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St. Joseph's Association,

Canonically Established in the Church of St. Joseph, West De Pere, Wis.

AFFILIATED TO THE ARCHCONFRATERNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, IN ROME.

The object of the Association is:

- 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 members are:

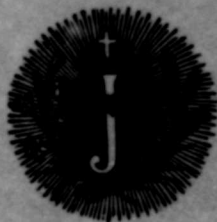
- 1st. To have his name and surname entered in the register of the Association.
- 2d. To say every day the following ejaculation: *St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us.* (100 days indulg.)

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 the intentions addressed to the Director are read and special prayers are said in honor of St. Joseph. Many favors have already been obtained by this practice.

Another Mass is said each week for the members of the Association, by a priest devoted to St. Joseph.

Every Friday a Mass is said in honor of the Holy Face for the conversion of the intemperate persons and blasphemers.



The members of St. Joseph's Association are earnestly requested to join their prayers with the Holy Sacrifice to check such disastrous evils as intemperance and blasphemy.

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4. The consecration is not special to pupils of the school, but it is offered also to the infants after baptism, and it will be a security to the anxious and good mothers.
5. A certificate will be sent to those who can read.
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They will condense all that has been said in the past and all that will be said in the future of 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.

According to the injunction 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 judgement of the Church. We do also declare that we intend to write nothing but what may be entirely conformable to the mystic meaning of the Holy Church, Catholic Apostolic and Roman, to the infallible judgement of which we submit, without reserve and forever, our persons, our words, and our writings.

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A Wonderful Cure.

Obtained through the Intercession
of St. Joseph, Friend of the
Sacred Heart.



Mrs. Johanna Carr, of Emerald Avenue, no. 4537, Chicago, was seized, in May 1889, by an incurable sickness, which, increasing every day, reduced her to the most pitiful condition. In July, she was confined to bed and tortured by intense sufferings. In October Doctor W. Hay is called with the attending physician, and while he describes the sickness, he is unable to give any relief to the patient.

In the meantime, the sufferer addresses fervent prayers to God for her cure, offering masses and novenas to the Sacred Heart, to the Blessed Virgin

Mary, to St. Ann, and giving suffrages to the "Poor Souls" in Purgatory. It seemed that heaven would resist to all supplications.

In October, 1890, Doctor Holmes called to join in a consultation, advises a very difficult operation, which may cause death, and he said to the patient that "death would be better than life in such condition."

In March, 1891, the patient felt suddenly a strong desire to go to St. Joseph's shrine of West De Pere, assured that she would be cured through St. Joseph's intercession; but finding oppo-

sition, she obediently resigned.

In the course of the month, having obtained a special favor from St. Joseph, she sent a thanksgiving offering. Few days later, she writes again, describing her condition: *I want to go to West De Pere awful bad, as I know that St. Joseph will surely cure me.....* The director of the Association, in his reply, encourages her faith, saying: *We commence today the novena preparatory to the Patronage. We will ask your cure in all fervor and with entreaties. Continue to have a great confidence in our dear Saint; it cannot be in vain. It seems that it would be a good means to implore the favor in reference to the Coronation of St. Joseph, promising, if you are cured, to do all that you can to promote the glory of St. Joseph.* Another letter of the patient announces that decidedly she will come on Wednesday (the 22nd of April) to be cured or to die: *"The reason why I want to go, she says, is that I know that I will be cured, and I can go there for a thanksgiving."*

The director being obliged to leave De Pere for a week, requested the patient to postpone her trip to the following week. During the novena previous to her departure, Mrs. Carr suffered terribly, and Tuesday night she thought the end was approaching. Wednesday morning, the 22d of April, she received Holy Communion at home and during her thanksgiving she felt easy and happy. She was not suffering any more, got up and dressed herself, went to the kitchen, where her husband and the servant were amazed at such apparition. After a good breakfast, the "protégée" of St. Joseph could go to the church to thank God and her powerful benefactor for such a great favor. She paid a visit to the priest and to several friends without any fatigue, and there was no more sign of sickness, returning to health as if she had been never sick. The following Mon-

day, she left Chicago for De Pere, arriving at 7 o'clock P. M., and did not seem fatigued by the ten hours trip.

The case was such an extraordinary one, that it was decided to place it in the hands of the Bishop. Mrs. Carr went to the episcopal residence in Green Bay and related her wonderful cure to the Very Rev. N. Kersten, Vicar-General, who wrote to the Director of the Association: *I can not see why you could not publish the fact in the Annals of St. Joseph. If ever an affidavit should be needed, Mrs. Carr will most willingly give it to you: "Ite ad Joseph," that will be always true.*

And this wonderful evidence of the protection of our glorious Patron comes just at the moment, when our journey to Rome was decided, to solicit from the Holy Father, in the name of the American clients of St. Joseph, the privilege of crowning our Holy Patron. How encouraging the prospect is! Who would hesitate to partake in this movement for the glorification of the chaste Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the faithful Friend and Guardian of our Lord. It will bring blessings and blessings all over the country.

"I hereby certify that the above relation is a true and exact history of my cure by St. Joseph, Friend of the S. Heart.

MRS. JOHANNA M. CARR.

West De Pere, May 3d, 1891."

The following letters leave no doubt about the great favor, granted by St. Joseph.

4515 Winter str., Chicago, Ill., May 6, 1891.
Rev. J. F. DURIN, M. S. H.

Rev. Father:—We have known Mrs. Johanna Carr to be very sick for more than a year and a half. She was confined to her bed very often. Lately she had been much worse. We saw her some days before the Novena to St. Joseph, and she was very sick. We did not see her again till the day she was cured, when she came and spent half the day with us in perfect health. She has always shown the greatest devotion to St. Joseph.

MARY DORNEY E. DE M.,
JOHANNA DORNEY.

St. Gabriel's Church, May 9th, 1891.

Dear Father Durin:—Mrs. M. Carr has been a member of our parish more than three (3)

years—about two years of that time I have been her spiritual adviser, and can certify that she was confined to her house all of that time, and unable to leave her bed a greater part of it.

Since the close of her novena to St. Joseph at which time I carried her Holy Communion, she has been able to attend her spiritual duties at the parish church, and seems to be free from the sickness and pain which prevented her visiting the church before.

