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St. Joseph's Archconfraternity,

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THE OBJECT of this Association, favored by His Holiness, with the title of "ARCHCONFRATERNITY" for Northern America, is:

- 1st. To promote and to propagate the devotion to St. Joseph in America.
- 2d. To unite under the Patronage of St. Joseph all its members, living and dead, so that in a perpetual bond of charity, they help one another by prayer and other good works.
- 3d. To recommend the members to the protection of St. Joseph and to obtain his help and assistance during life, at the hour of death and in the expiation of Purgatory.

Conditions to be members are:

- 1st. To have his name and surname entered into the register of the Archconfraternity.
- 2d. To say every day the following ejaculation: St. Joseph, Most Pure Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, pray for us.

Indulgences: Plenary. 1st. On the day of admission. 2d. At the hour of death. 3d. On the principal Feast of the Association and Octave. 4th. On the day appointed by the Bishop and on the seven following days.—Partial. 7 years and 7 quinquagesims four times a year on holidays, Sundays or weekdays for visiting a church or chapel.—60 days for various acts of piety. (ANNALS page 115, Vol. III.)

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.

A lamp is burning day and night before the Holy Face and special prayers are offered to the Sacred Face of our Lord every day for the conversion of the intemperate persons and blasphemers. The members of St. Joseph's Association are earnestly requested to join their prayers to check such disastrous evils as intemperance and blasphemy.

The Deliverance unites the living members for the relief of the souls in Purgatory and especially of the departed Associates by the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass.

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2. The consecration is not limited to the feast of the Patronage, but can be done at any time, in sending the names.
3. No special ceremony is necessary but teachers or parents who desire to procure a favorable impression to the young ones, can do something in the family circle or in the school.
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.
6. There is no obligation whatever. But children will do well if they say the Hail Joseph, etc.—It will remember them the good devotion, which will be their safeguard.

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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.

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FIDELITY.

Be thou faithful until death, and I will give thee the crown of life. Apoc. II., 2.



ANUARY is already past. Perfumed with the sweet remembrance of the Nativity and the Childhood of our Lord, it brings to our Holy Patron such prominence. There we see St. Joseph in the fulness of his glory, manifestly invested with his royal title of Son of David, his unequalled dignity of Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

and the unique privilege of Foster Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O Joseph! who is like thee among the sons of men? The name of the Son of Jacob was turned by Pharo and he was called in the Egyptian tongue: *The Saviour of the World*. Such was truly the wonderful mission of Joseph. He was chosen by the Eternal Father as His Substitute on earth to guard, to protect, to defend, to save not only the world but the Saviour of the World.

But our admiration for St. Joseph is not caused only by the privileges accumulated on him. Who is the faithful and wise steward, whom his Lord setteth over his family to give their measure of wheat in due season?

JOSEPH.

A faithful man shall be much praised, and he that is the keeper of his master shall be glorified.

There is a natural impulse in every man, which directs him to honor, to glorify this excellent virtue: Fidelity.

Wherever it appears, either on the highly elevated dignitary, or in the humblest citizen, our admiration is conquered at the sight of a man, remaining constantly and invariably attached to the truth; of a man, who, giving his allegiance to a person or to a party, unmovably adheres to it; of a man, invested with a mission, who perseveres in the careful and exact observance of his duties.

Fidelity is personated in St. Joseph.

Abraham was found faithful in temptation, and it was reputed to him unto justice. It was indeed a great example of fidelity to God, when receiving the order to sacrifice his only Son, the Son of promises, he went up to the mountain and did not hesitate to do according to the mandate of God.

By a heavenly disposition the Blessed Virgin Mary is trusted to the care of St. Joseph as her true Spouse. Not yet instructed about the great mystery of the Incarnation, he is disposed to sacrifice his own spouse, a treasure of greater value than his own life, and why? Thereupon, Joseph, her husband, *being a just man*, and not willing to expose her was minded to put her away privately.

Behold the faithful man! ready to sacrifice every pleasure, every personal interest rather than to infringe the love of God, or the honor of his neighbor.

Blessed be your name, O Joseph, from generation to generation, because in the universal shipwreck of justice and honesty you appear as a brilliant star of incorruptible justice and honesty.

Joseph, Son of David, fear not to take

unto thee Mary thy wife. Joseph having been found a faithful and just man receives officially from heaven his trust and commission. More elevated than Angels, as the Queen of Angels will be submitted to him and the One, whom Angels of God adore, will obey him, and taking the place of the Eternal Father, he, Joseph, will be a father to Jesus and Jesus shall be a Son to Joseph.

A life can be spent on the meditation of the virtues which shine forth in our Blessed Joseph as a faithful husband to the Blessed V. M. and as a wise and steady protector of the Divine Child, and yet it will convey only an imperfect idea of his extraordinary perfection.

With singleness of purpose, concentrating his whole life on the care of the excellent persons committed to him, he is truly the Providence of Mary and Jesus, silently and totally devoting himself to his charge.

Once God praised a man before the angels saying: "Hast thou considered 'my servant Job, that there is none like 'him in the earth, a simple and upright 'man, and fearing God and avoiding 'evil?' Job, I. 8. What joy was brought to heaven, when Joseph receiving his charge commenced his thirty years of devotedness, self-sacrifice and love for the sake of Mary and Jesus!

No wonder that God has preserved the walls of the house in which was spent the life of Mary and Joseph, the walls, silent witnesses of incomparable virtues: the admirable union of two hearts, rivaling one another in charity, the constant solicitude and devotedness of Joseph to provide to the care of his family.

In every difficulty, in dangers, in troubles, St. Joseph is ready for the emergency, the Angels of the Lord are deputed to him. Here is the man who will provide for the security of the child and his mother. "Rise, Joseph, take the child

and his mother." Was not Joseph found faithful? and therefore he has been glorified and he will be praised more and more. The Almighty has made him the master of his house and the ruler of all his possessions, that he might instruct his princes as him elf, and teach his ancients wisdom. Ps. CIV, 21, 22.

And when we propose to set on the head of his statue a crown of gold studded with precious stones, we do it to awaken in christian hearts a sentiment of admiration and gratitude for St. Joseph, who in caring and saving the life of Jesus has deserved to be praised forever by angels and men in heaven on earth.

II.

