

St. Norbert College

Digital Commons @ St. Norbert College

Annals of St. Joseph

Center for Norbertine Studies

8-1892

Volume IV, Number Six

J. F. Durin

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.snc.edu/annalsofstjoseph>



Part of the [Catholic Studies Commons](#)

St. Joseph's Archconfraternity,

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

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 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 Hail 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.

VOL. IV AUG., 1892. NO. 8.

ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH

THE
MOST PURE SPOUSE
OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

with a Comm

Monthly Catholic Journal

PUBLISHED BY

The Archconfraternity of St. Joseph, at West De Pere, Wis.

In the Interest of the Devotion to St. Joseph.

With the approbation of RIGHT REV. S. G. MESSMER, Bishop of Green Bay.

PATRON
OF
THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH
PATRON
OF
THE HAPPY DEATH.
PILLAR OF THE WORLD.



MODEL AND PROTECTOR
OF
CHRISTIAN FAMILIES.
HELPER
OF
THE "POOR SOULS."
ORNAMENT OF HEAVEN.

The Annals of St. Joseph.

Entered at the Post Office at West De Pere as second-class matter.

VOL. IV.

AUGUST, 1892.

NO. 6.

CONTENTS.

Decoration of St. Joseph's Shrine.....	Page 81
The Glory of St. Joseph.....	" 82
Official Documents for the Establishment of the Archconfraternity.....	" 84
Indulgences.....	" 88
To the Clients of St. Joseph.....	" 88
Editorials.....	" 91
The Guardians of the Tabernacle.....	" 92
Thanksgiving Day of the Archconfraternity.....	" 93
Correspondence.....	" 94
Prayer to the Queen of Angels.....	" 94
Mary Jane.....	" 95
Thanksgiving.....	" 96
Union of Prayers, Petitions, Recommendations, (Cover)	
Monthly Obituary, (Cover.)	

THE ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH, published with the approbation of the Right Rev. S. G. Messmer Bishop of Green Bay, and with the recommendation of His Eminence Cardinal Simeoni, His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, the Most Rev. Elder, Archbishop of Cincinnati, and the Right Rev. Bishops of Davenport, Covington, South Dakota, Marquette, San Antonio, Joppa, Trois Rivières, St. Albert's, were last year favored with the Apostolic Benediction of the Sovereign Pontiff. They are coming in season, to foster, to propagate, to explain the beautiful Devotion of the Holy and glorious Patron of the Catholic Church.

They will condense all that has been said in the past and all that will be said in the future 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 no wise wish to forego the judgment of the Church. We do also declare that we intend to write nothing but what may be entirely conformable to the 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.

TERMS.