I remain, Rev. Father, Yours in Xto,
REV. RICHARD DUNNE,
Assistant pastor.

ITE AD JOSEPH.

Go to Joseph, go to Joseph,
No vain fear thy steps impede—
Power to him our God hath given,
Power to aid in every need.
Go to Joseph, he will meet thee
Welcome beaming on his face,
Deep and painful though thy wounds be
He will heal their every trace.

Go to Joseph, call upon him
Even in thy temporal need,
He is humble and will help thee
He who toiled our King to feed.
Fear him not for he is gentle,
Loving, holy, silent he;
Once his sympathy is weakened
Wonders he will do for thee.

Go to Joseph, if thy coffers
Are not full but very low,
He a large percentage offers
All his measures overflow.
For thy long and patient waiting,
For thy firm undoubting trust,
For thy earnest prayers ascending,
Gold he gives that knows no dust.

Go to Joseph, go if sorrow
Press upon thy aching heart;
While dark shadows of the morrow
Deeper depths of gloom impart;
Go to Joseph. Joy eternal
Flows within his faithful breast;
At his word the Infant's blessing
Will restore thee peace and rest.

Go to Joseph in thy gladness,
He thy happiness will share,
Teaching thee in joy and sadness
Constancy in love and prayer.
Go to him when life departing
Thou before the Judge shalt stand,
Hopeful he while he is pleading,
He could once the Judge command.

MARY.

ST. JOSEPH.

Friend of the Sacred Heart.

BY J. M.



f all the endearing titles by which St. Joseph is known and revered, there is none more honorable or more expressive than that of "Friend of the Sacred Heart of Jesus." This distinction implies the highest possible esteem and confers great and exceptional privileges. It invests the Saint

with special dignity and imparts to him a glory peculiarly his own, in keeping with the intimate and sacred relations which he bore toward the Redeemer of mankind when upon earth.

The bestowal of friendship ordinarily conveys assurance of the possession of the qualities that render the recipient worthy of it; in fact there can be no true friendship that is not founded upon the belief of the existence in the person who is the object of it of such qualities. Though frequently deceived in the estimate of character, yet in the formation of friendship there is ever present to the mind something that is of sterling worth. In the friendship that existed between St. Joseph and the Sacred Heart there was nothing wanting to make him entirely worthy of it, so far at least as a creature could be worthy of the friendship of God. Of this we are absolutely certain, since Holy Writ tells us that St. Joseph was a just man, and this implies the highest order of virtue. We also know that St. Joseph was specially chosen by God to be the guardian of His Divine Son during His earthly career. The selection for this exceptional honor involved the bestowal upon him of the

graces and favors that fitted him for the proper discharge of the great trust confided to Him. Hence we may conclude that St. Joseph was adorned with every virtue and amicable quality that rendered him an object of love and admiration in the sight of the Son of God. Indeed, it was because St. Joseph reflected more fully than any other man, His own divine perfections that Jesus regarded him with extraordinary tenderness and complacency. He was the best and purest type of exalted manhood—the embodiment of all that was grand and noble—in whom He saw the virtues that He esteemed and which found still higher expression in Himself. There was, so to speak, a striking resemblance between St. Joseph and the Son of God, not according to nature but in the order of grace. The soul of St. Joseph was rich in virtue and stainless as the snow.

His virginal purity lent charm and dignity to his person and made him specially attractive in the eyes of Him who was infinitely holy and had come upon earth to restore fallen humanity to the grace and friendship of God by which men are capable of practicing the virtue that distinguished St. Joseph, though in a lesser degree of perfection.

But though St. Joseph was endeared to the Sacred Heart by reason of the rare virtues which he possessed, he was specially pleasing on account of his profound humility. It will be remembered that all who were admitted to close friendship with Jesus were thus distinguished. His Holy Mother declares it was the solid foundation upon which was erected the imposing superstructure of her super-eminent sanctity. Inspired by the Holy Ghost she sings the praises of God in her beautiful canticle of the Magnificat, and then declares that it was because of her humility that He had done great things for her—poured out

upon her the fullness of grace and plenitude of love that made her worthy of becoming the Mother of His Divine Son. In like manner was St. Joseph specially favored on account of his extraordinary humility. No where do we find the meek and humble St. Joseph seeking recognition at the hands of men. Nor did he ever forget his great inferiority to Jesus and Mary whilst connected with and ruling over them in obedience to the will of God. In silence of heart he had treasured up and practiced the lesson which Jesus afterwards taught to His followers: "*Learn of Me, because I am meek and humble of heart.*" That lesson He had imparted to St. Joseph long before He communicated it to others during His public life. It must not be forgotten that whilst subject to St. Joseph as His foster-father, Jesus was his teacher and constantly indoctrinated him in the truths of salvation. Hence his great wisdom and prudence. As no other man ever occupied such close and tender relations toward the Son of God as did St. Joseph, so to none other did He make known so fully the sublime knowledge of heavenly things of which He was the exponent and living example. First in honor and dignity among the children of men St. Joseph was also first in the esteem and friendship of our Blessed Redeemer.

Though St. Joseph was not a father according to nature he was yet one by grace having been appointed to that office by divine authority. As the order of grace is incomparably above that of nature so was the relation which St. Joseph bore to Christ, our Lord, inexpressibly superior to that of father in the ordinary sense of the term. Thus St. Joseph was elevated to the highest possible degree of eminence that a creature could occupy and was entitled to a corresponding measure of filial reverence

and respect. To understand more fully the dignity of his office let us recall a circumstance in the life of our Lord bearing on this point. It is the occasion on which St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin having lost the Divine Child went to Jerusalem in search of Him. Upon meeting Him the motherly instinct of the Blessed Virgin seems to have asserted itself for the moment. She said to Jesus: "Son, why hast thou treated us so? Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing". The Saviour spoke thus: "How was it that you sought Me? Didst thou not know that I must be about My Father's business?" Some persons wishing to disparage the character of the Mother of God, have attempted to distort the meaning of these words of her Divine Son, interpreting them as implying a reproach. Nothing could be more impious and unjust. They contain no reflection expressed or implied, on the contrary they convey the highest praise. Christ gently reminded His Holy Mother of what she knew so well, but in her joy in meeting Him had apparently overlooked for the time being, namely that the object of His mission upon earth was to do the will of His Heavenly Father and that when so engaged He was discharging a duty paramount to all others. He wished to remind her that when it was an affair of importance to the interest of His Heavenly Father, earthly ties and connections shall not become obstacles or hindrance to the fulfillment of His mission. Mary and Joseph both understood His meaning; and Jesus showed by His conduct that He appreciated their feelings and sentiments, for the Scripture says "He went down with them to Nazareth and was subject to them."