St. Joseph is worthy to receive glory and honor for his fidelity to the B. V. M. and to his adoptive Son committed to his care, for his unwearied allegiance and the persevering courageous discharge of his duties and we need too to set before us and before the world such admirable and beautiful example. We counteract the pernicious influence of poison by antidotes. We protect ourselves from infected atmosphere with perfumes, in such manner we need wholesome examples to preserve our souls from the universal contagion of this age.

From an unknown little city starts suddenly a movement to direct the souls to Joseph. It is favored with unexpected success. The pious souls rejoice to hear the name of a beloved saint praised and glorified. They say to one another: Let us go over and see. They addressed petitions to St. Joseph and they are heard and they return glorifying and praising God for the help that He deigns to send to his people through St. Joseph.

But as every work of God is a sign which shall be contradicted, opposition arose. Giving so much attention to the instrument, which is nothing, they devise all sort of petty oppositions to de-

stroy the project of the glorification and Coronation of St. Joseph.

For instance a so-called Catholic journal insinuates that we ruin our own work by an inconsiderate zeal pretending that we give to the statue of St. Joseph a greater value than to any other statue of St. Joseph in the diocese; of course we have never uttered such thing, as it is evident that a statue is simply an image, a representation which has no value in itself, but it is made to direct our mind to the real personality of St. Joseph in Heaven, but the calumny is started going around the village and doing its intended evil against the devotion itself.

However, we thank God for such persecution and other oppositions; we may count it all joy, when we shall fall into divers temptations, knowing that the trying of faith worketh patience, and patience hath a perfect work. Indeed Salvation will come from our enemies. Having no other desire but that the glorious name of Joseph should be revealed to all, that the example of his fidelity shine forth to all eyes in this great country, our efforts will be helped by contradiction.

No doubt we would have a voice resounding from ocean to ocean from the North to the South to repeat the Word of the Church: *Go to Joseph*. We would set before all the *Fidelity of St. Joseph*, which has raised a man from the humblest condition of a carpenter to the highest dignity of the Foster Father of our Lord, from a workshop to a throne in heaven, to a glorious crown on earth.

St. Joseph seems to be the evening star which shines forth now as to prevent the impending ruin of a decayed world. To crown Joseph, to glorify him is to hoist the standard of honor, fidelity, loyalty and justice.

What is the cause of the fears, disquietude

under which the kingdoms and States are laboring. There are rumors of wars, terrors, anxieties. They say Peace! Peace and there is no peace; they are confounded, says the prophet, because they have committed abomination; they have not known how to blush, wherefore they shall fall among those that fall. O ye Kings, understand: receive instructions you that judge the earth. Serve ye the Lord with fear.....How precious should be the contemplation of Joseph, the Son of David, to whom is entrusted the King of kings, and whose government is established on justice and fidelity.

Every one, who has received a commission either temporal or spiritual may learn from St. Joseph that there is only one way with God: Fidelity in the discharge of the duties of his vocation, for what shall it profit a man to engage himself in all the problems of this world, if he cannot give an account of his own stewardship. Let us go to Nazareth and contemplate St. Joseph, faithfully and constantly attending his Family.

How easily would be resolved the threatening problem of capital and labor, if every one would imitate the virtues of St. Joseph, his self sacrifice, his energy and devotedness to the members of his household, his respect and love for our Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel does not contain any word of St. Joseph; but he appears always active, always obedient, always in the accomplishment of the will of God, in despite of obstacles, dangers, fatigues. In one word his whole life is stamped with the seal of: *Fidelity*.

It is not strange that worldly people do not know St. Joseph, as their life is in direct opposition with St. Joseph's life; but we may state with sadness that he is ignored totally even by the children of God, by those who have inherited the promises of Christ. This is the evil of

the age. Wickedness has altered the understanding of men, the bewitching of vanity obscureth good things. The mystery of the love of God, the Incarnation of our Lord is relegated to the pages of history. Religion has become a fashion and has lost its influence. How St. Joseph could be known of a generation of men, that are enemies of the Cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.

And it causes a dreadful indifference for the advertisements of God and for the means that He inspires to His Church for our sanctification. For as in the days before the flood the people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and they knew not till the flood came and took them all away: so it seems that the people are all blind and deaf, giving no heed to the graces and blessings offered by a merciful God.

Thirty years ago at a time of distress, when it seemed that hell would prevail against the Church of God, the Sovereign Pontiff, Pius IX of holy memory, addressed a strong appeal to St. Joseph, confiding the Church to his Powerful Patronage. Lately Leo XIII has invited the christian people to turn to him in our distress and to invoke him as our Mighty Deliverer. It was really a voice coming from heaven, a sign that God remembering the covenant made with His people, would deliver them from their enemies, sending to help and assist them the same powerful protector Joseph, the Saviour of His own Son, Jesus.

And yet this invitation to go to Joseph is ignored or considered as a superfluity which must be left consigned to the cloister.

The bewitching of vanity obscureth good things. Such is the situation. Men

are so much entangled in earthly things, that we cannot speak to them as to spiritual but as to carnal.

Is it then necessary to stand on the importance of an Association which is established for the propagation and the developement of the devotion to St. Joseph? We loudly claim that there is no knowledge of the merciful disconsolations of God, where St. Joseph is ignored. This is life everlasting, says our Lord, that they may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. The knowledge of Joseph is the introductory chapter to the mysteries of our salvation.

We supplicantly beg all the readers of the ANNALS, all the members of our Association that they unite their efforts to draw the souls to Joseph, so that through his guidance and protection they may enter into the Ark of salvation, the Adorable Heart of Jesus.

THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE.

SAVE THE CHILD.

St. Joseph Claims Him.

BY J. M.