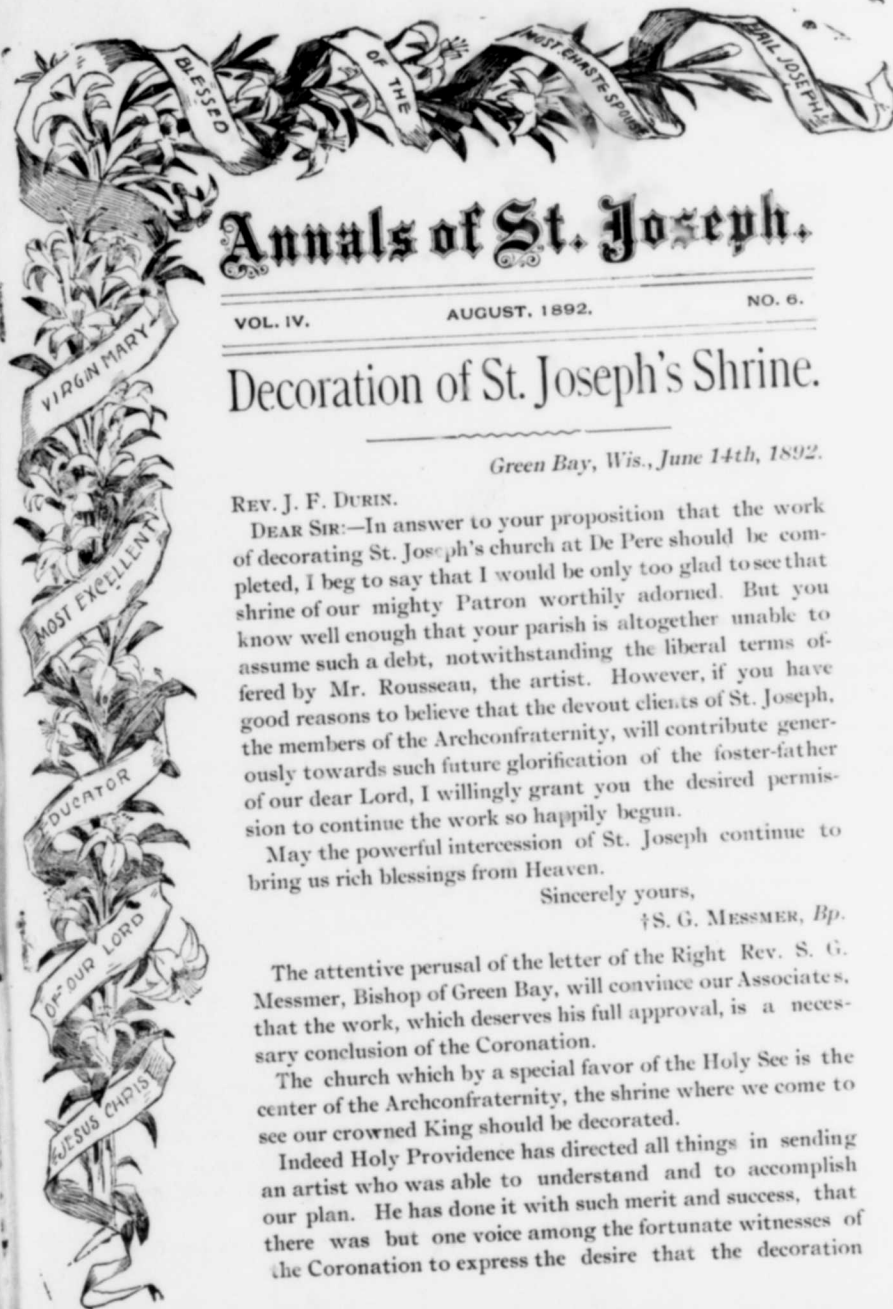
SINGLE SUBSCRIPTION,

75 Cents.

Payment in advance. Money may be sent either in registered letter or P. O. order or draft, to

REV. J. F. DURIN, West De Pere, Wis.

Subscribers who do not receive the ANNALS regularly should at once state the fact. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary, are considered wishing to continue their subscription.



Annals of St. Joseph.

VOL. IV.

AUGUST, 1892.

NO. 6.

Decoration of St. Joseph's Shrine.

Green Bay, Wis., June 14th, 1892.

REV. J. F. DURIN.

DEAR SIR:—In answer to your proposition that the work of decorating St. Joseph's church at De Pere should be completed, I beg to say that I would be only too glad to see that shrine of our mighty Patron worthily adorned. But you know well enough that your parish is altogether unable to assume such a debt, notwithstanding the liberal terms offered by Mr. Rousseau, the artist. However, if you have good reasons to believe that the devout clients of St. Joseph, the members of the Archconfraternity, will contribute generously towards such future glorification of the foster-father of our dear Lord, I willingly grant you the desired permission to continue the work so happily begun.

May the powerful intercession of St. Joseph continue to bring us rich blessings from Heaven.

Sincerely yours,

†S. G. MESSMER, Bp.

The attentive perusal of the letter of the Right Rev. S. G. Messmer, Bishop of Green Bay, will convince our Associates, that the work, which deserves his full approval, is a necessary conclusion of the Coronation.

The church which by a special favor of the Holy See is the center of the Archconfraternity, the shrine where we come to see our crowned King should be decorated.