During the life of St. Joseph his heart was in full sympathy with the Sacred Heart of Jesus; its every motion was a pulsation

of love and gratitude towards St. Joseph. St. Joseph realized more fully than any other man can ever do how deeply he was indebted to that Heart, which was aflame with love for all men, but for him especially, whose heart was modeled upon the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Though many have been highly favored in this respect, to no other man has this privilege been granted of appropriating to himself so large a share in the love and friendship of the Sacred Heart of Jesus as the great and glorious St. Joseph, who nestled upon his chaste bosom the Redeemer of the world and bore to Him the closest possible relations and resemblance in mind and heart. In conclusion it may be said that St. Joseph holds the key that unlocks the infinite graces and treasures that lie hidden in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Therefore should we hasten to St. Joseph and implore him to give us a plentiful supply of heavenly favors that our soul may not perish for want of spiritual food when there is abundance in the Kings dominions over which Joseph has been appointed in honor and authority as dispenser.

THE CORONATION OF ST. JOSEPH.

Monthly Chronicle.

The time anxiously expected by the clients of St. Joseph is at hand. On the 20th of June, the Director of St. Joseph's Association will sail from New York on the French steamer "La Bourgogne," and then continue his journey to Rome to present to the Holy Father the petition of American Catholics to obtain the Coronation of St. Joseph in his shrine at West De Pere, as a tribute of gratitude and veneration to the Holy Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Foster Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Patron of the Universal Church.

"*This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes.*" At the contem-

plation of the work done by St. Joseph in such a short time, one of our most devoted Associates exclaims: "*It is God's work. Conceived in humility, born in poverty, nurtured in grace, the project will not fail, this heaven inspired design must go on and prosper, despite all opposition.*"

It was necessary to write the history of the Association, and to assemble together the documents concerning its foundation and progress, to submit them to the judgment of our Bishop and to give sufficient information to the Cardinal, who will present our petition to the Sovereign Pontiff.

The work has caused to the writer delightful moments when contemplating the connection of events; it was impossible to ascribe to another cause but to the protection of St. Joseph the existence and wonderful propagation of the Association.

Who could foresee three years ago at the humble commencement of the work that from the mustard seed would spring forth a great tree? Who could imagine that the least of the priests would be obliged to accept the bold and extraordinary mission to go to Rome, to solicit in the name of thousand clients of St. Joseph, the Coronation of the Holy Patron. Wonderful is their work, which, destitute of means, has conquered the help, the support, the devoted protection of so many pious souls in this immense country. They have understood that he is worthy to receive a crown, the faithful Friend of the Sacred Heart, the strong Protector of all those who suffer.

While we prepare a Crown of precious stones which we will set on his head, let us offer to him a spiritual crown made of fervent prayers, acts of gratitude and love.

We earnestly desire to persuade our

dear Associates that this long journey to Rome is undertaken for a single purpose: the glorification of St. Joseph by the advancement of the Association and the spiritual benefit of its members. This Association is not a dead letter but a real living union for the honor of St. Joseph and our own advantage.

Going directly to Rome, our first object will be to obtain the audience of the Holy Father. When the favor will be granted, when we will kneel at the feet of the Vicar of Christ, your unworthy representative will implore the blessings of our Holy Father upon each of the members of the Association, the Holy League of children, and all those who have contributed already to the Coronation.

As long as we will stay in Rome celebrating Mass in the sacred monuments of the Eternal City, upon the tombs of Martyrs, we will be the representative of the Association acting in its name and imploring for it the abundant blessings attached to such a pious pilgrimage.

We earnestly desire to go to Loretto and to say Mass for the Association in the holy house where the *Verb was made flesh*, into which Jesus, Mary, Joseph spent so many happy years. It seems that its very walls are saturated with a perfume of sanctity and that any one who enters in it must be penetrated with holiness, as there was incarnated and lived the *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts*.

Visiting successively the hallowed places, churches built in honor of the Sacred Heart, our Blessed Mother, of St. Joseph, we will at each station make a provision of blessings for our dear Associates.

We hope that in return every member of our Union will pray for their delegate.

We especially solicit their assistance

from the 20th of June, till we set again our feet on the American soil.

During our absence, Mass will be said every Wednesday at St. Joseph's altar for the Association. Members who desire to recommend their intentions, or send letters for the Letter-box will address:

*The Rev. Director of St. Joseph's Ass'n,
West De Pere, Wis.*

Personal letters must be addressed:
*J. Daniel, 5 cents
76 Rue Bonaparte, stamp
Paris, France.*

[For Rev. J. F. Durin]

The ANNALS will be published regularly. It may happen that August's issue will be delayed a couple of weeks as it will contain the particulars of the journey.

The time is come to remember that *unless the Lord build the house, their labour in vain that build it.* (Ps. 120.)

Therefore we invite all our dear Associates to join in fervent supplications for the success of our mission, which will rejoice the hearts of all American Catholics and bring them abundant blessings.

For such intention we beg to appoint the 10th of June, the second Wednesday of the month, as a special day of prayers and thanksgivings. Let us offer hearty thanks to our dear St. Joseph for his wonderful assistance and protection over his Association and especially for the extraordinary cure of Mrs. C. on the 22d of April. Let us offer fervent prayers to our kind patron requesting him supplicantly to direct us in all our steps for the advancement of his devotion in America. We beg that every member who can do it receive holy Communion or at least hear Mass on the 10th of June for the above intentions.

The movement for the Coronation has been lately favored with high recommendations. We gladly communicate to our readers the following letters:

Cardinal's Residence, Baltimore, May 9, '91.

V. Rev. Dear Father:—

I cheerfully authorize you to add my name

to the list of Prelates who are asking the H. Father for the favor in honor of St. Joseph.

Praying God to bless you, I am, yours faithfully in Xt,

Rev. J. F. Durin.

J. Card. Gibbons.

Kansas City, Mo., May 12, 1891.

