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# ANNALS OF SAINT JOSEPH,

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*Rt. Rev. F. X. Katzer, Bishop of Green Bay.*

*Under the Management of*

*Rev. J. F. DURIN, M.S.H., Rector of St. Joseph's Church, West DePere, Wis.*

IN WHATEVER TRIBULATION  
THEY SHALL CRY  
TO ME, I WILL HEAR  
THEM, AND BE THEIR  
PROTECTOR ALWAYS.



I AM JOSEPH! BE NOT  
AFRAID! GOD SENT ME  
BEFORE, THAT YOU MAY  
BE PRESERVED UPON  
EARTH, AND MAY HAVE  
FOOD TO LIVE.

(Gen. xlv.)

*St. Joseph, Friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us!*  
(100 Days Ind.)

WEST DE PERE, WISCONSIN.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Annals of St. Joseph are coming in season, to foster, to propagate, to explain the beautiful Devotion to the Holy and glorious Patron of the Catholic Church.

They will condense all that has been said in the past and all that will be said in the future about St. Joseph. Then each number will be divided in three parts: 1. Theology of the Devotion, 2. the history of the Devotion, 3. the practice of the Devotion, which we intend to promote by the Association.

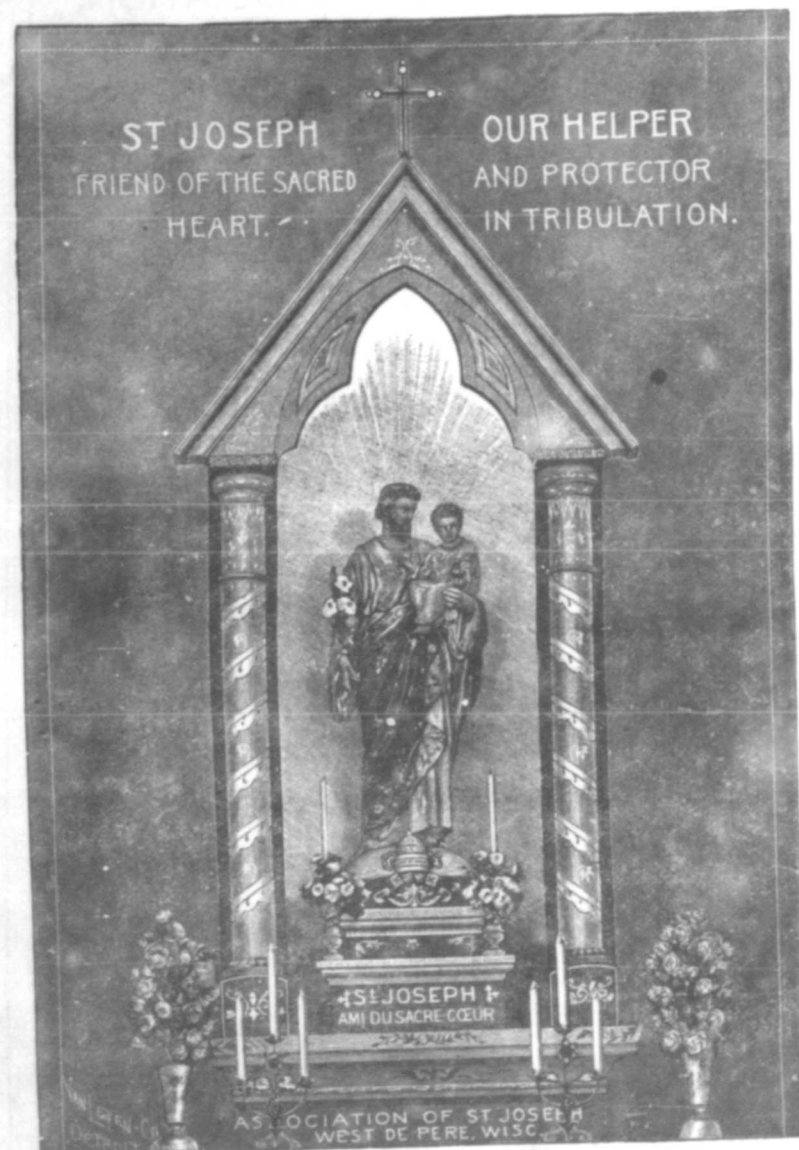
Not relying upon ourselves but upon the assistance of St. Joseph, the devotedness of the Faithful, the help of all those who desire to glorify Him, we earnestly beg that this paper should not be forgotten among other papers, but that all those who will receive it, become solicitors and try to have other subscribers.

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REV. J. F. Durin, WEST DEPERE, WIS.



# ST. JOSEPH'S ASSOCIATION, WEST DE PERE, WISCONSIN.

In His Encyclical letter "*Miltans*," dated March 12th, 1881, His Holiness, Leo XIII, recommends: "*To implore every day the protection of St. Joseph.*" For this object an association has been established in the Church of St. Joseph, West De Pere, Wisconsin, with the approbation of the Right Rev. F. X. Katzer, Bishop of Green Bay.

The members are united together: 1st, to honor St. Joseph; 2d, to promote and to propagate His devotion; 3d, to obtain His help and assistance during life and at the hour of death.

Conditions to be member are; 1st, to have his name and surname entered into the register of the association; 2d, to say every day the following ejaculation: *St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us.* (no days indulg.)

Every Wednesday the Holy Mass is celebrated at the altar of St. Joseph for the associates, to obtain the success of their recommendations. Before Mass recommendations are read and special prayers are said in honor of St. Joseph. Many favors have been obtained already by this practice. The annual offering is 25 cents.