Indeed Holy Providence has directed all things in sending an artist who was able to understand and to accomplish our plan. He has done it with such merit and success, that there was but one voice among the fortunate witnesses of the Coronation to express the desire that the decoration

should be continued as it was commenced.

We beg our Associates, who have manifested such enthusiasm and devotedness for the Coronation of their beloved Saint, to believe that we have given to the question the most serious attention and consideration. We commence to measure the distance which separates us from the grave, and we dread to leave the work of St. Joseph encumbered with debts. But on another side, we are responsible for the good management of the Archconfraternity. Well, this great undertaking of the propagation of the devotion of St. Joseph in America is not granted for us, for our private advantage and self-contentment, but we desire to be the servant of the work, rightly handling the interests of St. Joseph's Archconfraternity.

Therefore we are not allowed to leave the good work in the "*statu quo*" in its present condition; but it must be developed and improved at any cost. This is a precious talent which we cannot keep laid up in a napkin but which must profit and increase for the honor of St. Joseph and the benefit of the Associates.

There is no objection against the advantage, no, the necessity to continue the decoration as it was commenced.

Shall we make our Associates the reproach that they are tired to help the good cause and that they will not contribute any more to a work so happily begun? We continue the work and we rest assured that we do it with approval of our friends in St. Joseph.

We are inclined to believe that the next year, at the occasion of the World's Fair, many members of the Archconfraternity will pay a visit to the shrine of their beloved Patron. Therefore the church must be completed, so that the visitors may easily satisfy their devotion.

We give today the first list of the sub-

scribers for the decoration of St. Joseph's shrine. We are not surprised that the list is small. Most of the Associates have lately contributed to the Coronation of St. Joseph and they cannot just now contribute but they promise to come later with another offering.

The subscription is fixed at \$5.00 each share and can be paid in monthly installments of \$1.00.

Tablets artistically arranged, will bear the names of the subscribers. Fourteen large tableaux will describe the whole life of St. Joseph.

Any subscriber to twenty-five shares (\$125, payable in twelve months) will have his name attached to a tableau as his personal donation.

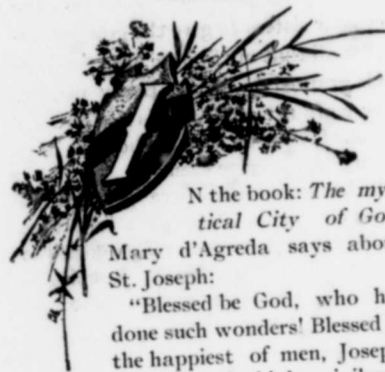
We earnestly beg our Associates to make known our project to their friends and all pious persons devoted to St. Joseph.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE DECORATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S SHRINE, WEST DE PERE.

First List.

Thos. Bell and family, instalment	\$ 1.00
Sister Mechtildis,	5.00
Sister Agnes Gonzaga,	5.00
W. F. Grosse,	5.00
Mrs. M. A. McGrath,	5.00
Kate Yully and family,	5.00
Mrs. Mary R. Dyer, instalment	1.00
Theo. Infalt, id.	2.00
Rose M. Dunne, id.	1.00
Thos. Connor, Park City,	5.00
Sister M. Beatrix,	10.00
Mrs. Dorothea Buschman,	5.00
Mrs. M. Thumel, instalments, 3 shares,	6.00
W. Z. Cozens,	5.00
Thos. O'Connor, National Home, Wis.,	5.00
David Donovan,	5.00
Rev. A. Smitz, De Pere,	5.00
Total of the first list,	\$76.00

THE GLORY OF ST. JOSEPH.



In the book: *The mystical City of God*, Mary d'Agreda says about St. Joseph:

"Blessed be God, who has done such wonders! Blessed be the happiest of men, Joseph, who has received such high privileges! He must be known and blessed by all generations, because he was elevated by God above all other men and there is none, who was so much loved. How many wonderful revelations were made to him! It is not possible to relate them all but we may know that he had a perfect knowledge of the mysteries concerning our Lord and his blessed mother, as he lived so long in their company, being supposed to be the Father of the Divine Saviour and having been spoused to the Queen of Heaven. Moreover, the Almighty, as a reward of his holiness, has granted him several privileges in favor of all those who will choose him as their patron and would pray to him with a sincere devotion.