VERY Christian child is the image of God, reflects in his soul the grandeur and perfections of His divine attributes, has impressed upon it the stamp of its immortal destiny. It is therefore our burden duty to develop and perfect by all the means within our control, both natural and supernatural, the powers and capabilities of the soul. Of all the means and agencies to be used in the accomplishment of this purpose that of Christian education is the most salutary and effective. Without this

means, whatever other advantages may be claimed or afforded, we cannot succeed in the production of a perfect human being—a Christian, who recognizes his duty to his Creator, understands his relations and obligations to society, and is prepared to acquit himself in a faithful manner of the varied duties imposed upon him. Such a man is Godlike in his character and commands our esteem and unqualified admiration. We look up to him with instinctive homage and feel inspired to pay him respectful reverence. He is above the low and sordid ways of selfish men; seeks not praise nor the applause of the world, but finds satisfaction in the conscientious discharge of duty. He is just in his dealings; equitable in his judgments; honorable in his methods; modest in his demeanor; chaste in his bearing and relations, and trustworthy in his calling. In a word, he is a man in whom the image of Christ is brought out into conspicuous prominence, in whom the Spirit of Christ is the inspiring motive, the animating principle of all his actions. Such a man is above and beyond price to the state or community that is privileged to claim him. Where shall we find him? How shall we produce him? I answer that he shall be found only in Christian circles. He is the production of Christian training, and no other power or process known to man can form such a character.

Is it not plain then that too much stress cannot be placed upon religious education?

It is frequently said that too great importance is attached to religious training, that it seriously impedes the work of education of the child. This is a delusion, and a reflection as well, upon the Author of knowledge, God Himself. As he is the source of all knowledge properly so called, it follows that it is only in so far as we have become acquainted

with Him and His laws that we are able to take in the grandeur and beauty of knowledge as revealed or made clear to us in the divine light that proceeds from Him. Hence the absurdity of saying that the study of our relations towards God warps our faculties and impairs our minds. Instead of retarding, it facilitates our efforts to acquire knowledge. As well deny the fructifying influence of the sun of heaven upon the earth, as deny that the light which emanates from God does not quicken and mature the intellect of man for the acquisition of knowledge. He is the source of truth and knowledge. In proportion as man learns to subjugate his passions and eradicate the evil tendencies of his nature in the same degree does he rise to the vision of truth in its most exalted form and resplendent majesty. Now as truth is the end of all study and intellectual efforts, it follows that whatever elevates our thoughts, broadens our minds and purifies our hearts, must be of substantial assistance in its attainment. In the clear light that radiates from God the intellect of man becomes illuminated, purified and exalted, so that it can take in a wider range of subjects, more readily perceive and appropriate to itself knowledge of things both human and divine. All true knowledge conserves to a common end—God—for all true knowledge proceeds from and leads back to Him, when it is pursued under the inspiration of that light which is His essential attribute. Wherefore the mind that recognizes God and seeks to acquire knowledge of Him is specially adapted to the pursuit of every other form and kind of knowledge, whether scientific or otherwise. Whatever does not conduct us to God leads us from Him; retards our progress; stunts our intellectual growth, and impairs our usefulness to ourselves and others; for

without the knowledge of Him we can not be true to ourselves or true to our fellow-men.

From these brief considerations it must be apparent to all reflecting minds that Christian education is absolutely necessary to the individual and beneficial to society, which is only an organized aggregate of individuals. Without it states and nations cannot prosper and endure. Sooner or later decay sets in. Finally disintegration and destruction follow; for the fondation of all society are virtue and morality and these being wanting the social fabric or edifice falls of its own weight. Already dark spots appear upon the horizon of our future as a nation. The hideous spectre of religious indifference rises into prominence; the giant form of infidelity is at our door; the gross materialism that enervates and paralyzes every high purpose and noble ambition pervades society; the fierce and untamed passion of lust seeks to assert supremacy, dethrone reason and destroy all that is best and fairest in human nature. These are portentous evils that must be counteracted and destroyed. Religion is the only restraining power and curative influence that can accomplish this work. Unless it is exerted and applied, soon the nation will plunge still deeper into vices already strongly noted in our midst—vices that dishonor God and disgrace humanity. Let the advocates of purely secular education to the exclusion of religion, pause and consider whether they are leading the people by their unwise and unholy attitude and conducts. Should they continue in their course, it is not difficult to foresee that at no distant day this fair land will present a picture of social and civic demoralization too dark and appalling to contemplate.

Here of all places on earth should hearts and homes be consecrated to the

pure and ennobling influence of religion, since here as no place else is religion so indispensable to the attainment of the end in view—material, and intellectual progress, and the perpetuity of liberty with its manifold blessings. These beneficent objects can only be promoted by the cultivation and practice of virtue which is the safeguard of liberty; the bond of union; the sustaining power of the people; the principle that imparts to a nation a divine impulse that enables it to work out successfully its Providential mission.

But what about St. Joseph claiming the child? Have I not overlooked the subject which I started out to treat. Let us see.

St. Joseph was a teacher who was mighty in word and in work. Appointed by the decree of heaven to teach the Son of God Himself, who was and is the Teacher of teachers, he thereby became identified with the work of education and interested in its success for all time. He acquitted himself of the task assigned in a truly admirable manner, laying deep and solid the foundations of Christian schools, as modeled upon the school of Nazareth in which Jesus Christ was his pupil. While engaged in the office of instructing Him in the varied branches of the trade which he followed, that of a carpenter, he did not lose sight of the opportunity of learning from His sacred lips the lessons of true wisdom and knowledge which he alone could impart. Nor was St. Joseph an inapt pupil of this Divine Teacher, for he drank in copiously of the heavenly knowledge that fell from His lips. To no other man did Christ so fully reveal His divine plans or so abundantly bestow the gift of wisdom and the power of appropriating to himself knowledge as He did to St. Joseph. We must not wonder at this, since he was His foster-father and stood in the closest possible relations toward Him, and was upon the most intimate and familiar terms of friendship with

Him. Friendship presupposes confidence; therefore may it be said that St. Joseph became acquainted with secrets of the Most High that have never been made known to any other man. In his relations to the Redeemer he stood in a representative capacity as the father and propagator, so to speak, of the race regenerated and sanctified by Him—the new and spiritual generation to which Christ gave birth by His life, sufferings and death on the cross. To St. Joseph the Redeemer confided this inheritance. This is the position which he occupies toward the Christian world for all time, for the divine commission or apostolate entrusted to him will continue to be exercised until the end. It will thus be seen that St. Joseph is profoundly interested in the welfare of the Christian child entrusted to his care. This child is very dear to him, so dear indeed that he will not surrender him into the hands or keeping of those who do not recognize his teaching capacity and realize the extent of his responsibility toward said child. To be plain, St. Joseph claims for every Christian child a religious training such as will bring out in the mind and heart trails of resemblance to the Divine Child Jesus, who is the model of the Christian child, the Light of the world and the true and only Teacher of mankind.