Every communication is to be addressed to

Rev. J. F. Durin, St. Joseph's Church,  
WEST DE PERE, WISCONSIN.

## A Prayer to St. Joseph.

O blessed Joseph, faithful guardian of my Redeemer, Jesus Christ; protector of Thy chaste Spouse, the Virgin Mother of God; I choose thee this day to be my special patron and advocate, and I firmly resolve to honor thee from this time forth. Therefore I humbly beseech thee to receive me as thy client, to instruct me in every doubt, to comfort me in every affliction, to obtain for me and for all the knowledge and love of the Heart of Jesus, and finally to defend and protect me at the hour of death.—Amen.

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Diocese of Green Bay.



### APPROBATION

of the Right Rev. F. X. Katzer Bishop of Green Bay.

Rev. Dear Father Durin, M. S. H., Rector:

We heartily approve of your pious undertaking and sincerely hope, that the Annals of St. Joseph which you intend to publish will be a means by which the Catholics of this Diocese and the Faithful in general will increase in love and veneration towards the powerful Patron of the Church, the great and glorious St. Joseph, and from which they will derive many a spiritual blessing.

Allow us to avail ourselves of this opportunity to recommend to the Associates of St. Joseph the poor Catholics of the Peninsula  
Green Bay, Feb. 9th. 1889.

†Frederick Xavier  
Bishop of Green Bay.

## ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH.

VOL. I. MARCH, 1889. NO. 1.

### I. INTRODUCTORY.

To the Pious Members of the Association of St. Joseph.

Behold, at last, the periodical, which has been promised at the starting of the Association. Your devotion to St. Joseph, your gratitude for His protection, your zeal for His glory will assure the success of

"THE ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH."

Each month they will come, as a faithful Messenger, to proclaim the privileges of St. Joseph, relating all that will be

done in His honor throughout the Catholic World, and especially in America.

They will establish a profitable communication between the center of the Association and its members.

By increasing the devotion, abundant blessings will be obtained through the intercession of St. Joseph.

It has been declared by the sovereign Pontiff Pius IX. that the devotion to St. Joseph is offered by the Divine Mercy as a remedy to the evils of our days, as a protection granted to the Church, against the dreadful attacks of the devil.

Therefore St. Joseph has been proclaimed Patron of the Universal Church. Then the pass-word of every Catholic should be

LET US GO TO JOSEPH.

We confidently expect for the *Annals of St. Joseph* a hearty welcome, remembering the words of the Holy Scriptures: "*And the Lord was with Joseph, and He made all that he did to prosper.*" (Genesis: XXXIX. 3.)

## (II. A REQUEST.)

We respectfully beg of all those who will receive this first issue of the *Annals of St. Joseph*, to kindly accept it and to return their subscription as soon as possible as an homage to St. Joseph, during the month which is dedicated to Him. It will be a good work to make known the Association to our friends and to encourage them to subscribe to the *Annals*.

The object of the *Annals* is expressed by its title. It means: The history of the Devotion to St. Joseph in the past as well as in the future. It will be a monument of love, veneration and gratitude, which we desire to offer to St. Joseph. Of course, it cannot be the work of a man alone, but it requires the combined efforts of all those, who love St. Joseph.

No efforts will be spared to attain our object and to procure to the subscribers an interesting reading. Correspondents will give precious informations. We will accept with grateful heart contributions adjusted to our programme and especially the assistance of religious and priests. All works done in honor of St. Joseph will be announced and explained in the *Annals*.

There are millions who are indebted to St. Joseph and would be glad to openly declare their admiration for the glorious Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

The *Annals* are the field already opened to all those, who desire to give glory to God in the Veneration of St. Joseph.

*Laudemus Deum nostrum in veneratione Beati Joseph, Protectoris nostri!* (Office of matines)

## III.

*Filius Accrescens Joseph et decorus aspectu:*  
Joseph is a growing son and comely to behold.

Genesis XLIX. 22.

There is a striking likeness between Joseph, the Son of Jacob, and Joseph, the foster father of Jesus. Both they were raised to the highest honors and dignity for the salvation of their brethren. It will happen often that we apply to St. Joseph that which has been written about the Superintendent of Egypt.

Today willing to show the eminent dignity, the special mission which has been given to St. Joseph. We have found out a beautiful illustration in Holy Scripture: Let us open the book of Esther:

"That night the king (Assuerus) passed without sleep "and he commanded the histories and chronicles of former "times to be brought him. And when they were reading "before him, they came to that place where it was written, "how Mardocheai had discovered the treason of Baganan



"and Thares, who sought to kill king Assuerus. And when the king heard this, he said: What honour and reward hath Mardochai received for this fidelity? His servants and ministers said to Him: He hath received no reward at all. And the king said immediately: Who is in the court? The servants answered: Aman standeth in the court. And the king said: Let him come in!

"And when he was come in, he said to him: *What ought to be done to the man whom the king is desirous to honour?* But Aman answered The man whom the king desireth to honour ought to be clothed with the king's apparel, and to be set upon the horse that the king rideth upon, and to have the royal crown upon his head, and let the first of the king's princes and nobles hold his horse and going through the streets of the city proclaim and say: Thus shall he be honoured, whom the king hath a mind to honour. And the king said to him; Make haste, and take the robe and the horse, and do as thou hast spoken to Mardochai, who sitteth before the gates of the palace. Beware thou pass over any of those things which thou hast spoken.