The first one is that St. Joseph obtain for those, who confidently invoke him, the virtue of chastity with the grace to overcome all dangerous and impure temptations.

St. Joseph has also the power to obtain the efficacious graces, that we may abandon sin and recover the friendship of God.

The third privilege of the devotion to St. Joseph is to secure the love of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her powerful assistance.

Through the devotion to St. Joseph we will obtain the grace of a happy death and strong help at this moment against the efforts of the devil.

The name of St. Joseph alone causes great fear to the devils.

Experience proves that the intercession of St. Joseph is very efficacious to preserve bodily health as well as to remove the dangers of sickness.

The devotion to St. Joseph is a blessing, securing to them temporal and spiritual blessings from generation to generation.

God grants all these favors and many others to those who beg them with piety through the intercession of the Spouse of our Queen, the glorious St. Joseph, therefore, I beseech the faithful children of the Holy Church to be devoted to this great Saint and they may rest assured that they will certainly receive the help of his protection if they try to deserve it by their piety."

To these promises Mary d'Agreda joins the following instruction as dictated by the Blessed Virgin Mary herself: "My daughter, said she, you were right when you have written that my Spouse Joseph was the most illustrious of the Saints and of the heavenly princes, but it would be a vain attempt to describe his eminent holiness. It is not given to a mortal man to understand it on earth. They will discover it, when they will see God face to face and then they will praise Him in contemplating the glorious elevation of my Spouse.

At the last judgement, the reprobate will bitterly cry because their sins have estranged them from this powerful and efficacious means of salvation. They will regret to have neglected to use it, as through St. Joseph they could recover the friendship of God.

Till now the world has not known

sufficiently the privileges and favors granted by the Almighty to my holy Spouse, as well as the power of his intercession. I assure you, my daughter, that among saints, my Spouse is the most powerful advocate, who can avert the divine anger and save the sinners.

But as his holiness and power have been revealed to you in an extraordinary manner, you must show your gratitude for this great favor.

Become more and more devoted to St. Joseph. Love him tenderly, offer continual praise and thanks to God because he has granted such wonderful gifts to my Spouse.

In all your needs, apply to his intercession. Propagate his devotion. Exhort your sisters to give the good example; for all that my Spouse asks in heaven is granted on earth. Every prayer, every word uttered from his lips obtains precious favors to men, who are not unworthy to receive them.

All these privileges were granted to him as a reward of his perfect innocence and his eminent virtues. Therefore the divine mercy will glorify St. Joseph by opening his treasures for those who will apply to his intercession."

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ARCHCONFRATERNITY.

LEO P. P. XIII.

Ad perpetuam rei memoriam.

Cum sicut accepimus, in Ecclesia sub titulo S. Joseph, B. M. V. I. Sponsi, loci vulgo De Pere, diocesis Sinus Viridis, pia et devota utriusque Sexus Christi Fidelium Confraternitas, sub eodem titulo, cujus confratres et consorores quam plurima pietatis et charitatis opera exercere consueverint, seu intendunt; Nos quoque Confraternitas hujus modi majora in dies suscipiat incrementa, de Omnipotentis Dei misericordia, de B. B. Petri et Pauli Apostolorum ejus auctoritate confisi omnibus et singulis utriusque Sexus Christi fidelibus, qui dictam Confraternitatem in posterum ingredientur, die primo eorum ingressus, si vere poenitentes et confessi. SSimum Eucharistiae Sacramentum sumpserint, *Plenariam* ac tam adscriptis quam pro tempore adscribendis in dictam Confraternitatem confratribus et consororibus in cujuslibet eorum mortis articulo, si vere quoque poenitentes et confessi ac Sancta communione refecti vel quatenus id facere nequeverint, saltem contriti nomen Jesu ore, si potuerint, sin minus corde devote invocaverint, etiam *Plenariam*; necnon eis dem nunc et pro tempore existentibus in

LEO P. P. XIII.