WONDERFUL CURES THROUGH THE HOLY FACE.

From Rochefort-sur-Loire [Maine and Loire]. A Mass of thanksgivings is solicited for the cure of a young lady. She has been sick for several years and had always thought that her cure would be through the Holy Face alone. Animated with a strong faith? she made a novena, asked for prayers in the sanctuary of Mr. Dupont and obtained her complete restoration to health. More than six months have elapsed since that time; nevertheless, her health continues to be excellent.

From Sainte [Charente-Inferieure]. "A thousand thanksgivings to the Holy

Face! A young person, who was in a desperate condition, so declared to be by three physician, was cured in a very few days after having been anointed with oil of the Holy Face."

From the same country, we are informed of the sensible improvement in health of a venerable priest. His illness was considered so serious, that all who surrounded him thought his case hopeless. But, this good priest bethought him of the Supreme Physician; he asked for some of the oil from Tours; anointed himself, and, almost immediately afterwards, the doctors who had been summoned, observed an unhopd for improvement. The Holy Face protects, we know, those who approach It with faith and love.

From Lafond. [Charente-Inferieure]. A pious mother sends us the following details, touching the cure of her daughter:

"My daughter, as a consequence of the measles, was left in a very precarious condition: the most serious symptoms inspired us with apprehensions for her life. Her nose, her lower limbs, and her internal organs became almost suddenly paralyzed, her hands turned black, and her finger-nails violet-colored; in addition to this, very well-defined convulsive movements led us to fear a case of meningitis. On witnessing her condition, my thoughts reverted immediately to the Holy Face. I asked for some oil that burned before the sacred image at Tours, and, at once, unctions were made on the forehead and on the hands of the sick child. A quarter of an hour afterwards, a perspiration, which had been awaited for some days without result, was produced, and a better condition was the consequence from that time. As I was happy to see the hand of God in this matter, I continued the unctions and the prayers during the whole time of a novena made to the Holy Face and, on the ninth day, all her limbs resumed their normal state. Convalescence was rapid and the cure is now complete."—Translated from the Annals of the Holy Face.

PICTURE OF THE IMMACULATE VIRGIN MARY.



ALL those who have already received it, like it. It is sent as a premium to all those who subscribe for the Coronation of St. Joseph. The propagation of this image is in itself a blessing as a glance over our Immaculate Mother is awakening in our souls respect, admiration and love. The following letter will be read with interest:

REV. J. F. DURIN. *Dear Father:*—With all my heart I beg to thank you for the beautiful pictures you have kindly sent me; one of the Immaculate Conception and the other of St. Joseph, represented as conversing with the Child Jesus. Both are superb works of art, well calculated to produce in the mind and heart the purest impressions and feelings and evoke the loftiest aspirations of the human soul. In the presence of such majestic subjects we are irresistibly drawn toward the contemplation of the exalted qualities and attributes with which they were clothed and led to pour out our souls in affectionate homage and thankfulness to God for the great gift of faith which enables us to take in something of the marvellous beauties which it unfolds, when the mind is illuminated by its divine influence.

Of all the means of elevating and sanctifying our lives there is perhaps, after religion itself, none more potent and salutary than the aid rendered by christian art. Therefore it has been properly styled the handmaid of religion—the instrument in the designs of the Almighty to raise us up to the highest conceptions of His infinite perfections, the better to inflame our hearts with love and our minds with devout reverence toward Him. Religion is portrayed and symbolized in art in such a way as to allure and captivate the mind and heart, whilst imprimating upon them those indelible

impressions which religion seeks to convey. Thus does art afford substantial aid to religion in its great work of purifying and ennobling our lives and directing our thoughts to the study of the true and beautiful.

I feel quite sure that the client of St. Joseph will highly appreciate the presentation in the ANNALS, if such be your intention, of those most charming pictures, so admirably suited to inspire devotion and deepen religious sentiment and conviction.

Esteeming beyond measure those models and masterpieces of artistic excellence, I shall cherish them as precious treasures and sacred mementory in the hope also that they may serve as incentives to renewed energy and still greater effort to promote the honor and glory of the great personages whose lives they illustrate and recall. Again thanking you for your kind consideration, I remain, dear Father,

Gratefully yours, JNO. MORAN.

Cantata for St. Joseph's Coronation.

By Marcella A. Fitzgerald.

ST. JOSEPH IS CROWNED BY ALL THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN.

Saint most glorious, God's beloved,
Loftiest throne in heaven is thine,
He who sought thy steps to follow
To God's presence most divine.

Hail thee who on earth rejoicing
Served thy Savior day by day,
Made thy heart and home His refuge,
Watched in awe around His way.

Dear Saint Joseph, our blest Leader,
List the psalm of praise we sing,
As we crown thee, Spouse of Mary!
Foster Father of our King!

Chorus and prayer.

ST. JOSEPH CROWNED BY THE HOLY SOULS.
From our exile dark and dreary,
From our prison house of pain,
Blessed Joseph!—Spouse of Mary!—
Rises an imploring strain.

Hear! oh! hear our piteous pleading,
Win sweet answer for each prayer
Offered through thy interceding
That we soon thy joys may share.

Monarch of this mighty kingdom
Where love's suffering members dwell,
So each anguish stricken spirit
Hastes thy song of praise to swell.

Chorus and Prayer.

To be continued.

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The Most Pure Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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third volume of ST. JOSEPH'S ANNALS comes to a close with February's issue. Thanks to the protection of our dear Saint and to the devoted-

ness of his clients, the prospect is brighter than ever and we contemplate new improvements for the fourth volume, willing to spare nothing for the exaltation of the glorious Patron of the Church and the increase of his devotion.

Will we be allowed to expose again the object of this publication? A clear understanding on this point is very desirable and will contribute to the prosperity of the good work.

Starting with the approbation of our Bishop and later with the encouragement and the blessings of many prelates in America, we have devoted our life to the promotion, the development and the propagation of the devotion to St. Joseph in America. It is done by the Association or Union of all those who will give to the work their moral and material assistance.

This work is eminently Catholic, as it is directed to the welfare of the members of the Church, of whatever age and condition. *Men of all conditions, of every*

country, says Leo XIII, have cause for recommending and entrusting themselves to the faithfulness and to the care of St. Joseph.