"So Aman took the robe, and the horse and arraying Mardochai in the streets of the city and setting him, on the horse, went before him, and proclaimed: *This honour is he worthy of whom the king hath a mind to honour.*"

Is it not a beautiful illustration of the dignity of St. Joseph and of the honors which He has deserved? "*What ought to be done to the man whom the king is desirous to honor?*"

Mardochai was the protector of Esther but St. Joseph is the Spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary, more beautiful than Esther, who has pleased and found favor in the sight of the King of Kings.

Mardochai has been a faithful servant, who has saved the life of his master, but St. Joseph has preserved the life of the Lord against the anger of Herod. He ought to be honored, and the time is come, when the Church acting in the name of

God will glorify Him. He has been already proclaimed Patron of the Universal Church. He is celebrated throughout the world and acknowledged as a powerful intercessor. If Mardochai was chosen to protect Esther and defend her against the wicked designs of Aman, St. Joseph will be the defender of the Church, the protector of her children, the steady help of all those, who implore his assistance.

The devil indeed has disposed of all his wicked means against the Church, but the Lord has sent Joseph, whose growing devotion brings to the world the hope of salvation, for He has been sent "*that we may be preserved upon earth and may have food to live.*" (Genesis XLV. 5)

#### IV. THE HOUR IS COME THAT ST. JOSEPH SHOULD BE GLORIFIED.

During the Council at the Vatican, in 1870 a petition was signed by forty Cardinals, two hundred and fifty Bishops, a multitude of laymen and presented to the Holy Father, requesting His Holiness to declare St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church.

Deeply impressed by this spontaneous action of the clergy and the laity, Pius IX complied with their desires, and on the very day of the feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th 1870) St. Joseph was solemnly proclaimed: *Patron of the Universal Church.*

Therefore we may say: *The hour is come*, the glory of the Holy Patriarch will shine in the Church. The day which many servants of God have desired is arrived.

It was foretold and answered long ago. In 1544 a book was written and published by a pious and learned priest under the title "*The Glories of St. Joseph*" in which we read the following statement:

"Beautiful sun! father of the day, hasten thy course that we may see the fortunate hour, at which the prediction of the Saints will be accomplished! At the decline of this world,

the privileges of St. Joseph will be manifested, His hidden virtues will be revealed, so that the marvellous gifts made to St. Joseph will appear in their full splendor.

Under the continual impulse of the Divine Spirit a noble emulation will arise among the Faithful for the glory of this privileged Saint. Religious houses will be placed under his patronage, churches will be dedicated to Him, and altars built in His honor. He will be proclaimed as the Protector of the militant Church. The Sovereign Pontiff will order that the feast of St. Joseph be celebrated with great solemnity throughout the Catholic world. Learned men will earnestly apply to discover the virtues of St. Joseph and search into this treasure of graces, which have been imparted to Him in an exceeding measure.

Ah! when will this blessed day come! not as soon as my heart craves for it.

O my God, if it can be done that, by the shortening of my life, I may advance the day on which my most beloved and my most amiable St. Joseph shall be exalted and glorified, cut off the thread of my life! Most willingly I give it for such a noble cause. For I cannot be happy until I see the word of the wise fulfilled and realized."

*The guardian of Lord shall be glorified.* The hour is come, dear Associates...the day of the glorification of St. Joseph is arrived...Already He has been proclaimed the Patron of the Church, already His feast has been raised to the first class, and is celebrated with great solemnity. Religious societies are glad to be placed under his protection.....The confidence in His protection is universal and unlimited. What shall we render to the Lord for such a favor? Let us be united and work together to advance the interests of St. Joseph, to contribute to the propagation of His devotion and we will be filled with all good things through Him.

## V. THE LIFE OF ST. JOSEPH.

The life of St. Joseph is a mysterious one. All that we know about this great Saint is contained in the Gospel, which relates but few facts in connection with the nativity and the infancy of our Lord. The Holy writers have been also very short and reticent about the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. What should we infer of their silence?

The Blessed Virgin has been called by the Holy Ghost: "*A garden inclosed, a fountain sealed up,*" because her virtues have been so excellent, that they are beyond the power of description. In a like manner St. Joseph is a hidden saint, who cannot be understood but by an intelligence enlightened by the Divine Spirit.

Nevertheless we should begin the Annals of St. Joseph with the narration of his life, as accurately as possible. For this purpose we will assemble the facts transmitted by the Evangelists with reliable traditions and some creditable revelations.

### CHAPTER I.

#### GENEALOGY OF ST. JOSEPH.

St. Joseph joined humility and nobility together. He has excelled other men in spiritual dignity, having been chosen to be the spouse of a woman blessed among women, and the foster father of God made man. But in regard to the natural illustration, He is superior to other noble men, being issued from Royal ancestors His lineage can be traced from the beginning of the world, from Adam, formed by the hands of God, the father of all men.

According to St. Matthew, Joseph was the Son of Jacob: *Jacob begot Joseph, the husband of Mary of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.*" (Math. I. 16) But St. Luke says: "*that Joseph was the son of Heli.*" There is no contradiction in this statement. Joseph is the natural son of Jacob, and the son in law of Heli or Joachim, the father of Mary. But both Joseph and Mary were of the house and of the fa-

mily of David. As it is stated (Luke 11. 4. 5) *And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, and the angel himself expressly calls Joseph Son of David.* Otherwise, if Joseph and Mary had not sprung from the same tribe, they could not be united in marriage, according to the law of Moses; and the Evangelist expressly says: *The angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man, whose name, was Joseph of the house of David.* (Luke I. 26.)