For perpetual remembrance.

As we have been informed that, in the church of St. Joseph, in the City of De Pere, of the Diocese of Green Bay, was established an Association of St. Joseph whose members are united in the exercise of pious and charitable works, willing that the aforesaid Association each day increase more and more, trusting in the Mercy of God Almighty, and by the authority of the Apostles SS. Peter and Paul, we grant to all the faithful who henceforth will be admitted into the confraternity, a *plenary indulgence* on the day of their admission, if being sorry for their sins, they are absolved and receive the holy Communion. We grant also a *plenary indulgence*, at the hour of death, to all those who have been already admitted or will be hereafter, if with contrite heart they receive absolution and holy communion, or if being unable to do so, they invoke the Holy Name of Jesus, at least in their heart, if they cannot speak.

præfata Confraternitate confratribus et consororibus etiam vere poenitentibus et confessis ac sancta Communione refectis, qui præfatae confraternitatis Ecclesiam seu capellam vel Oratorium die festo principali confraternitatis per eosdem confratres semel tantum eligendo et ab Ordinario approbando vel unoquo cumque eorum libeat ex septem diebus continuis immediate subsequentibus singulis annis devote visitaverint et ibi pro Christianorum Principum concordia, heresum extirpatione, peccatorum conversione ac S. Matris Ecclesie exaltatione pias ad Deum preces effuderint, *Plenariam* similiter omnium peccatorum suorum indulgentiam et remissionem misericorditer in Domino Concedimus. Insuper dictis confratribus et consororibus saltem corde contritis Ecclesiam seu capellam vel oratorium in quatuor aliis anniferiatis, seu Dominicis diebus per memoratos confratres semel tantum etiam eligendis et ab Ordinario approbandis ut supra visitantibus et ibidem orantibus, quo die prædictorum id egerint, *Septem Annos* et totidem *Quadragesimas*. Quoties vero Missis et aliis divinis Officiis in Ecclesia seu capella vel oratorio hujus modi pro tempore celebrandis et recitandis interfuerint, aut quascumque Processiones de licentia Ordinarii faciendas, SSimum que Eucharistiae Sacramentum tam in Processionibus quam cum ad infirmos, aut alias quocumque pro tempore deferretur; comitati fuerint, vel si impediti campanæ ad id signo dato, semel orationem Dominicam et Salutationem Angelicam dixerint, aut etiam quinquies orationem et salutationem eadem pro animabus defunctorum confratrum et consororum hujus modi recitaverint, toties pro quolibet prædictorum operum exercitio *Sexaginta Dies* de injunctis eis, seu alias quomodolibet debitis poenitentibus in forma Ecclesie consueta relaxamus. Quas omnes et singulas indulgentias, peccatorum remissiones ac poenitentiarum relaxationes etiam animabus Christi Fidelium, quæ Deo in charitate conjunctæ ab hac luce migraverint, per modum suffragii applicari posse, etiam in Domino indulgemus.

We grant also a *plenary indulgence* to every member of the Association, who after having received absolution and holy communion, will piously visit the church of the confraternity or another church or chapel, on the principal Feast of the Association fixed by them with the approbation of the Bishop or one of the seven following days, once at their choice every year under the condition to pray for the concord between Christian princes, for the destruction of heresy, the conversion of sinners and the exaltation of our Holy Mother the Church.

Moreover we grant an indulgence of seven years and seven quarantines to the Associates, who with contrite heart will visit the Church or a chapel or an oratory, four times a year on holidays, or Sundays, or weekdays at their choice.

But as often as the Associates will hear Mass or assist at a service in a church, chapel or oratory; when they will join the processions ordered by the Bishop, if they follow the Blessed Sacrament carried to the sick, or if they cannot, when they hear the bell announcing that the priest is carrying Holy Viaticum, recite one *Pater* and one *Ave*, or if they say five times *Pater* and *Ave* for the repose of the souls of the departed Associates, for any act of piety or charity, we grant *sixty days of indulgence* according to the practice of the Church.