There are not few who think that the devotion to St. Joseph is given to our age as a special grace of God to counteract the evils of the day, to resist the dangers which threaten the souls, to provide the wants of the elects, as Joseph, the Son of Jacob, was sent to Egypt to save the country from a direful famine. A glance over the world gives a great authority to this opinion.

There is a universal conjuration of the enemies of God against His Church. Everywhere hell claims the child as its prey, suggesting plans for his destruction. The political powers second the odious attempt to poison the young intelligences, to corrupt their hearts, to separate them from their mother the Church. Let us thank God who sends to the rescue of the child, the guardian, the protector of His own Son, Joseph, endowed with all wisdom and power to protect, to enrich his young brother Benjamin.

The christian family is also fearfully attacked by the combined power of infidelity and immorality. Does it not seem that we are returning to the time "*when all flesh hath corrupted its way upon the earth.*" The condensed news of the day is but a recital of crimes. Home is no more the sweet abode of beings living in peace and harmony, devoted to the sacred duty of the education and care of their children, but how frequently it is contaminated by murders, suicides, and abominations. To this pagan society how necessary is the contemplation of the virtues, which shone forth at Nazareth, of the modesty and purity of the B. V. Mary, the wisdom and devotedness of Joseph, the obedience of the Divine Child Jesus.

There is no doubt that a periodical is necessary to our Association. Scattered over this vast territory we need a medium of communication. Let us welcome the ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH, heartily endorsing them and contributing to their circulation. Their title alone is an attraction. Who may close the door to St. Joseph? Who will not cherish his monthly visit? The ANNALS prepare for March a beautiful picture of our gentle Patron. His appearance in our house will be a blessing. And surely the ANNALS will not convey any sad news, but everything which will enlighten a Christian intelligence and comfort a good heart. A special attraction of the ANNALS is that they are a field, open to all who have a will to glorify St. Joseph. We simply claim the privilege to be the servant, the manager of the good work. To strengthen our union in St. Joseph, under the heading *Correspondence*, we will each month give all communications which may interest and edify the reader. As our work is essentially practical, the object to draw the souls to St. Joseph, our model and protector, we will suggest pious practices for each Wednesday of the month, so that from every part of America with one mind and one mouth we may glorify our dear Patron St. Joseph.

It is beyond question that the name of St. Joseph is a name of benediction wherefor our earnest desire is to introduce him through the ANNALS in every Christian family to second the zeal and the labors of the pastor, *for God makes all that St. Joseph does to prosper in his hands.*

We appeal specially to the devotedness of promoters. In each place the advance of the work is due to one or two persons, who generously lend their time and their efforts to the interests of St. Joseph. How grand and beautiful will be their reward!

The subscription to the ANNALS commences with March. It is just the time to do something for St. Joseph, at the approach of the month dedicated to him. What is to be done? Send your name for the Archconfraternity and send a subscription to ST. JOSEPH'S ANNALS.

THE RING.

Given by St. Joseph to the Blessed Virgin Mary.



DEAR reader, if you visit the part of the peninsula of Italy which stretches like a long ribbon between Ostia and Ancona, we advise you to stop at the important and remarkable town of Perugia. You can visit the lake, which is splendid; the churches, and if the Revolution has spared them, the pictures of Raphael and his master Pietro Perugino. But when you have concluded your artistic excursions, go to the cathedral, which is also worth the trouble of a visit, and find out the chapel where Chevalier has painted a beautiful picture of the marriage of the Blessed Virgin. You would be fortunate if you were to arrive on one of the feast days of the Mother of God, at the city, which is particularly dedicated to her, and to which by a special privilege the Sovereign Pontiffs have decreed the title of Town of the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary. You would see crowds of people kneeling on the marble floor, and singing the Litanies of Our Lady, and if you lifted up your eyes to the Altar, you would see a small Tabernacle brought from above and placed upon it. This tabernacle is reverently opened, and from it is taken a small object which seems as if made of alabaster.

But it is really formed of amethyst, and if you inquire you will be told that it is the nuptial ring placed by St. Joseph on the finger of the Virgin Mary on the day of her marriage.

The history of this holy relic is interesting. It remained in the house of a Jewish family, who continued to reside in Palestine after the disasters which befell their nation, to whom, though they knew its history, it was simply an object of curiosity.

About the tenth century a member of this family settled in Rome, for the purpose of trading in precious stones and jewels. Now, it happened at this time that the Marquis Hugo, governor of Chusi, an important city, sometimes free, sometimes annexed to some province of Italy, and then belonging to Tuscany, was about to marry the Princess Judith, niece of the Emperor Otho III. This lady, who appears to have had a taste for dress—a rare thing with people of her sex! sent a dignitary of her household named Ranieri, who was a great connoisseur in matters of that kind, to go and purchase precious stones and jewels for her in Rome.

Ranieri acquitted himself well, and as chance would have it, he applied to the very Jew who was in possession of the Blessed Virgin Mary's ring, and who, in order to make things easier in this important transaction, offered to give up the ring for which he cared very little, to his customer.

Thus the holy relic passed from the hands of the merchant, into those of a coquette, who does not seem to have attached much importance to it, either because she doubted its authenticity, or for some other similar reason.

The fact is, that the holy ring remained forgotten in the lady's casket, till the day, when her only son having died, his body was carried with all

the pomp of a magnificent funeral to the church of St. Mustiole or Mastiale, a virgin and martyr, held in great veneration by the inhabitants of Chusi, the church being about a mile from the town.

As they were carrying the body of the poor child, who had just died, in grand procession to the grave, the funeral had hardly come to the place of destination, when, all at once, the corpse sat up in his coffin, in the midst of the astonished crowd. The funeral chant ceased, and every one flocked around the bier, hoping to have some news respecting that world from which there is so rarely a return.

But upon the subject the child kept a profound silence; these are the words he used: "If God has permitted me to come to life again, it is not that I may answer questions, prompted by your indiscreet curiosity, but that I may render a service to my father, and to all the inhabitants of Chusi. The service which I am to render to my father is to remind him of the vows which he made, and has neglected to perform, and it is as punishment for this fault that the Lord has removed me from his love. As regards you, I desire that the casket which contains my mother's jewels may be brought to me."