We may apply to St. Joseph the remarks of St. Bernard about the Blessed Virgin Mary: She has been, he says, the most noble among all creatures. In her lineage there are fourteen patriarchs, fourteen kings, fourteen chiefs..... Unequaled succession of remarkable men! The just Seth, who has been given to Adam to assuage the sorrow caused by the death of Abel and the dreadful deed of Cain; the pious Enos, the son of Seth, Enoch, who yet living was transferred to Heaven; Noe, the builder of the Ark, by which the human race was saved; Abraham the father of the believers, to whom has been renewed the promise of the Redeemer; Isaac the model of obedience, Jacob distinguished by his meekness and courage, the charitable Booz and Jesse, the illustrious prophet and king David, the glorious Solomon who built the temple to the Lord and was not surpassed by any king in wealth and power, and so many other remarkable chiefs, whose virtues reflect on the last descendant of this illustrious family, St. Joseph, so that we may apply to Him the sentence of the Proverbs: (XXXI. 23) *Many have gathered together riches; thou hast surpassed them all.* St. Joseph is the link which connects the Old Testament and the New Law, heir of the nobilities of His ancestors, and enriched with the ineffable grandeur and glory of Jesus and Mary, the prophecy of Jacob has been realized in Him: *The Almighty shall bless thee with the blessings of heaven above, with*

*the blessings of the deep that lieth beneath, with the blessings of the breasts and of the womb. The blessings of thy father are strengthened with the blessings of his father, until the desire of the everlasting hills should come; may they be upon the head of Joseph.* (Genesis XLIX. 25.26)

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

## VI. THE MONTH OF MARCH.

As the month of May is especially dedicated to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, so it has become customary to render special honors to St. Joseph, each day of the month of March.

Pius IX, by a rescript of June 11th 1855 has granted to all those, who perform the devotions in honor of St. Joseph during March: 300 days indulgence for every exercise. A plenary indulgence one day during the month to those who, having received the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist, pray in accordance with the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff.

The principal duty of the friends of St. Joseph during March, is to invoke Him frequently and especially to imitate Him in the practice of obedience, humility, fidelity to the daily duties and love to our Lord Jesus.

Many books have been published lately which can direct the Faithful in their devotion to St. Joseph during the month of March.

## VII. MARCH 19th 1889, ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST-DAY.

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a festival in honor of St. Joseph, the solemnity of which brings joy to the earth and to heaven. The Church will join her hymns and canticles to the praises of angels, and we especially, members



of the Association of St. Joseph, on this occasion, we will offer to our Holy Patron the sincere homage of our devotion, by contributing to the decoration of His shrine, by addressing to Him the most fervent prayers.

We may not fail on the festival of the Patron of the Catholic Church to remind you to pray for the Sovereign Pontiff, in order that, by the powerful intercession of St. Joseph, we may obtain the restoration of the temporal power of the Supreme head of the Church. We are all apprised of the intolerable position of the Pope, caused by the sacrilegious mission of the Pontifical States. At present the boldness of the enemies of the Church is becoming greater and greater. Their unscrupulous encroachments on the rights and liberty of the Supreme Pastor are daily multiplied. Again and again Leo XIII has raised his voice in solemn protest against the alienation of his temporal independence, which alone can insure respect to his exalted character and liberty to his action. Lately He has exhorted all Catholics to join with his the voice of their protestation; to revendicate peacefully but openly the liberty and independence of the Holy See.

A Catholic cannot look at such a persecution against the Church with indifference, for it is written: (Math XXVI. 31) *I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be dispersed.* Let us imitate the example of the first Christians: "At that time, Herod, the King stretched forth his hands to afflict some of the Church. And he killed James, the brother of John with the sword. And seeing that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also, Whom, as soon as he had apprehended, he cast into prison, intending, after the Pasch, to bring him forth to the people. Peter therefore was kept in prison. But prayers were said without ceasing by the Church of God for Him. (Acts XII.)"

The feast of St Joseph afford us a special opportunity to pray for the Sovereign Pontiff. For there is a general expectation that we will recover his liberty and independence

through the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. Is not His protection already evident? Twenty years ago, the enemies of the Church were foretelling Her last days, ridiculing Her as the Jews were laughing at our Lord, nailed on the Cross. But many persecutors are gone, and the Church stands more glorious than ever, continuing Her divine mission throughout the world and subjecting to Her empire the most barbarous nations.

The recent celebration of the Jubilee of His Holiness Leo XIII has been a wonderful manifestation of the Divine providence over the Church. Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, they went to pay the tribute of respect and admiration to the representative of Christ upon earth. And now we may confidently expect that St. Joseph frustrating the calculations of Herod, will obtain, by His powerful intercession the restoration of the Sovereign Pontiff to his former state of liberty and Kingly independence.

For this end let us remember this intention in our prayers to St. Joseph, every day of the month of March, and especially on the 19th. On this day a Mass will be said, at the shrine of St. Joseph, for the deliverance of the Pope. The members of the Association are requested to receive the holy Communion for the same intention, or at least to say the third part of the Rosary once during the day.

To direct our intention, we suggest the following prayer:

O most merciful Heart of Jesus, we offer today the hardships and fatigues, which St. Joseph has endured during his exile into Egypt, and his return to Nazareth, and we supplicantly beg through His intercession that Thou protect the Sovereign Pontiff Leo XIII.

Deign to give Him life and make Him blessed upon earth, and deliver Him not to the will of His enemies.

Reports about the celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph, and the devotions during the month of March are earnestly solicited and will be gratefully accepted.