Each one and all those indulgences can be applied to the souls who left this world in the grace of God, as suffrages are applied.

These favors are granted in perpetuity. We decide also by our own authority that if there was some indulgence of the same kind granted before to this Association, it should be declared void and null by these letters and by our authority.

Præsentibus perpetuis futuris temporibus valituris. Volumus autem ut si alias dictis confratribus aut sororibus præmissa peragentibus aliqua alia indulgentia similis perpetuo vel ad tempus nondum elapsum duratura concessa fuerit, illa revocata sit, pro ut per præsentem apostolicam auctoritate revocamus; atque si dicta confraternitas alicui Archconfraternitati aggregata jam sit, vel in posterum aggregetur, aut quavis alia ratione uniatur, vel etiam quomodo libet instituat, priores et quævis alie Litteræ Apostolicæ illi nullatenus suffragentur, sed ex tunc eo ipso nullæ sint.

Datum Romæ, apud S. Petrum, sub annulo piscatoris, die XIV Augusti MDCCCXCI Pontificatus Nostri anno decimo Quarto.

Pro Domino Card. Ledochowski,

J. ARCHIEPUS SELEUCEN, *Subst.*

LEO P. P. XIII.

Ad Perpetuam rei memoriam.

Pias Christi Fidelium Confraternitates ad pietatis et charitatis opera exercenda institutas, quæ et religionis studio et Sodalium frequentia et susceptis pro re Catholica laboribus peculiaribus meritis floresceret, de more Romanorum Pontificum, Prædecessorum nostrorum amplissimis decorare titulis privilegiis que solemus. Iam vero cum cooperum habeamus harum in numerum jure referendam esse, frugiferam utriusque Sexus Christi Fidelium sodalitatem quæ sub titulo Sancti Josephi Beatæ Mariæ Virginis Immaculatæ Sponsi, in civitate vulgo "West De Pere" appellata diocesis Sinus Viridis intra fines in Fæderatis Borealis Americæ Statibus canonice erecta existit, quumque ejusdem. Associationis moderator gravissimo ipsius diocesis Antistitis commendationis officio suffultus, preces Nobis adhibuerit ut ipsam *Archisodalitatis* titulo privilegiisque augere de Nostra Indulgentia velimus. Nos votis hujus modi annuendum libenti animo censuimus. Quare omnes et singulos quibus Nostræ hæc Litteræ favent, peculiari benevolentia complectentes et a quibus vis excommunicationis et interdicti

Accordingly, if the aforesaid Association has been affiliated to some Archconfraternity or would be aggregated in the future we declare that such union is henceforth invalid.

Given at Rome, at St. Peter, under the seal of the Fisher, on the XIV day of August MDCCCXCI, in the fourteenth year of Our Pontificate.

For His Eminence Card. Ledochowski,
F. ARCHIEPUS SELEUCIA,

Subst.

LEO XIII,
seal of
the Fisher.

LEO P. P. XIII.

For Remembrance in perpetuity.

According to the practice of the Roman Pontiffs, our Predecessors, we are accustomed to enrich with titles and privileges the pious Associations of the Faithful, which, being established for the exercise of works of piety and charity, contribute to the advance of the Catholic Religion by the zeal of their members, their labor and their merits. Being informed that among such works, there was in the City of "West De Pere," diocese of Green Bay, in the United States of Northern America, a pious Association under the Patronage of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, and that the Director of said Association, provided with a strong recommendation of his Bishop, supplicantly applied to obtain the favor that the Association should be enriched with the title and privileges of Archconfraternity for the States of Northern America, we have willingly consented to grant the favor.