Rev. Dear Sir:—

As I earnestly desire the solemn Coronation of the statue of St. Joseph. I authorize you to subscribe my name to the petition to the Holy See that this be granted.

Very truly your servant in Christ,

John J. Hogan,

Bp. of Kansas City, Adm. of St. Joseph.

Rev. J. F. Durin, M. S. H.

Bringing to the Holy Father the beautiful letters and strong encouragements of thirty Bishops, corroborated by the most kind recommendation of our own Bishop, we confidently undertake our journey bidding farewell to every member of the Association, but our heart will be turned homeward, longing for the time when we will enter again in St. Joseph's shrine to sing the "Te Deum."



THE 29TH OF JUNE.

The Holy Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul cannot be forgotten by the members of St. Joseph's Association. It will

be a sign that we are the clients of St. Joseph, if we have a true veneration, a sincere love, an ardent devotedness for the founder of the Holy Catholic Church and His Successor, the Sovereign Pontiff, now Leo XIII.

We cannot forget that being appointed the Patron of the Universal Church, St. Joseph is identified with her interests, loving her as the Divine charge, committed to his care during his earthly life, "keeping her as the apple of his eye" and we may live with the hope that through St. Joseph's assistance, the Church and her glorious Pontiff, will be delivered from the hands of the modern Herods. When St. Peter was apprehended and cast into prison, prayer was made without ceasing by the Church of God for him. This is the duty of St. Joseph's Associates to pray without ceasing their powerful patron to obtain the triumph of the Church. We go to Rome with deep feelings of joy because we are able to show to the Holy Father that we are all his devoted children when we will present to His Holiness the long list of prayers, communions, and good works offered for Him by the Associates during this year. It will be a consolation for Our Venerable aged Pontiff whose blessings will come to us as a pledge of the heavenly favors bestowed by our Lord to the lovers of His Church which *He hath purchased with his own blood*.

How glorious is our struggle against the enemies of the Church? How we, children of St. Joseph, must rejoice in contemplating his steady assistance and protection, in keeping safely our glorious Pontiff until he makes his enemies his footstool. Truly, where are those who prophesied the imminent ruin of the Church?

These were four so-called giants, ruling powerful states: Bismarck, Lutz, Tisza and Crispi. They were bound together

by their common hatred against the Church. The Prussian chancellor has meditated, prepared and consummated the expulsion of religious and priests. His example has been followed by the secretary of State in Bavaria and imitated by Tisza in Hungary. Crispi, acting at Rome as the substitute of the devil, has exercised his rage against all Catholic institutions.

Where are they? Suddenly Bismarck is rejected by his own master, and with him disappear his three followers. Who could foresee a year ago that Bismarck would be insulted in his own country. Tisza would be forgotten, Lutz buried in a silent grave and Crispi rejected, expelled by his own favorites!! This is the triumph of the Church, reminding the silent action of St. Joseph, who stays a little while in exile, while Herod, his persecutor, is attacked by a terrible sickness and is eaten alive by the worms.

Let us be united in fervent prayers on the feast of the Holy Apostles, applying to our Holy Patron to obtain that the successor of Peter may apply to himself the following words: *Now, I know indeed, that the Lord hath sent His angel and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.*

FEAST OF THE PATRONAGE OF ST. JOSEPH.



In consequence of Archbishop Katzer's famous words in his farewell address to his clergy and people of the Green Bay Diocese the Feast of St. Joseph's patronage was celebrated in an extraordinary solemn manner at St. James Church, Cooperstown. His Grace's words are:

"In order to attain this high end, viz:

Catholic education and to insure thereby the sanctification of the family we recommend to you most warmly the veneration to St. Joseph, the Foster-father of our Lord Jesus Christ. To him as it were the Heavenly Father entrusted the education of His Incarnate Son; he is the sublime model of a father, the chosen head of the Holiest Family, and for this reason he may be termed the divinely constituted prototype of a true educator, the protector of the Christian family. We entrust you to his care and protection; We recommend you to his powerful intercession; let the devotion to St. Joseph increase and flourish among you." Moreover the Feast was called for a special celebration, because this day over two hundred years ago the first missionary in Wis., Father Allouez, celebrated Holy Mass at De Pere and there laid the corner stone of a mission-house, whence the Faith was carried throughout our great North-West. The order of celebration was in the following manner:

Before High-Mass the Ladies of the B. V. M. Sodality recited the Little Office of the Immaculate Conception and thereupon received Holy Communion, in fulfillment of the Novena to St. Joseph announced by St. Joseph's Association. Then followed High-Mass and sermon. The Rev. father eulogized St. Joseph's high prerogatives, reminded the people of the world's present social trouble and disorder, pointed at the present chastisement that God sent over the whole world, a plague not unlike the great Egyptian plague which may last several years and pronounced St. Joseph the world's liberator from these our present calamities. He explained the great interest St. Joseph has thus far taken for our American church, especially in his late defense of our Catholic schools in several States of the Union. Gratitude, our national characteristic, demands that we honor St. Joseph in a most unique manner by making the devotion to St. Joseph more popular than ever and accomplishing St. Joseph's Coronation at his chief American shrine. At the con-

clusion of the address the speaker asked for the congregation's consent to sign the Coronation-petition, whereupon all raised their hands in token of consent. After mass an out-door procession was formed in the following order: 1. the cross-bearer, 2. the school-children, 3. little girls dressed in white carrying St. Joseph's Statue, 4. Bl. Virg. banner-bearer, 5. Sodality-Ladies wearing medals, 6. Priest and ministers, 7. Catholic Knights banner-bearer followed by 40 Knights bearing badges, 8. Steinbrecher choir, 9. all the people. The school-children sang the hymn, "On this day, O glorious father," and the Steinbrecher choir chanted the German hymn: "Beschuetze vor dem Feinde;" the procession was a ¼ mile in length. It returned in the same order to the church where the Benediction concluded the day's celebration. Every Wednesday throughout the year a devotion to St. Joseph after mass is held by the school-children and people, who are affiliated to St. Joseph's Association of West De Pere.—*Our Parochial Schools.*

THE ST. JOSEPH'S GESSEN IN AMERICA.

BY

Rev. J. J. Holzknicht.

