



Joseph's Eternal Chastity

The intimate contact with JESUS and Mary presupposed Joseph's perpetual virginity. GOD gave him the grace of angelic chastity. After all, GOD says in the Prophet Isaiah: „Purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of the LORD!“ The Jews had to live abstinely and purify themselves when the law was proclaimed on Mount Sinai. No unauthorised person was allowed to touch the Ark of the Covenant, otherwise he had to die immediately, as GOD showed by the example of Uzzah. Mary was the living Ark of the Covenant, who carried GOD Himself within her. So how much purer did Joseph have to be than all the priests of the Old Covenant who served in the Sanctuary.

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- As I am forgiven by GOD, so I also want to forgive my fellow man. By forgiving, I pass on the overabundance of GOD's mercy. Are we doing this? Let us ask St Joseph for this generosity.



With kind regards and the blessing of Saint Joseph,

Sister Paula



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Lay Community of St Joseph

A Wonderful Image of St Joseph

JESUS says: „Behold, today the Church celebrates the patronal feast of My holy Foster Father Joseph. As he was the Patron of the Holy Family at Nazareth, so he has now been appointed by My Vicar in Rome Patron of all of GOD's holy family here on earth.“

At that moment, my spirit was transported to a beautiful landscape. It seemed to me that this must be former Paradise. A majestic, holy peace reigned everywhere as on a lovely May morning when we used to walk the fields on a Sunday. In the middle of this beautiful landscape, a magnificent throne was erected, seemingly of the finest gold. On it I saw St Joseph, who had been walking up and down in this beautiful landscape until he was elevated by the Pope to this precious throne. Then came all the Popes, beginning with Peter down to Pius IX, and gratefully laid their homage at his feet. St Joseph sat on the throne in great majesty holding a sceptre in his right hand. In his left hand he held a shield, as the ancient warriors are depicted.

And the LORD revealed to me that it was owing to the power and protection of St Joseph that the enemies could do so little harm to the Church. And because the Pope has raised him to these honours, which are due to him in Heaven as on earth, his power against the enemies of our salvation is an unspeakable one. All the enemies, both inward and outward, bounced off this shield, which he offers to anyone who takes refuge in him. (Barbara Weigand)

St Joseph Helped in Great Financial Need

There is probably no request in the area of human life for which one would have called upon the help of St Joseph in vain. Prof. Albert Drexel from Egg near Zurich, for example, told me that he had once been in extremely serious financial need. At very short notice, he had to suddenly repay a large loan he had taken out for a charitable purpose. Since all efforts failed to obtain a postponement of the payment deadline from the creditor, he turned with great confidence to St Joseph, whom he greatly venerated. Day after day passed. All his efforts to find that great amount of money from somewhere came to nothing. As the last hour approached and the creditor was already threatening legal action, Prof. Albert Drexel set off on foot. He wanted to ask the creditor once again for a postponement of payment in a personal meeting. A loyal friend was to accompany him on this difficult operation, and he was about to pick him up for the journey. As he had crossed a street in Zurich, an elderly kindly man with a beard (which was quite unusual at that time) came towards him, draped in a cloak (cape). He smiled graciously at him and asked if he was Albert

Drexel. When he said yes, the man took a large thick letter from his coat pocket and pressed it into Prof. Drexel's hand, saying that it was intended for him. Astonished, he took the letter and put it in his pocket. He asked: „Who is the letter from?“ (He wanted to have the address in order to thank him.) „Do not look for the benefactor, look upwards, it comes from Above.“ No sooner had he stammered his thanks than the kind man had vanished from his sight. Drexel looked up and down the street, but there was no sign of the man any more.

Immediately, without checking the contents of the letter, he went to the nearby house of St Elisabeth, which was well known to him. He gave the letter to the sister at the gate and told her how he had just received this letter. (In his modesty and humbleness, he did not want to open the letter himself.) The sister at the gate called in other fellow sisters and when she opened the letter, the same amount of money emerged as was urgently needed to pay off the large debt. To the sisters of the house of Elisabeth, Prof. Drexel said: „There is no better helper in the most difficult matters than St Joseph.“ Love for this Saint permeated his entire life. As Prof. Drexel lay on his deathbed, he suddenly looked up at the ceiling with a blissful smile. Sr Antonia Meyers noticed this and asked why he always looked up. He said: „He is coming to fetch me.“ – „Who is coming?“ – „St Joseph.“ – Sr Antonia knew then that this time it was serious, although she had still firmly hoped that Prof. Albert Drexel would recover. And really, a few minutes later Prof. Drexel said goodbye to this earth. (Josef Künzli)