Therefore embracing in our charity all and each one of those, who are favored by Our Letters, by our Apostolic authority, and by virtue of the present letters, we absolve them from Excommuni-

aliisque ecclesiasticis censuris sententiis poenis quovis modo vel quavis de causa latis, si quas forte incurrerint hujus tantum rei gratia absolventes et absolutos fore censentes, auctoritate Nostra Apostolica, præsentium vi memoratam Sodalitatem sub titulo Sancti Josephi Beatæ Mariæ Virginis Immaculatæ Sponsi; in ecclesia civitatis "West De Pere" vulgo nuncupatæ, diocesis Sinus Viridis intra fines, in fæderatis Borealis Americæ Statibus canonice institutam, in *Archisodalitatem* cum solitis privilegiis perpetuum in modum erigimus atque institimus. *Archisodalitatis* autem sic erectæ officialibus et sodalibus præsentibus et futuris. ut ipsi alias quascumque Associationes ejusdem nominis atque instituti per Universam Septentrionalem Americam existentes, servatis tamen forma Constitutionis Clementis P. P. VIII, Prædecessoris Nostri, aliis que Apostolicis Ordinationibus desuper editis, aggregare, illisque indulgentias consuetas pro piis sodalitatibus nuperrime ipsi Sodalitati sic in *Archisodalitatem* per Nos erectæ, per Apostolicas eadem hæc forma datas et cæteras a Nobis concessas, communicare licite possint ac valeant, eadem Auctoritate Nostra, harum litterarum vi, perpetuo item concedimus atque indulgemus. Decernentes præsentem litteras firmas validas et efficaces semper existere et fore illisque ad quos spectat et pro tempore quomodolibet et in omnibus et per omnia plenissime suffragari et irritum esse et inane si secus super fiet a quoquam quavis auctoritate scienter vel ignoranter contigerit attemptari. Non obstantibus Apostolicis ac decretis universalibus provincialibus que et synodalibus, conciliis et edictis generalibus vel specialibus constitutionibus et ordinationibus, et quatenus opus sit, prædictæ confraternitatis, etiam juramento, confirmatione Apostolica vel quavis firmitate alia roboratis, constitutionibus, cæteris que contrariis quibuscumque.

Datum Romæ apud Sanctum Petrum, sub annulo Piscatoris die XVI Januarii MDCCCXCII, Pontificatus Nostri anno Decimo Quarto. M. CARD. LEDOCHOWSKI.

cation interdict, and other Ecclesiastical censures, sentences or punishments whatever, all who may have incurred them and WE DECLARE TO BE ERECTED INTO ARCHCONFRATERNITY, with all privileges, the Association of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary canonically established in the Church of St. Joseph at West De Pere, diocese of Green Bay, in the United States of Northern America. We grant also in perpetuity now and for the future the power of AGGREGATING all over Northern America the societies of the same name and object and of conferring them the favor to gain the indulgences which were lately granted to the said Archconfraternity, provided they always observe the Constitution of Clement VIII P. P., our Predecessor, and other Apostolic Regulations. We decree that the present Letters remain firm, valid and effective, and they may be observed by all who are concerned in them now and in the future, and anything that will be done against them by any authority with knowledge or by ignorance will be without effect and void, notwithstanding Apostolic and universal decrees, provincial and synodal constitutions, general and special Ordinations, and as much as it is wanted by the said Archconfraternity for its stability and apostolic establishment.

Given at Rome at St. Peter, under the ring of the Fisherman, XVI day of January, MDCCCXCII, in the XVI year of Our Pontificate.

LEO XIII,
PONT. MAX.
seal of
the Fisherman

M. CARD.
LEDOCHOWSKI.

INDULGENCES.

Granted to the Archconfraternity of St. Joseph by Special Brief of August 14th, 1891.

Plenary Indulgences.

1. On the day of Admission.
2. At the hour of death.
3. On the day of the principal Feast of the Association or one of the seven following days.

Confession and Communion with the visit of a church or chapel are obligatory conditions to gain the above indulgences.

Partial Indulgences.

1. Seven years and seven quarantines to the Associates, who with a contrite heart will visit the church or a chapel or an oratory four times a year on holidays or Sundays, or weekdays at their choice.