V.



fectionate client of Mary Immaculate, with Louis Joliet started out on their

eventful voyage of discovery from Mackinaw on May the 17th, 1673. On their way the Menomonees warned the explorers of the perilous project. They safely got over the rapids of the Fox River now De Pere and reached St. Marie's of the Mascoutens on the 7th of June. Here and at another Indian village, now called Marquette, the daring priest remained several days imparting religious instructions to the natives. After crossing a short portage the explorers embarked on the Wisconsin River and on the 17th of June they entered the clear water of the Upper Mississippi, which Father Marquette named "the Immaculate Conception River." Descending the voluminous stream the missionary saw at the mouth of the Kaskaskia River a trail on shore and he determined to land here and find its inhabitants. The Kaskaskias joyfully greeted the Great Spirits priest urging him to stay but promising them to soon return to their homes, his dear mission of the Immaculate Conception, the overjoyed missionary resumed his voyage, passing by the mouths of the Missouri and Ohio as far as the Arkansas River. Here the mariners returned and entered the Illinois River, on whose banks they met the peaceful Peorias. Father Marquette stayed here three days, preaching and baptizing one dying infant and then returned to Green Bay by way of Lake Michigan, arriving there sick and exhausted, in September, 1673. That winter and next summer he resided at St. Joseph's at De Pere to recruit his failing health. Here Father Marquette saw the wonderful work accomplished by Father Allouez and André, who had converted the fierce devilworshippers into meek lambs of Christ's fold. With glad heart he witnessed here a public religious demonstration on a bright May day, the Feast of the Invention of the

Holy Cross, May the 3rd. Father Allouez had come to join Father André and Marquette in the joyful festival in honor of the Holy Cross and its special patron, St. Joseph, under whose mighty patronage the tree of salvation had been planted in the great North-West. Before sunrise, early in the sweet May morning, two low-masses were celebrated at St. Francis Xavier's and then the three priests followed by their people proceeded in processional order to the River bank. Here myriads of decorated canoes received the pilgrims on their pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Shrine, De Pere. The three front canoes, heading the procession, were named Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The centre canoe, Jesus, received Father Allouez, carrying a lofty Cross on its right hand; the canoe, Mary received Father Marquette, bearing Mary's banner, on its left hand the canoe Joseph, received Father André, bearing St. Joseph's statue. In the rear followed the canoes in due order, containing their chiefs and all their subjects. At a signal instantly all the paddles parted the waves and slowly the grand procession ascended the stream, amid the chanting of sacred hymns in praise of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. How beautiful is thy entrance, O heavenly Jerusalem, my Catholic Church, thou spouse of the Holy Ghost and daughter of Christ! How majestic did the sun cast his sparkling beams on the triumphant procession, how vigorous did the Fox River lash his laughing waves, how merrily did the blackbirds rise from the rice-lined river-shore, how jubilant the spring-birds chanted in the verban trees on the river's hillsides, how angry the devil worshippers gnashed their teeth and the hellish demons howled with fury, when this triumphant procession carried Christ's Cross over the stream! On its arrival at St. Joseph's lighted altar, decorated with spring's earliest flowers,

the Highmass was celebrated, after which Father Allouez, standing under the lofty cross he had raised himself, addressed the Algonquins and Winnebagoes on the glory of the cross, the sorrowful Mother's tender love for her Indian children and on the mighty patronage of glorious St. Joseph whose sacred altar shrine stood before them. His voice grew louder, like the roaring of the rapids near by, when he thus spoke of St. Joseph: (Eccles. chap. 45, v. 1-6.) *He was beloved of God and man, whose memory is in benediction. He made Him like the Saints in glory and magnified Him in the fear of His enemies and with His words He appeased monsters. He glorified Him in sight of kings and gave Him commandments in the sight of His people and showed Him His glory. He sanctified Him in His faith and meekness and chose Him out of all flesh. For He heard Him and His voice and brought Him into a cloud.* (Heaven.) What a sublime scenery! As far as the eye could see, tents covered the River's hilly banks on both sides, the Indians hearing in stoic silence the Word of God. Truly it was, as if the eloquent Allouez stood there in place of Esdras, celebrating the feasts of tabernacles (1 Esdras chap. 8.) who blessed the Lord the great God and all the people answered, amen, amen, lifting up their hands and they bowed down and adored God with their faces to the ground.

To be continued.

The members of the Association are earnestly requested to celebrate with great fervor the Feast of the Sacred Heart (June 5th) uniting their homages to the love of St. Joseph for his divine charge.



O ALL YE
THAT PASS BY THE WAY
ATTEND, AND SEE
IF THERE BE
ANY SORROW
LIKE TO MY SORROW.

WEeping
HE HATH WEPT
IN THE NIGHT.
TEARS ARE ON HIS CHEEKS.
THERE IS NONE
TO COMFORT HIM,
HIS FRIENDS
ARE BECOME HIS
ENEMIES.

VERA EFFIGIES
sacri Vultus D. N. Jesu Christi,
quæ Roma: in sacrosancta basilica
S. Petri in Vaticano.
religiosissime asservatur et colitur.

TO THE HOLY FACE.

The Prayer of Reparation.

Face Divine! with awe and rapture
In thy presence do I bend;
Image of my Lord and Saviour,
Let my humble accents blend
With the thrilling psalms of millions,
With the Seraphs' songs sublime,
In the prayer of reparation
For the evils wrought by crime,
For the insults heaped upon thee,
For the outrage and the scorn,
For the thorns that pierced thy forehead,
The ravilings meekly borne,
Angry words and blows commingled,
Impious oaths that rent the air,
All the anguish of the Passion:
Listen, listen to my prayer!
Face Divine! thy royal beauty
Stained with blood in grief I see;

Well I know thy countless sufferings—
All were borne for love of me.
O the angry tide of passion
Sweeping on through heart and brain!
And my hourly faults, my Saviour,
Wound thy Holy Face again.
Face Divine! thy drooping eyelids
Seem in pity thus to close,
Lest their splendor, Heaven-illuminated,
Would deal death among thy foes.
And the lips whose tender accents
Speak alone of God and love,
With one word of stern reproof
Of thy ingrate people move.
"Pity! pity! Hear oh! hear me!
Pity on me!" Thus I pray,
Joining in the fervent pleading
Of earth's purest hearts to-day:
For my sins, the sins that wound thee,
For each scorned, rejected grace,
For each insult, vile and hideous,
Offered to thee, Holy Face;
For the sins of the blasphemers,
Torrent, like that ceaseless flow,

With their fearful imprecations
Filling all the air with woe;
For the sins of the profaners,
For their sacrilege and wrong;
For the young—may they be faithful;
For the weak—oh! make them strong.