As soon as they had obeyed this order, which took some time, the child opened the casket which was strange to him, and took out the Virgin Mary's ring, which he kissed with the greatest respect, and then gave to the rector of the church of St. Mustiole, saying that it was indeed the marriage ring which St. Joseph had given at his espousals, and that such an object ought not to be kept in a casket with women's jewels. After this the poor child added: "Now my mission is fulfilled, my commission executed; permit me, oh, my God! to return from whence I came, to a happier place than this."

Having said this, he bent his head, and died a second time; so goes the legend.

At this the crowd, which was immense, cried out, "A miracle," and the ring given to the Rector of St. Mustiole began to be held in great veneration.

For a century or two the concourse of the faithful continued to be great but gradually decreased; and at the beginning of the sixteenth century the church where this famous relic was preserved threatening to fall in, the holy ring was transferred to the town of Chuisi, and given into the care of the Franciscan Fathers, whose institute was then in the zenith of its favor, its popularity and its glory.

It remained there for seventy-three years till one day a German Monk, named Winter, either through devotion, or impelled by some less legitimate feeling, pretending a desire to make the pilgrimage to Assisi, carried off the ring and left it with a friend of his at Perugia, that celebrated city being on his road.

The inhabitants of Chuisi were filled with grief when they heard of the loss they had suffered. They sent deputies to Perugia, and complained to Rome.

The deputies were well received, and the unfortunate Winter was imprisoned; but nothing was returned.

While waiting for the decision of Rome, a decision which is never precipitate, the inhabitants of Perugia and of Chuisi carried on a bitter war for more than a century, Perugia being determined to preserve its treasure at any price.

The possessor of the ring made a present of it to the municipality, which attached so great a value to it that it was enclosed in an iron case locked by four different keys and kept in the communal palace. Death and the confiscation of his goods was decreed against any one

who should dare to propose its alienation.

The Popes had trouble enough to restore peace to these two towns. Sixtus IV, who was a Franciscan, sent cardinals and legates to Perugia with this object, but had no success. But time having passed over these mutual recriminations, and the citizens of Chuisi having had the happiness to recover the holy relic of their protector, Innocent III, took advantage of the joy caused by this event, and promulgated a new and definite judgement maintaining Perugia in the possession of the nuptial ring of the Mother of God.

MOTHER ST. PIERRE.

Superior of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, of San Antonio, Texas.

Thou art just, o Lord, and all thy judgments are just, and all thy ways mercy and truth and judgment. Tobias III, 2.



HE sad news of Ven. Mother St. Pierre, announced in the last Obituary, is a terrible blow to the Community which she wisely governed and a great loss for our Association. In our affliction we will bless the name of the Lord saying: "*The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away: as it hath pleased the Lord, so it is done.*"

While we mourn a worthy Associate, an incomparable servant of our glorious Patron St. Joseph, we are comforted by the voice of Heaven: "*Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord, for their works follow them.*" Let us consign in the ANNALS this life of devotedness and

self-sacrifice. We give the word to one of her sorrow-stricken sisters:

Our lamented and revered Mother was born in Beaujeu, France, on the 23rd of May, 1845. Her early years, passed in the bosom of her beloved family, were marked by the same nobility of heart and mind, which characterized her whole life. Her natural tendency to virtue was increased by the solid and christian education, which she received at the Ursuline Convent of her native city then in fame as one of the best institutions in the country. At the call of God and moved by the apostolic spirit of her nation, she entered the monastery of the Incarnate Word at Lyons, France, to prepare for the fulfillment of her sublime mission in the wilds of Texas. Her ardent desire made its first accomplishment when vested in the religious habit, she came forth from this holy sanctuary, a heroic missionary and with a heart burning with zeal, hastened to the scene of her future labors. Arriving in Galveston, Texas, in 1868, where a house had been begun the previous year, she labored there for a short time. In 1869 she was named in company with six others of her religious Sisters, for the new foundation in San Antonio. Owing to her extraordinary capacity and intense ardor to promote the work of God she soon mastered a foreign language, and in a very short time, became the soul of the work. Her humility and love of retirement could not conceal from her ecclesiastical superiors, her companions in religion, in fine of every one interested in the cause, the great treasure they possessed in Sr. St. Pierre. Two years after the foundation she was nominated Superior, which charge she has since held. Untold of difficulties, unequalled we believe, in the foundations of similar institutions met her on all sides, crosses the bitterest and most crushing were her

daily portion, but her great faith and implicit trust in God, sustained her in every trial, and brought to successful issue whatever she undertook.

Humble and hidden when self was concerned, intrepid and magnanimous when the interest of God or His poor were in question: the annals of the Community preserve as precious treasures the record of the mighty struggles, she has endured, to promote the glory of the Incarnate Word.

Under her benign government the Community has rapidly increased. Charitable institutions both in this and neighboring cities perpetuate her memory, and those to whom her difficulties were known in these works, must recognize in her an extraordinary woman, one that has done wonders.

At home and abroad the name of Mother St. Pierre was known and loved. Submissive and obedient to all in authority, she was a heroic model to her subjects, a mother to the orphan, the friend and consoler of the afflicted.

The religious family who mourns her irreparable loss owes its existence and present standing to her increasing labors. No one will ever deny Mother St. Pierre the glory of having guided the oft-tossed bark, through a sea of difficulties. How valiantly she has done it, is left to other than her children's pen to describe. They alone, however, will claim the treasure of her more hidden virtues. Inestimable souvenirs of her maternal love and theirs, and though crushed by the terrible blow of her departure, no one will deny them the right to cherish and proclaim as a heroine of charity, their loved and lost Mother.

A life of such self-sacrifice was crowned by an almost martyr's death. For years she has been a great sufferer from maladies, brought on in the exercise of her heroic mission. Yearly her sufferings

increased, making her holocaust more perfect. Finally she was advised both by her ecclesiastical superiors and by medical friends to try a trip to Europe, in hopes that her precious life might be prolonged. But all in vain; God's time had come, the measure of her merits was full, the work of sacrifice ended. Nothing was wanting now, but to give the last stroke of adornment to her great soul; this the Incarnate Word did by willing her to die far from her bereaved children.

Last June she left us far Austria, where she remained until October. Not being able to continue the treatment of her disease, on account of the severe weather she determined to pass the winter in a warmer climate. Almost incredible are the accounts of her sufferings during the return trip. She was only able to reach the Monastery of the Incarnate Word at Lyons. In this we have admired the bounty of God willing her to reënter once more, this cradle of religious life, and from there return to Him her pure and holy soul.