The opinion that St. Joseph surpass all other saints in merit and glory is neither imprudent nor improbable, but pious and reditible, because there is nothing opposed or contrary to such sentiment in the Scriptures nor in the writings of the Holy Fathers.

#### VIII. SAINT JOSEPH.

Dear guardian of Mary! dear nurse of her child!  
Life's ways are full weary, the desert is wild;  
Bleak sands are all round us, no home can we see,  
Sweet spouse of our Lady! we lean upon thee.

For thou to the pilgrim art father and guide,  
And Jesus and Mary felt safe by thy side;  
Ah! blessed Saint Joseph! how safe would I be,  
Sweet spouse of our Lady! if thou wert with me!

O blessed Saint Joseph! how great was thy worth,  
The one chosen shadow of God upon earth,  
The father of Jesus! Ah! then wilt thou be,  
Sweet spouse of our Lady! a father to me.

Thou hast not forgotten the long, dreary road,  
When Mary took turns with thee bearing thy God;  
Yet light was thy burden, none lighter could be;  
Sweet spouse of our Lady! O canst thou bear me?

A cold, thankless heart, and a mean love of ease,  
What weights, blessed Patron, more galling than these?  
My life, my past life, thy clear vision may see;  
Sweet spouse of our Lady! canst thou love me?

Ah! give me thy burden to bear for a while,  
Let me kiss his warm lips and adore his sweet smile;  
With her babe in my arms, surely Mary will be,  
Sweet spouse of our Lady! my pleader with thee.

When the treasures of God were unsheltered on earth,  
Safe keeping was found for them both in thy worth!  
O Father of Jesus! be father to me;  
Sweet spouse of our Lady! and I will love thee.

God chose thee for Jesus and Mary—wilt thou  
Forgive a poor exile for choosing thee now?  
There is no saint in heaven I worship like thee,  
Sweet spouse of our Lady! O deign to love me!—*Faber.*

#### IX. PREMIUM.

A beautiful chromo or Picture of  
the Child Jesus adored by the B. V. Mary and St. Joseph.  
in prose or poetry.

The contest is limited to the Catholic schools and Academies of America.

Commencing with the month of March it will be closed on May 31. Copies are to be sent to the Editor of the Annals, West DePere, Wis., from April 1st to May 31 with name & address of the writer.

#### X. CHRONICLE.\*

THE SHRINE OF ST. JOSEPH AT WEST DEPERE, WISCONSIN.

It seems convenient to give to the readers of the Annals of St. Joseph a description of the place, which is the center of Association and where St. Joseph has already obtained many favors.

Father Allouez, a Jesuit, justly called "*The Apostle of Wisconsin*" for he is the founder of every Indian mission, within the limits of that state, left Sault Ste Marie on the 3d of November 1669, and arrived December 2d at the head of Green Bay. December 3d feast of St. Francis Xavier, having said Mass with all possible solemnity, he founded there the mission of St. Francis Xavier. Afterwards in 1671, the mission was removed about two leagues up Fox River to the site of the present city of DePere, where in 1676, a beautiful church was built by Father Albanel. Ten years later,

(\*) According to the injunctions of Pope Urban VIII, we protest that what is contained in the ANNALS rests solely on private authority, and in making use of such words as divine, adorable, ineffable, holy, miraculous, we never intend to speak but of a participation purely merciful, and that we do in nowise wish to forego the judgment of the Church. We do also declare that we intend to write nothing but what may be entirely conformable to the mystical meaning of Holy Church, Catholic, Apostolic and Roman, to the infallible judgment of which we submit, without reserve and forever our persons, our words, and our writings.

1686, Nicolas Perrot, a frenchman, made a present to said church of a beautiful silver monstrance, which was found in 1802, buried in the ground, probably near the site of the old Jesuit Church.

It is said that two Jesuit Fathers have been put to death at the place where DePere now stands. Some claim that the word DePere is a corruption of "Deux Peres" two Fathers, that name having been given to the town as being the spot where they were put to death.

No trace of the fact is to be found in any work of the time, however it was generally credited, as we may infer from the following quotations:

In the Annals of the Leopoldine Stiftung, Annal VII. p. 24. Father Haetscher, C. S. S. R. writes from Green Bay, under date of September 2, 1833: Speaking of the Fox River, I must remark that I have seen in a certain place there the remains of a Jesuit monastery, that formerly stood there which has given to the Rapids of that river the name of *Rapide des Peres*, where I found in the ruins a small silver cross. These good Fathers were martyred there by the savages. They were attacked by the relatives of the Indians, converted by them, bound to stakes and boiling water poured over their heads, in order, as the savages mockingly said, to baptize them too.

Father Van den Broek pastor of the Catholic congregation in Green Bay in 1834, speaking of a robbery committed on the night of Holy-Saturday 1838, says: The silver monstrance, a ciborium and water cruetts etc. had been found at *Rapide des Peres* in the ground. They had been concealed there when the missionary was killed by the Indians.

Rev. J. V. Badiu, who came to visit the Green Bay mission, May the 12th 1825 says: It would only require two Jesuits to take the place of two fathers, who were murdered here about sixty years ago (i. e. 1765) or rather who were martyred by the hands of cruel savages. I passed a point in the Fox River, still called: *Rapide des Peres*, opposite to

which is the bluff (or hill) where both these martyrs have shed their blood for Jesus Christ.