Face Divine! may thy drooped eyelids
Lift on me a look of love,
And thy closed lips breathe of pardon.
Breathe of mercy, when they move.
Not in wrath, O Lord receive me
When I hear Death's mandate "Come!"
And within thy awful Presence
I shall stand abased and dumb.

MARCELLA A. FITZGERALD.

There was so much energy displayed to fight the terrible evil of intemperance with very little success that people seem inclined to refuse their co-operation to any other effort. They say that it is impossible to stop the torrent, this country is doomed to the devastation of this plague of intemperance. And under this impression many will refuse to believe in the effect of prayer for the poor unfortunate drunkards.

We are not disappointed and we have anticipated the indifference in regard to our appeal for the suppression of the vile passion of intemperance. But we will continue to offer to the divine Face the homage of our reparations and prayers, relying firmly upon the virtue of the Holy sacrifice of the Mass. A doctor does not abandon his patient because the medicine has not brought the expected relief. He tries again and again till there is hope and life.

If the crusade has not conquered yet many souls, we have been favored with strong and high encouragement as it appears in the following letter:

May the good God bless your pious efforts for the suppression of the foul and crying sin of intemperance. This hideous vice is sapping the manhood of America and threatening the destruction of free institutions, so corrupting and polluting is its influence. Our cities are becoming modern Babels, daily sinking lower and lower beneath the accumulated weight of iniquity that rises mountain high before us. And yet there is an unaccountable apathy on the part of many who call themselves Christians! My heart sinks within me as I contemplate the terrible evils that flow from this fetid stream. Were it not for the liquor selling and liquor drinking element in the Church, who are a stumbling block and a scandal to honest and fairminded non-Catholics, the Church would be supreme in her influence in the U. S. I write this in sorrow and with a crushed spirit on account of the loss of souls and the injury done to God. There is something so divinely beautiful in our holy religion that when it is acted out before men they cannot resist its influence.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.

Before It the Power of the Devil Must Vanish—A Freemason Converted.



world is being governed by freemasonry; that dangerous institution is waging war against the Church of God, and is laboring with might and main for the subversion of Christian education.

But who is at the head of Freemasonry, who directs it? Satan in person. This has been well and often proven from many sources, and what we are about to relate now, is only an additional proof of our declaration. The following statement cannot be gainsaid, for it was made by the illustrious General of the Dominicans, the Most Rev. Father Jandel, to witnesses whose integrity cannot be impeached.

"We have in our possession," says the Semaine, of Grenoble, "all the proofs of this fact; the dispositions are now in our hands." Rev. Father Jandel, whilst preaching at Lyons, felt himself interiorly moved to proclaim to the faithful the power of the Sign of the Cross, and he readily obeyed the inspiration. As he was leaving the Cathedral he was joined by a man who said to him: "Sir, do you really believe what you have just proclaimed to the people?" "If I did not believe it, I should not have preached it," replied father Jandel, "I do not preach but what I believe. The virtue of the Sign of the Cross is acknowledged by the Church, and I, as a member of the Church, hold as certain the power of the Sign of the Cross." "So then," replied his interlocutor much astonished, "you believe in the virtue of the Sign of the Cross! Well, I am a Freemason, and I do not believe in it; but because I am profoundly surprised at what you

have preached, I now propose to give you an opportunity to test the truth of what you have announced from the pulpit. Every evening we meet on such a street, and at such a number; the devil himself, in human form, presides at our sessions. Come this evening with me. We shall remain just outside the door of the hall; you will make the Sign of the Cross over the assembly, and I shall then be able to tell whether what you preached is true or not."

"I believe in the power of the Sign of the Cross," said Father Jandel, "but I cannot, without mature deliberation, put my faith to the trust in the manner that you suggest. Give me three days to reflect on your proposition." "Whenever you are ready to accede to my proposal, I shall be at your service," replied the Freemason, giving at the same time his address to the Dominican.

Father Jandel betook himself at once to the palace of Mgr. de Bonald and asked him if it would be in accordance with his wishes to accept this challenge that was flung at the Cross? The Archbishop summoned several theologians and he discussed at length with them "the pros and cons" of the case. The unanimous decision of the meeting was that Father Jandel should, for the glory of the Cross, accept the challenge so defiantly hurled at it.

"Go then, my son," said the Archbishop to Father Jandel, at the same time blessing him, "and may God be with you." Forty-eight hours yet remained to Father Jandel before the time agreed upon with the Freemason should arrive, and these he passed in prayer, mortifications and in entreating the spiritual assistance of friends. Towards the evening of the day appointed for his answer to be given to the Freemason, Father Jandel rapped at his door. The Freemason was expecting him. Father Jandel had externally nothing about him that would indicate the religious; he was clothed as a layman, but he carried concealed under his coat a large crucifix.

They at once started for the hall, and they soon arrived there. The hall was furnished in the most gorgeous style, and it was so brilliantly illuminated that their eyes were dazzled. They remained just inside the door, as had already been agreed upon. In a little while the hall was filled, and all the seats were about to be occupied, when the devil appeared. "There he is, look at him," whispered the Freemason to Father Jandel. The priest without delay drew from his breast the crucifix which he had until then carried concealed there, and with both hands raised aloft, and made with it the Sign of the Cross over the whole assembly.

A bolt sent by the erring hand of Omnipotence could not have produced a more unexpected, sudden and terrifying effect on the crowd, than did this just described action of the priest. The lights became extinguished, the seats were all overturned and thrown upon one another, and the attendants were scattered in all directions. The Freemason dragged Father Jandel away with him, and when they were a great distance away from the hall, without being able to account for the manner in which they escaped from the darkness and confusion, the disciple of Satan threw himself upon his knees before the priest and exclaimed: "I believe, I believe; pray for me and receive me into the Church." Father Jandel says that this convert led, to the very last moment of his existence, a most edifying life.

UNION OF PRAYERS, PETITIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS.

You shall draw waters with joy out of the Saviour's fountains.—Isaiah XII. 3.