Arriving there on the 19th of Oct. she was at once declared dangerously ill. Prior to this date we had hoped almost against hope that we could see our Mother again, if it were but to die; since we have deemed ourselves orphans. Daily and hourly we awaited the fatal cable, that would confirm our fears. This reached us on the 19th of December, the day on which the soul of our mother took its flight to her Creator.

A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY.

We owe to St. Joseph the privilege of having met and known Mother St. Pierre. She was one of the first who answered to our appeal for the glorification of St. Joseph in America. Her letter at this occasion is a page of the history of our work. Our Associates will be glad to read it. Admiring the burn-

ing devotion of the venerable Superior for St. Joseph, they will address a prayer to our dear Patron that he design to hasten the admission into heaven of his devoted client.

San Antonio, Texas, April 13, 1889.

MY DEAR FATHER.—I have been so very happy to see the ANNALS that tears were the only means I could give way to my joy. Oh, may you be blessed forever for your devotion to our Father, and particularly for the practical way you have pushed yourself to love Him, and have others to love Him. I am simply unable to find words to express you my gratitude and the feeling of my heart for your undertaking. May our Lord, our Immaculate Mother reward you and be your model and light in the task of having St. Joseph known, loved, and trusted to, for every need that souls may have, spiritual and temporal. Since I received your first number of the ANNALS I have been wishing to write to thank you, but I am embarrassed to tell you what I would wish to express to you my gratitude and the joy you procure to a poor little Sister in putting your hand to the work of having the Foster Father of the Incarnate Word praised, loved and known in the United States by your ANNALS. Oh! how I feel the weight if I may so say of the vow of poverty, when it comes to have to restrain in spending means that I would like to send you to send his ANNALS wherever you feel they could do good, and reach the holy ends for which you have given them to the piety of St. Joseph's clients. But I can offer the sacrifice of this privation and ask that our loving Father may accept it and procure in His own choice the great benefit to many. I promise you, dear Father, the cooperation of our poor prayers for the success of your attempt, and I beg you to accept of them as the only tribute of grateful hearts. I send you the names or rather the addresses of our mission houses where I beg you will please send the monthly ANNALS with the No. 1 and 2 joined if possible. I will also send you the names of the members of our 'Cty, so you may admit each one of us to the privilege of the Arch-confraternity.

Please find M. O. to the amount of \$30.00, the surplus, if there is any after paying our ANNALS, you may use as you wish, dear Father, for the sake and love of St. Joseph.

May I ask that the needs both spiritual and temporal of our 'Cty may be recommended to the prayers of the devotees of St. Joseph. On our part we promise to pray for those who pray for us, and those St. Joseph wishes us to pray for.

May I dare to tell you, *courage*, yes, *courage* Father, let the work of St. Joseph's devotion prosper in your hands, and your pen be the messenger of hope and courage in every soul to whom the name of Saint Joseph and His ANNALS will reach.

If there is anything in which I can help you, let me assure you, dear Father, of my will and happiness to do so.

In union with all souls that have loved St. Joseph and love him actually in heaven, on earth or purgatory, I thank you and salute you, remaining Your humble servant in Jesus, ST. PIERRE.

We have experienced that Mother St. Pierre was not contented with words when it was question of the glory of God, the honor of St. Joseph, the salvation of souls. We applied to her assistance for the maintenance of the parochial school of St. Joseph. Without regard of the distance, of the expense, she undertook the work, sending able and competent teachers, happy to do such a meritorious work to please her good father St. Joseph.

With deep feelings of gratitude, in our bereavement, we may truly say: *Blessed is the dead, as her work follows her.*

J. F. D.

P. S. A letter from Lyons relates the last moment of Mother St. Pierre. She applied herself for the Holy Viaticum, at this occasion offering herself to her God by the renewal of her religious vows.

LORETO.

The Pilgrimage of Pilgrimages.

CHAPTER I.

DESCRIPTION OF THE HOLY HOUSE AND THE BASILICA.

Continued.

This Home of Mary calls forth the warmest, tenderest devotion towards her. Here she ministered to Jesus in His childhood, youth and manhood. Here she gave Him His daily food, and reclined at the same table. Here she listened to His words of wisdom, and meditated on them in her heart. Here there was the most perfect union of hearts. Jesus loved to

converse with no other as with her; no other was so much like Him; she was ever the most lovely and lovable of all God's creatures, and He Himself had prepared her heart, and Joseph's heart to understand His human Heart. Such a Home as this can only envy Paradise; and if vessels of perfume still retain the sweetness of the odour when the perfume itself is there no more, what shall we say of the sweetness of this place, which has held so long the source of all that is sweet in earth or heaven! Yes, the whole of this sacred House is impregnated with heavenly perfume (Eccles. xxiv. 20-24). The "mother of fair love" has "perfumed her Dwelling as frankincense," and as "aromatic balm" she is here. It is not like an empty vessel out of which the substance is gone; the presence of the Holy Family is still felt in their dear Home; their voices seem still to be heard; the Light of the world seems still to illuminate it; the smile of Mary still to rejoice it. We are constrained to exclaim: "Show me Thy face, and let Thy voice sound in my ears; for Thy voice is sweet and Thy face comely" (Canticles ii. 14).

The jewels which titled ladies have transferred from themselves to the Blessed Virgin, and the pectoral crosses from the breasts of cardinals and bishops, and all the magnificent offerings of monarchs and princes and nobles, and all votive offerings for graces obtained through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, have been almost innumerable, and a vast Treasury was erected in 1612, and was beautifully decorated by the delicate hand of Pomeranci. The size of this Treasury with its numberless cases, and shelves enclosed by glass doors, will give some idea of the confidence of Catholics in the miracle of the Translation of the Holy House, and how they prized the intercession of the Im-

maculate Virgin. Every hand and heart has been open to shower its treasures and benedictions on her, and all Christendom has but one voice to thank and to praise the Virgin of Loreto, who renders in return for gifts "good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over"; "given into their bosom" (Luke vi. 38).

To be continued.

THANKSGIVINGS.

San Jose, Cal.—Dear Father: Thank St. Joseph for me. I prayed to him that my husband might get a long lease of the mine he is working, and he has now. J. J.