Father Hypp. Hoffen, in a manuscript has written: In 1765, two Jesuit missionaries, whose names tradition has not preserved, were killed on the banks of the Fox River near the place, where in 1676, the church and residence of their predecessors had been erected. Although no work of that time mentions the fact, the old inhabitants believe it to be certain and show the ground that was soaked with the blood of these martyrs. Margareth OKeewah, a one hundred year old Indian woman, who died February 13, 1868, ascertained the fact, saying that her parents often talked to her about two "Black gowns" whom the Indians had massacred (*Missionary labors of Fathers Marquette, Menard, Allouez by Rev. C. Verwyst C. S. F.*)

De Pere is built on the two sides of Fox River and is divided in two cities which present a beautiful appearance. St. Joseph's Church is built, on the West side, near the rapids on the bluff (or hill) opposite to the spot, where the good Fathers were martyred.

A year ago, the rector of St. Joseph's Church, wishing to implant among his flock the devotion to their holy Patron, caused to have a new statue and to place it under a gothic arch in the sanctuary. The statue representing St. Joseph, as friend of the Sacred Heart and Patron of the Catholic Church, was blessed with great solemnity on the 30th of May 1888.

It was decided that every Wednesday should be a day of prayer and honor to St. Joseph, and that an Association should be started to enroll all those who desire to contribute to the promotion of the devotion to St. Joseph.

Let us see now what St. Joseph has done in return to our love and confidence.



## I.

On the very day of the arrival of the statue of St. Joseph at DePere, a young girl was at death's door. Hope of recovery was entirely lost. The last rites being performed, the priest suggested to the afflicted parents to commence a novena in honor of Joseph, and to promise that they would come together with the girl to hear a Mass of thanksgiving, if the favor was granted to them. Just on the ninth day, they came to thank St. Joseph for His admirable assistance in this hopeless case.

2. A workman was troubled since several months with a persistent infirmity, which would lead him soon to ruin and misery. Having heard about the credit of St. Joseph, he put his confidence in him, commences a novena, assists at a Mass said for him in honor of St. Joseph, and since he has never felt any trouble and enjoys good health.

3. A lady proclaims that since she has been recommended to St. Joseph, she obtained great and unexpected favors.

4. Another one has promised a Mass in order that she might obtain a grace—The favor has been granted.

5. Thanksgivings are offered every week, at the request of persons whose prayers have been heard favorably.

6. A child, threatened with cerebral fever, is cured as soon as he is recommended to St. Joseph.

7. In the meantime many spiritual favors have been granted by application to St. Joseph.

Outsiders too have received favors from St. Joseph, as it appears from the following letters:

Chicago Ill. Please offer a Mass of thanksgiving in honor of St. Joseph for a signal grace obtained since my last.

S..... Having received a singular favor from St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, I hasten to send the annual offering to St. Joseph's Association.

Boston Mass. Please say a Mass of thanksgiving in honor of St. Joseph for a favor received, the cure of a person.

And still the Association is hardly known. Certainly St. Joseph will multiply his favors in proportion of the honors which will be offered to Him throughout the country.

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### XI. PETITIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

*Our life is in thy hand, only let my lord look favorably upon us and we will gladly serve the king.*

(Genesis. XLVII. 25.)

It will bring pleasure to the devotees of St. Joseph to receive each month this paper, which will be to them a guide in their devotion to the great and good saint, but they will appreciate above all the union of prayers, which will be offered by the Association.

Every day the director recommends to St. Joseph the intentions of the associates, but there is a day especially chosen in the week and approved for the recommendation. Then litanies and a special prayers are said, and followed by the Holy Sacrifice in honor of St. Joseph.

The fact that: on an appointed day and at a certain hour, we are remembered to St. Joseph, is worthy of consideration; and when it shall be known, many pious souls will join their prayers with ours to have a share in the blessings which our holy Patron will pour upon His faithful venerated.

All petitions, which are sent to us, are recommended every Wednesday, however we deem it expedient to have a special intention for each Wednesday. So far the associates will be better acquainted with the exercises performed in the the Church of St. Joseph.

*March 6th. 1st. Wednesday of the month. Ash Wednesday. A day of humiliation, penance and prayer. Let us address in union with St. Joseph, the prayer of the Prophet: (Joel 11. 17)*

O Lord spare thy people and give not thy inheritance to reproach, that the heathens should rule over them. Why should they say among the nations: Where is their God?



The plan of the enemies of the Church is evident: They have resolved to destroy her and extinguish the inheritance of God. Let us oppose them by the powerful protection of St. Joseph and fervently recommend to Him His Holiness Leo XIII.

All His co-operators in the government of the Church, the Bishops of America, and especially the Right Rev. Bishop of Green Bay.

Let us pray for all the works undertaken for the glory of God, for the prosperity of the Church, and especially for the Catholic schools.

7 Academies are especially recommended.

*March 13th. The second Wednesday.* Special intention: for the propagation of the faith and the conversion of sinners. Let us pray to St. Joseph for all the Missions of America, the Mission of New Guinea. Let us implore His intercession for the Protestants, that they may abandon the error and embrace the true Faith.

The conversion of 30 persons is specially requested, and also the grace of temperance for 10.

*March 20th. The third Wednesday.* Special intention, temporal favors. Cures for sick persons. Good works etc. Recommendations. 18 temporal, 12 spiritual blessings, 15 sick persons.

*The fourth Wednesday. March 27th.* The day especially appointed to pray for the dying and the dead.

We should remember that St. Joseph has always been revered and invoked as "the Patron of a Happy death, and consequently it is piously believed that He does not abandon His venerator beyond the grave, but he grants the benefit of His intercession to the souls lingering in purgatory.