Entering in the month of June dedicated to the Sacred Heart, let us address our petitions to this inexhaustible fountain of graces and blessings, presenting them through the intermediate of St. Joseph, His intimate Friend. Is it possible that our divine Saviour reject a request made by St. Joseph who has devoted his whole life to the preservation of the life of his divine pupil?

We will pray fervently that this month bring to a final success the Coronation of St. Joseph, Friend of the Sacred Heart. Our monthly novena, commencing June 2d and ending June 10th, will be made for the above intention.

We earnestly request St. Joseph's Associates to

continue the recitation of three Hail Mary's with the ejaculation: St. Joseph, Friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us! every day, till we return home.

With the Coronation of St. Joseph is connected another very important work, which we recommend specially to the prayers of the Associates.

Prayers of the Association will be applied to: His Holiness Leo XIII and the triumph of the Church.

The Most Reverend F. X. Katzger, Archbishop of Milwaukee. May St. Joseph guide and protect him in all his undertakings! To obtain for the diocese of Green Bay a Bishop full of the spirit of God.

The intentions of the Right Reverend H. Cosgrove, Bishop of Davenport.

All the Bishops of America.

All the Missions of America.

The spirit of union and zeal for the clergy.

All foreign missions among infidels and heretics.

The conversion of schismatics in the Peninsula, Wis.

The Indians of Keshena.

The Conversion of the Onondas.

The Association of the Catholic Press.

The Parochial Schools.

The Holy League of children consecrated to St. Joseph.

The canonization of the Blessed Margaret Mary Alacoque.

The beatification of the Venerable Mary of the Incarnation, of the Venerable Julie Billard, foundress of the Sisters of Notre Dame of Namur.

185 Benefactors—150 Communities—620 Conversations—55 Employments—195 Families—225 Girls—35 Happy Deaths—20 Hopeless Cases—350 Intemperate persons—300 Particular Intentions—45 Perseverances—460 Religious and Nuns—120 Priests and their parishes—95 Sick persons—450 Spiritual Blessings—500 Temporal Blessings—22 Travelers—36 Superiors—15 Good Works—450 Young Men—Intentions deposited in St. Joseph's letter box—Intentions not yet obtained—The Souls in Purgatory.

For the above intentions the members of the Association are requested to unite their prayers and merits and to present them before the throne of God, through the pure hands of Joseph, the Friend of the Sacred Heart, the chaste Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

THANKSGIVINGS.



Brooklyn, N. Y.—Kindly say a Mass of thanksgiving in honor of St. Joseph, for a favor received through his intercession. M. A. N.

M., Ga.—I enclose offering for a favor obtained from St. Joseph. J. Pitt.

St. P., Minn.—Glory to St. Joseph. The goodness of St. Joseph has again been made manifest. How many times have I sought

his assistance in the past months, that he might help me in my spiritual and temporal wants. My necessities seemed to multiply day by day, and day by day did my confidence increase. But how

shall I express my gratitude to St. Joseph for taking my mother on his feast day, and again on the day dedicated to his honor, Wednesday, the Requiem Mass was said for her, and her body laid away till the day of Resurrection. H. J. S.

S., N. Y.—Please say a Mass in thanksgiving to dear beloved St. Joseph for a favor received.

M. J. H.

CL, Ky.—There is now one year that my family have joined the Association of St. Joseph, and I am glad to say that I have been blessed with a great favor through the intercession of St. Joseph. I wish I could express myself as I would like in favor of the good cause you are engaged in.

De Pere, Wis.—Amidst a great tribulation, when sickness seemed to have taken hold of my whole being, thinking that I was going rapidly to the grave, I made a fervent appeal to St. Joseph, promising to have a Mass said in his honor and to thank Him through St. Joseph's ANNALS. I suddenly felt some improvement and few days afterwards I was entirely cured. G.

De Pere.—An attack of acute rheumatism complicated with heart trouble brought me rapidly to a hopeless condition. I promised a Mass in honor of St. Joseph, and I was immediately relieved. I wish that every Catholic give his full confidence to our powerful protector and Patron. J. C.

THE LITTLE DUTCH GIRL.

BY S. F. B.

[Concluded from last month.]

But all this cheerful acceptance of God's gifts did not reconcile old Hans. He wanted to live independent of outside help. It was often he bemoaned the loss of his son. Why had God taken away his support and left him with only a helpless child? Two helpless ones together thrown upon the charity of the world. It was a kind world in which they lived and help was ready and at hand; they did not even have to ask. But Hans called them beggars and Marie Agnes said they were beggars as she stood by the long row of white lilies and she cried as she said it.

"To-morrow's the day!" that is the way little Addie announced herself as she thrust her small face in the green house door on the eighteenth of March. "Oh, you'll get 'em sure to-morrow, everything you ask fer. I aint got no flowers but I'm agoin' to ast anyway. S'pose my hair was to grow down to my waist in one night and I'd get up in the mornin' awful pretty, no freckles nor nothin'. Mother'd hardly know me hersef only 'cause I'd come out of my

bed. Folks 'ud say that I was a heap better lookin' than Mary Bright. And all the Sisters and Father Ferry'd see me and wouldn't know who I was, and Mrs. Martin 'ud want me to come and live with her. That's what I'd like," cried little Addie her face flushing with delight.

The nineteenth of March dawned cold and moist, a bitter wind was blowing around the mountain though here in St. Mary's Valley there was a dead calm. Marie Agnes gathered her lilies in the half light and Addie stood by counting them in a whisper. Then they went down the valley together and the wind met them as they came out from between the mountains. It blew in their faces and tried to tear the lilies from Marie Agnes' numb fingers but it only carried away with it a breath of perfume and lost it among the rocks. They did not talk much, the way was steep and walking rapidly took away their breath. As they neared the church a party of girls came out of the graveyard; they were talking and laughing together when suddenly one of them gave a little cry and exclaimed: "Oh, look at the lilies!" and they all came rushing upon the little Dutch girl and Addie. A very pretty lady was with them and she followed laughing, but when she saw Marie Agnes' white armful she grew as enthusiastic as the youngest of the girls. "Oh, the beauties, the beauties!" and she bent her face until the gleaming petals touched her cheek.

"Now stand back girls, you frighten the children, they will think you want to steal their flowers."

"Or that you do, Cousin Flora," said one of the girls pertly.

