our death. Thus, love was the last of St Joseph's above-mentioned illnesses, but also

the greatest and most glorious; since, by it, death is the sleep of the body, but for the soul it is the beginning of imperishable life. Mary wept for her St Joseph.

(Mary of Agreda)

Healed From the Severest Tuberculosis

My fellow Sister Mary was only 27 years old and suffering from a stubborn lung disease, which had already affected the larynx and was turning into a tracheobronchial tuberculosis. Her tongue and mouth were so painful that she could no longer eat. And so our poor sister pined away more and more without sleep and food. At the end of May, on her doctor's recommendation, she was administered Extreme Unction.

On 23 June, we began to pray a novena to St Joseph for Sister Mary. Our patient fondly hoped to get better and declared with great certainty that on 2 July she would receive Holy Communion in the chapel, and no longer at the bedside. We could not share her optimism, knowing her clinical syndrome. Besides, her suffering even increased during the novena, leading to an alarming weakness on 29 June (the seventh day of our novena), so that we expected our sister to die any hour. Nevertheless she still expected to recover. Only when our Father director visited her and comforted her and granted her absolution several times, she no longer expected to be saved and resigned herself quietly and confidently to GOD's will. On the last day of our novena she whispered early in the morning: „This is my last day. How lucky I am, I can go home to GOD. I am satisfied. St Joseph