Let us pray specially on this day our Holy Patron to obtain the grace of a happy death for those who are arrived at the point of death.

Let us pray for our departed associates for the souls in purgatory who have been devoted to St. Joseph, for our

parents and benefactors, and specially for Sister Zernaïde of the sisters of St. Joseph, of Oconto, Wis. who died on the 13th of January.

NOTICE: Mass said in honor of St. Joseph for the relief of poor souls in purgatory is a successful means to obtain favors.

## XII. ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSAL MODEL AND PATRON.

The distinctive mark of the devotion to St. Joseph is its universality. It seems that God has been willing to accumulate all virtues and heavenly gifts upon the head of Joseph, so that He might be the *Universal Patron*, the model of all conditions and states. We may rightly apply to the Holy Spouse of Mary the words, which the son of Jacob said of himself to his brethren: *I saw in a dream, as it were the sun and the moon and twelve stars worshipping me.* (Genesis XXXVII. 9) It is the figure indeed of the homages rendered to Joseph by the sun of justice, Jesus, by the the B. V. Mary, the apostles and all the saints.

Amazed by the contemplation of the virtues of St. Joseph the pious Gerson exclaims:

*"Choose ye all St. Joseph as your Patron, among all other saints, take Him as your most intimate friend, secure Him as your most powerful Protector."*

It will be to our advantage to consider the subject from this light, and contemplate how St. Joseph is really a universal Patron.

## ST. JOSEPH, PATRON AND MODEL OF THE PRIEST.

*Agnosce quo agitis, imitami quon tractatus. (Pontificale)*

On the day of his ordination to the priesthood, the levite has been addressed by the consecrating Bishop with these words: *Imitami quod tractatis.* They have filled his soul with awe, and the impression does not vanish with years.

So young yet, and to be invested with such holy commission! to approach the altar, to ascend its steps, to compell the Almighty to come down from Heaven, to carry Him in his hands, to live in a close communication with the Lord!

It seems that God ought to choose angels to be invested of the sacerdotal dignity, but the honor has been conferred to men, weak, infirm, sinners, *who have been encompassed with infirmity, could have compassion on them, who are ignorant.* (Heor. V. 2)

A man, raised to the priesthood, becomes a familiar friend of Jesus. "I will not now call you servants, but I have called you friends" (Joan XV. 15)

The life of a priest is one of close intimacy with our Lord. Therefore he has been called *Another Christ*, according to the Apostle: *And I live, now not I but Christ liveth in me.* (Galat II. 20.)

At the altar he stands in lieu of Jesus: at the tribunal of penance, he is the representative of Jesus, and gives absolution to the sinner in His name. When he baptises Jesus baptises.

If our Lord needs help, assistance, consolation upon earth, on whom shall he rely? On the priest of whom He depends. Hidden under the Eucharistic veil, Jesus' Home is the tabernacle, prepared and reverently decorated by the priest. There the pious and faithful servant pays to His Divine Master assiduous and affectionate visits, tribute of veneration, love and gratitude for His condescension. Who will render praise and glory to Jesus in this state of humiliation, if He is forgotten by his priests? Who will have care of Him, if He is neglected by His own friends? By whom shall He be loved, if He is deserted by his familiars.

There is a striking resemblance between the mission entrusted to St. Joseph and the vocation of the priest.

Let us contemplate the faithful guardian of the Son of God! Oh happy man! blessed Joseph! to whom has been granted a privilege which was denied to Kings and Prophets, i.

e. to see and to hear the Lord. Not only have you seen Him and heard Him, but He has been embraced, clothed, nursed by you, oh Joseph!

St. Joseph has been the faithful guardian of his Lord, having but one thought, one desire, aiming at one object, the care of his holy charge.

Look at the beautiful and white lily! the emblem of the purity of St. Joseph. Indeed he is not unworthy of Him "*who feedeth among the lilies.*" The love, which enkindles the heart of Joseph, is shining on His face, and whithersoever I meet him I witness his devotion to Jesus and to Mary, at Bethlehem, at Nazareth, during the exile of the Holy Family during his whole life. Joseph is the faithful friend of Jesus, His strong defense, His consolation.

Consequently the beauty of the Divine Heart has been admirably reflected into the soul of Joseph, so that, reverting the sentence we may say; Like the Son, like the Father.

There is no doubt that St. Joseph has been the confident of Jesus, being introduced into the knowledge of the great mysteries of our Redemption.

He is indeed the Patron, the Protector, the model of the priest. Then in order that *we may walk worthy of the vocation on which we are called.* (Ephes. IV. 1) we should have a sincere devotion to St. Joseph. To this end let us study the gifts that God has granted to Him, let us imitate His love, his devotedness for Jesus, so that, in all things, "*we do, according to the pattern, which was shown to us.*" (Exod XXV. 40)

The devotion to St. Joseph will be a great profit to us as well as to the souls for which we labour. St. Theresa declares: that her petitions to St. Joseph have always been granted, and her statement is confirmed by the universal experience.

Being well aware of our weakness and inability to perform the work, in which we are engaged, we earnestly beg the assistance of all those who desire to build a monument of

reverence, love and gratitude to St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, the patron of the priest.

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The names of the priests, who will join the Association of St. Joseph, will be registered in a special book. They will be especially recommended to the protection of St. Joseph at the weekly meeting, every Wednesday. They are respectfully requested to say one Mass, each year, for the intention of the Association.

Literary contributions sent by them for the Annals of St. Joseph will be gratefully received.

### XIII. LETTER-BOX.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

In each number of the Annals, we will answer to questions and give information, which may be of some interest to the members of the Association.