"No, I don't, and I don't want to buy them either; there is something horrible about buying a flower, but I want the little girl to give them to me and I will give her—" and she held up a bright coin which glistened in the early sunlight.

Marie Agnes stood staring stolidly before her. Little Addie touched her arm

and whispered "Don't you hear the lady?"

"Give me half," said the lady. "I want them for Father John's grave. You both knew Father John and loved him I am sure."

But Marie Agnes said nothing, only she looked for an instant at the yellow coin, then turned her eyes away.

"Yes, give her half," cried one of the girls persuasively. "We want the rest. And Cousin Flora? we won't buy them either. There's something horrible, you know, about buying a flower, only see here." And the girl who had been taking up a collection among the others held out her hand which was half full of silver. "It's a fortune," she said laughing, "you can't refuse a fortune."

It was a great temptation. It seemed to Marie Agnes that it was a fortune. The lady would give her gold for them, gold was worth more than anything else, and then she wanted them for Father John's grave, dear Father John who had once come round to St. Mary's Valley on a bitter winter day to see her grandfather. But it seemed to her that if she parted with one of the lilies St. Joseph would be angry with her. How could she go into the church if the lilies were not there. Would she not hear a reproachful voice asking, "Marie Agnes, what have you done with my lilies?" So she shook her head at the money that they pressed upon her.

"I can't sell 'em," she said. "I brought 'em for St. Joseph." "He shall have one," cried the girl who had spoken before. Then they all began to persuade her at once and they added to the money by ostentatiously dropping in several dimes. But Marie Agnes was resolute.

"She's astin' fer somethin'," said little Addie apologetically.

The girls laughed at this though they were quite provoked that they could not buy the lilies, and the pretty lady remarked that even a mountain girl was generous in her gifts when she expected something in return. Then she went on talking about a queen who was obliged to refuse presents because people only

gave them to her in the hope of receiving something more valuable.

Marie Agnes heard her say this as she went on with her arm burdened down and the scent of the lilies rising in her face. "They're sisterhood girls," cried little Addie, "and oh, that beautiful lady; I'd a give her some. Shall I run back with some of 'em? They'll give me all that money; it's most a hundred dollars, I guess."

But Marie Agnes could not speak, tears were swelling up into her eyes and her breath came in sobs. The sacristy door was opened by a seminarian who was in a great hurry but he seemed much pleased to see the lilies and they heard him say as they turned away, "The little Dutch girl brought them."

They crept into a wing of the church and Marie Agnes knelt down and put her face in her hands and began to cry. The lady was right. She had brought St. Joseph the lilies with a hope of a gift in return. Why should he notice such an offering as that? She was not giving him her lilies she was selling them to him. She was too heart-broken to ask anything now though she had meant to pray for his help all through the Mass. She knelt there weeping without once raising her eyes to where the lilies gleamed before the statue. The sun came in through the window and shone upon them and the white petals sent back their rays and their glory seemed to send a glow up into the statue. But Marie Agnes saw nothing.

When Mass was over Addie shook her companion's arm and whispered "Mrs. Martin?" and the little Dutch girl looked up but her eyes had been hidden so long that it was more than a minute before she saw a white-haired lady kneeling at the railing in front of St. Joseph's altar. She did not dare look up at the statue but went out of the church with a dull heavy feeling upon her. "I saw her look straight at them lilies," cried little Addie, "and oh, what beautiful white hair she has! S'pose this was to happen: I'd grow up and look like that lady who wanted the lilies and Johnny'd be a car-

dinal and I'd be in the front pew when he'd come out in his long red dress with all the priests and seminarians round him and everybody'd know I was his sister and say how grand I was too. That's what I'd like," cried little Addie.

Marie Agnes took no notice of what she was saying.

"I s'pose you'll find yer prayer answerd when you get home," said Addie hopefully as they turned into the valley.

"Did you ast fer a thousand dollars under yer bed or that all yer roses would be real pure gold?"

"I didn't ast fer nothin'," returned Marie Agnes.

Addie was so astonished at this that she was silent all the rest of the way home.

It was several days after that Addie McCoy came flying into the green-house all out of breadth. Mrs. Martin's pony carriage had come up the valley and Mrs. Martin herself was in talking to old Hans.

"I declare Marie Agnes I do b'lieve you ast St. Joseph fer her to adopt you and she's come fer you."

But Addie was wrong. She had only come about some lily bulbs and when she saw all Marie's flowers she said "Why you have a fortune here, at least, it would be a fortune if it were not here." She had seen the beautiful lilies on St. Joseph's altar and when she had asked about them they told her that the little Dutch girl had brought them. She wanted some like them and that is what brought her to St. Mary's Valley.

This was the beginning of Marie Agnes prosperity. The fame of those lilies spread as far as the town. Marie Agnes sold pansy plants and daisies and geraniums. St. Joseph had sent her work and she went no more to the College with her basket.

And Addie McCoy no longer trudges along the road to the Sisters' with her head full of ambitious dreams but in an obscure corner of the mountain graveyard the first snow of the year fell like an ermine covering over little Addie's narrow bed.

S. F. B.

ST. JOSEPH'S ASSOCIATION, THIRD SECTION.

THE DELIVERANCE OF THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY,

BY THE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE OF THE LIVING MEMBERS.

*Be mindful
O Lord,
of thy servants
and
handmaids,
Who are gone
before us,
with the sign
of faith,
and sleep in the
sleep of peace.*



*To These
O Lord,
and to all
that rest
in Christ,
Grant
we beseech Thee,
a place
of refreshment,
light, and peace,
Amen.*

The living members of the Association are requested to send an offering of 10 cents each year to be employed in the celebration of Masses for the deceased members.

DAILY OFFERING.

The Associates of St. Joseph are requested to join the daily offering to their morning prayer.

Divine heart of Jesus I.....
offer, through our Lady of the Sacred Heart and St. Joseph, Friend of the Sacred Heart, my prayers, works and sufferings of this day, in union with your divine sacrifice for the deliverance of the souls in Purgatory and especially for the departed members of the Association.

MONTHLY OBITUARY.

Mrs. Hugh Syran, died at Youngstown, O., April 19th.

Mrs. Mary Mulvey, died at New York, April 28th.

Sister Rose Corcoran, died May 6th, at the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Newark, N. J.