P. C., Missouri.—Please thank God through his dear saint for the great favor He has granted my husband. On last Wednesday he received our dear Lord in Holy Communion. Words cannot express my gratitude for the grace to perform duty so long neglected. The one, who was at death's door some time ago, is now well and able to attend to business. Also myself have abundant reasons for thankfulness; After a long tedious sickness, I am now well and strong. A. F. B.

Chicago, Ill.—I would like to have a Mass said in honor of St. Joseph for the holy souls in thanksgiving for a favor received. M. D.

C., Wisconsin.—Rev. Father, please burn a lamp with olive oil during nine days in St. Joseph's shrine in thanksgiving for my sister's recovery from a serious illness. MACERDOS.

Want of space compels us to postpone other thanksgiving until next month.

UNION OF PRAYERS, PETITIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS.

The two Masses said Wednesday and Friday and the prayers of the Associates will be applied to:

His Holiness Leo XIII and the triumph of the Church.

The Most Reverend F. X. Katzer, Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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 Oneidas.

The Association of the Catholic Press.
The Parochial Schools.

That St. Joseph, the guardian of children, taking them under his protection preserve them from any scheme or plan opposed to the liberty of Christian education.

For blessings upon our teaching Religious Orders.

The Holy League of children consecrated to St. Joseph.

For justice, peace and harmony between laborers and their masters.

For prosperity and the increase of all Catholic benevolent societies.

That the Associates of St. Joseph unite in a strong crusade against blasphemy and intemperance.

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.

The increase and prosperity of the Deliverance society or Union for the relief of the "Poor Souls."

For the spiritual, moral, social and financial welfare of all the laborers and tradesmen.

For the reunion of all schismatic churches with Rome, the Mother-Church.

For the liberation of Rome from its masonic tyrants.

For the liberation of Jerusalem out of the hands of Mohammedans and Christians.

For the conversion of Jews.

262 Benefactors—36 Communities—260 Conversions—25 Deceased Persons—26 Employments—80 Families—88 Girls—15 Happy Deaths—170 Intemperate persons—350 Particular Intentions—35 Perseverances—60 Priests and their parishes—190 Religious and Nuns—250 Sick persons—450 Spiritual Blessings—15 Superiors—475 Temporal Blessings—18 Travelers—60 Undertakings—300 Vocations—250 Young Men—60 Hopeless Cases—25 Perseverances.

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THE DELIVERANCE

—OR—

Union of the Living for the Relief of the Poor Souls.

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.



bers of the society. Conditions: 1st, Inscription of your name and surname. 2nd, to send each year an offering of 25 cents.

DO NOT FAIL to send the names of your departed parents and friends for their inscription in the "OBITUARY BOOK" of St. Joseph's Church, WEST DE PERE, WISCONSIN, that they may have share in perpetuity in the prayers and suffrages, offered for the Deliverance of the "Poor Souls."

THE DELIVERANCE UNION is established to procure to the souls, lingering in Purgatory, a prompt succor by the daily celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass and the offering of the satisfactory works of the mem-

MONTHLY OBITUARY.

Jno. B. Barrett, aged 35 years died at Cecile, Ohio, January 1st, 1892.

Sister M. Francis Bunting, who was zealously interested in the prosperity of the Archconfraternity, died December 16th, 1891, at the monastery of the Visitation, Mount de Sales, Md.

Rev. Mother Julia, Sister M. Regena and Sister Thomas of the same Monastery, who died the 12th, 15th, and 23d of December.

Thomas Bradley, a faithful and devoted member of our Association, who died at Cooperstown, January 19th, fortified by the Sacraments of the Church.

Cardinal Simeoni, who died January 14th, at Rome. The Associates will gratefully remember that His Eminence encouraged by a very kind letter the propagation of the devotion to St. Joseph in America.

Right Rev. John Loughlin, died December 29th, 1891, aged 74 years.

Mr. Dixon, who died at Allegheny City, on the 5th of January, fortified by the Sacraments.

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THE OBJECT of this Association, favored by His Holiness, with the title of "ARCHCONFRA-
TERNITY" for Northern America, is:

- 1st. To promote and to propagate the devotion to St. Joseph in America.
- 2d. To unite under the Patronage of St. Joseph all its members, living and dead, so that in a perpetual bond of charity, they help one another by prayer and other good works.
- 3d. To recommend the members to the protection of St. Joseph and to obtain his help and assistance during life, at the hour of death and in the expiation of Purgatory.

Conditions to be members are:

- 1st. To have his name and surname entered into the register of the Archconfraternity.
- 2d. To say every day the following ejaculation: St. Joseph, Most Pure Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, pray for us.

Indulgences: Plenary. 1st. On the day of admission. 2d. At the hour of death. 3d. On the principal Feast of the Association and Octave. 4th. On the day appointed by the Bishop and on the seven following days.—Partial. 7 years and 7 quarantines four times a year on holidays, Sundays or weekdays for visiting a church or chapel.—60 days for various acts of piety. (ANNALS page 115, Vol. III.)

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.

A lamp is burning day and night before the Holy Face and special prayers are offered to the Sacred Face of our Lord every day for the conversion of the intemperate persons and blasphemers. The members of St. Joseph's Association are earnestly requested to join their prayers to check such disastrous evils as intemperance and blasphemy.

The Deliverance unites the living members for the relief of the souls in Purgatory and especially of the departed Associates by the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass.

The Holy League of Children

Under the Patronage of St. Joseph.

1. The names of children, to be placed under the protection of St. Joseph, are written on a special book, which remains at the feet of the statue.
2. The consecration is not limited to the feast of the Patronage, but can be done at any time, in sending the names.
3. No special ceremony is necessary but teachers or parents who desire to procure a favorable impression to the young ones, can do something in the family circle or in the school.
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.
6. There is no obligation whatever. But children will do well if they say the Hall Joseph, etc.—It will remember them the good devotion, which will be their safeguard.

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

The expense for a lamp with olive oil is:

For 9 days,	\$ 0.75
" 30 days,	2.00
" one year	25.00
Wax tapers, candles, from ten to forty cents.	

According to its special object, the Archconfraternity publishes the ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH, which is a treatise of the devotion to St. Joseph in its doctrinal, historical and practical aspect. Every family devoted to St. Joseph should take a subscription.