### XIV. MISCELLANEOUS.

The object and the fruit of the devotion to St. Joseph is to lead us to the Divine Heart of Jesus, and to increase our veneration, fidelity and love for our Divine Saviour. Therefore it will not be foreign to our purpose to introduce in the Annals a subject whatever calculated to glorify our Lord and honor His Immaculate mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Entering in the Holy season of Lent we give to our readers some explanations about the beautiful devotion to the Holy Face which is already so popular in America.

#### ERRATA.

I. Chapter IX, Promissum, should read as follows: A beautiful Chromo or Picture of the Child Jesus adored by the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, will be awarded to the best composition on St. Joseph, in prose or poetry. The contest is limited to the Catholics in Belgium and Academies of America. Commencing with the month of March, it will be closed on May 31. Copies are to be sent to the editor of the Annals, West Dr. Pers, Wis., from April 1st to May 31, with name and address of the writer.

II. On page 19, 11th line, read INCASSON instead of INCASSON.

Grant us,

o Lord,

to see thy Face

in Heaven!



True Image of the Holy Face of our Lord Jesus Christ, Religiously venerated and kept in Rome, in the Basilica of Saint Peter, in the Vatican.

Let all who hate

thee, o Lord,

flee from before

thy Face!

The devotion of the Holy Face has, for its principal object, the rendering to the adorable Face of Jesus Christ, disfigured in the Passion, a special homage of respect and love; of repairing the blasphemies and the violation of Sunday which outrages it afresh, and lastly, the obtaining from God the conversion of blasphemers and of those who profane this holy day.

This touching devotion, which our Lord seems himself to have instituted on the day of His death, by miraculously impressing His bleeding countenance upon the veil of Veronica, has been always known and practised in the Church. The holy veil piously preserved at Rome in the Vatican basilica is honoured and surrounded with signs of confidence. Several times in the year it is exposed and venerated by the faithful. The sovereign Pontiffs have granted numerous indulgences to those who piously visit the sacred relic.

Many Saints have been distinguished by their piety towards the Holy Face and have derived from it all kinds of graces and fruits of salvation; we may cite amongst others: the holy king David, saint Augustine, saint Bernard, saint Gertrude, saint Mechtilde, and in our own days, Sister Marie de Saint Pierre, the Carmelite of Tours, and the venerable Mr. Dupont, the indefatigable propagator of the Holy Face. This devotion has latterly assumed a considerable development. It is an inspiration of the Holy Ghost passing through



the Catholic world. It is a providential remedy offered to the world to combat the ravages of impiety and to be a shield against the scourges of Divine Justice.

The magnificent and consoling promises of our Lord, confirmed by a happy experience, show how pleasing the devotion of the Holy Face is to God, and how useful to Christians. How many special graces, what unhopd-for conversions, what success in business, what supernatural lights have been obtained by this means! Above all, what a number of miraculous cures have been operated by the virtue of the oil which burns constantly before the venerated picture at Tours!

It is remarkable that in no other part of his adorable Body did our Lord suffer such outrages, such ignominies and insults, as in His amiable Face. No other circumstance of the Passion was so clearly announced by the Prophets, or so minutely related by the Evangelists. All these details were not preserved in the Scriptures without a particular design of God. They exhort us eloquently to give a place among the mysteries of the sorrowful Passion of the Redeemer, to the humiliations and sufferings of His most Holy Face. Christians, who have at heart the glory of God and the salvation of your neighbor, honor with profound veneration the blood-stained and humiliated Face of our Savior, and pray to it with absolute confidence. In reparation of the impiety of the world, offer to the eternal Father this adorable Face, with its sadness, its ignominy, its blood, its tears, its bruises, and its wounds. By so doing, you will appease the anger of God, obtain the conversion of your erring brethren, contribute powerfully to the triumph of the Church, and participate in the glorious rewards promised by our Lord.

TO BE CONTINUED.

A large picture of the Holy Face, sent from Rome, is exposed in Saint Joseph's Church, at West De Pere.

A lamp is burning in its honor day and night.

We have a supply, from Tours, of Cards of the Holy Face, gilt edges, 25 cents a dozen.

## THE ASSOCIATION OF ST. JOSEPH.

### IMPORTANT REMARKS.

Association means "the union of several persons engaged in the pursuit of a determined object." Then the association of St. Joseph is the union of all those, who desire: 1st to honor St. Joseph, 2d to promote and to propagate His devotion 3d to have their share in the profits of the society, i. e. the blessings and the protection of St. Joseph.

The Annals of St. Joseph are the instrument or means of communication between the associates.

The director or rather the manager of the Association is the rector of St. Joseph's church, West De Pere, Wisconsin.

The Association is giving honor to St. Joseph, 1st by the recitation of the prayer: "*St. Joseph friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us*, 2d By the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, every Wednesday and special prayers said on the same day, 3d by the solemn celebration of His festivals, 4th By the Holy communions and other practices, 5th by the publication in the Annals of the privileges, virtues of St. Joseph and by the relation of the favors granted to His clients.

The members of the association are earnestly requested to send to the director every information which may contribute to the honor of St. Joseph.

There is no contribution whatever imposed to the Associates, but *the Annual subscription to the Annals*.

The annual offering of 25 cents is a *voluntary* contribution for the expenses of the Association. Donations for the altar of St. Joseph (in the Church of St. Joseph West De Pere) will be gratefully accepted.

The good and ancient practice of burning lamps and candles before the statue of St. Joseph is recommended to the Associates.

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For one year,	25.00

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