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people will be led astray from the true Catholic faith by the false teachings of modern theologians.

I admit that we will have to continue to strengthen ourselves in the faith by frequently reading through the New Testament for 15 or 30 minutes. "I believe all the SON of GOD has spoken. Than truth's own word there is no truer token." Therefore, in addition to the earthly concerns, may the spiritual ones also be entrusted to dear Saint Joseph as the even more important ones. (J. P.)

## **This Month's Heartfelt Matters**

 "Saint Joseph, please help the people in the present difficult times, in their affliction and distress that they may not lose the faith and trust in the Almightiness of GOD. Thank you, Father Joseph!"

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The merry month of May is assigned to the Mother of GOD. Let us please her, if possible, by praying the Rosary.

I wish you all the love and happiness and will remain in thoughts with you. With the blessing of St Joseph, I say goodbye again,

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## Lay Community of St Joseph

## Joseph's Love for JESUS and Mary

Mary – the thought of the FATHER in Heaven from eternity. She is the most beautiful and lovely creature made by GOD, so glorious and wonderful that He took Mary as the model for His creation. Mary surpasses all Angels in beauty, majesty and holiness. What a great election for St Joseph! He could not believe it at all. GOD willed it so. Joseph asked no questions, he simply did what he was told to do. Mary beheld the wonderful soul of Joseph and knew that Joseph held the virtues in high esteem, loved them dearly.

How much did Joseph love his Mary, the wonderful Bride of his GOD. Joseph immersed himself in these thoughts, and in his contemplations he always received marvellous insights – many secrets. He knew that JESUS was the divine Word, the Way and the Truth, and that He came to us human beings out of great love. Joseph loved this divine Child who was with him every day, accompanied him. He carried Him in his arms, caressed Him and He gave him even greater love in return. From JESUS' mouth he heard daily words of everlasting life and had in Him an incomparable example of all virtues. Joseph was

overjoyed in the company of JESUS and Mary. How much he loved them both.

Joseph knew that GOD had chosen him from amongst all men to be JESUS' Foster Father, and he fulfilled all his fatherly duties with great joy, devotion and love. JESUS obeyed Joseph, He helped him with the work appropriate to His age.

We cannot begin to imagine what a holy life Joseph led beside JESUS and Mary, he was constantly permeated by their holiness. The quiet little house of Nazareth was a piece of Heaven to JESUS. The conversations and reflections were always about the divine. There were no idle words, peace and harmony made for an uplifting togetherness. Mary and Joseph knew the Holy Scriptures through and through and JESUS revealed even so much more to them. Deep in their hearts there was always pain, knowing that JESUS is the Redeemer and how He will die.

"To some Saints it is granted to be intercessors and helpers in certain matters; but to St Joseph it is granted to help in every need."

(St Thomas Aquinas)

"Hail, my chosen Patron, Saint Joseph! You are a mighty intercessor with GOD, and Protector of those who love You. You know what a great trust I have in You, that after JESUS and Mary I place all my hope in You. You are the happy one, whom GOD the FATHER Himself chose as acting Father of

His SON. JESUS – before whom Heaven and earth, even hell shall bend the knee – obeyed You. You do not abandon anyone who has the desire to love GOD and to be with You in bliss one day. Obtain for me the grace to live according to GOD's pleasure and to have You at my deathbed one day. Thank You, Father Joseph! Amen!"

## **Who Describes My Astonishment**

Some time ago I was in danger of losing part of my savings due to bankruptcy proceedings of the bank, and that is not all, I would also suffer a major loss in my American securities as a result of the decline in the dollar exchange rate. In this financial matter, I confidently turned to St Joseph out of consideration for my family's livelihood.

Now, St Joseph could not prevent the bank's bankruptcy. And neither, of course, could he do anything about the loss of the dollar's value. So, I lost a total of DM 4,500 from my savings. But who can describe my astonishment when shortly afterwards I received quite an unexpected inheritance in German mortgage bonds, which in terms of DM added up to almost exactly the amount of DM 4,500? In any case, I took this as an answer to my prayer and am heartily grateful to St Joseph for his help.

And so, I have full confidence that St Joseph will also help me in my other great requests, namely that our sons should remain faithful to the faith in today's faithless times, through his intercession. For there is a great danger today that young