2. Sixty days each time that the Associates hear Mass or assist at a service, when they join a procession ordered by the Bishop, if they follow the Blessed Sacrament carried to the sick, or when hearing the bell announcing the carrying of Holy Viaticum if they recite one Pater and one Ave—or when they say five times our Father and Hail Mary! for the repose of the souls of the departed Associates, or for any act of piety or charity.

Each one and all those indulgences can be applied to the souls in Purgatory.

TO THE CLIENTS OF ST. JOSEPH.

So great is the favor granted to this country in the establishment of the Archconfraternity of St. Joseph for Northern America, that we have decided to reprint the official documents, requesting all the clients of St. Joseph to read them attentively, so that they may understand their value and the spiritual benefits,

which will derive from this precious and holy work: the propagation of the devotion to St. Joseph.

We may notice at first that the merit of our Association is sanctioned by the highest authority on earth. The Holy Father himself acknowledges that it deserves to be encouraged and therefore he grants to it the highest honor and title. This official document establishing a center of devotion to St. Joseph in Northern America is a solemn appeal made to the Catholics of this country, who ought to honor the glorious Patron of the Church and to apply for his protection. Becoming members of the Archconfraternity we turn into practice the advice of the Holy Father, who, in his remarkable Encyclical of August 15, 1889, says that: Men of all conditions and of every country have cause for recommending and entrusting themselves to the faithfulness and to the care of the Blessed Joseph. The fathers of families find in St. Joseph the most beautiful personification of paternal vigilance and solicitude; the married a perfect example of love, unity, and conjugal fidelity; virgins have in him not only the model but the protector of virginal integrity. The noble by birth may learn from St. Joseph how to preserve their dignity even in misfortune; the rich may comprehend through his teachings what are the goods to be desired and acquired at the price of all efforts. As to laborers, mechanics, and people of middle estate, they have a special right to have recourse to Joseph, and take to him for their guide. Joseph of royal race, and united in marriage to the greatest and most holy of women, regarded as the father of the Son of God, nevertheless passed his life in labor, and obtained by his work, as an artisan, all that was necessary for the maintenance of his family. Most true is it then that the condition

of the lowly is not abject; and not only is the labor of the workman not dishonoring, but it may be highly ennobled when it is joined to virtue. Joseph, content with the little he possessed, supported the inherent difficulties of the lowliness of his fortune with greatness of soul, in imitation of his Son, Who, having accepted the form of a servant—He, the Lord of all things—voluntarily subjected Himself to indigence and to the want of all.

There are many pious souls in America who have experienced the advantage of the devotion to St. Joseph. They find no words equal to their gratitude, and they earnestly desire that practices to honor him should be known and propagated everywhere. The Archconfraternity is this efficacious and necessary means. From its center will radiate to every part of the country the knowledge of our great Saint. His shrine is open to everybody, that from all places anyone may come and offer requests and supplications. The monthly messenger, the ANNALS convey to the Associates the doctrine and the facts which may foster and develop in their hearts the veneration and love of their Patron.

There is a great attraction in America for societies. The smallest interests bring men into some union. The character of the country is remarkably signalized by the motto:

E PLURIBUS UNUM.

We assemble, we unite our efforts for the propagation of an idea for the success of an enterprise, because common sense and experience tell us: It is better that two should be together than one, for they have the advantage of their society. If one falls, he shall be supported by the other; woe to him that is alone; for when he falleth, he hath none to lift him up: a threefold cord is not easily broken.

Would that this principle so easily un-

derstood and so eagerly applied in temporal affairs be considered and accepted when it is a question of the glory of God and of our spiritual interests. Pious societies are not understood as they ought to be. For many it seems to be a question of inscription of names accompanied with a trifling offering. Some good may result of such temporary organisations, but they do not deserve the name of societies, because the condition or quality of a society is to be *permanent*. This is the distinction between St. Joseph's Archconfraternity and other pious societies. This principal association is a permanent one because it is acknowledged and confirmed by the supreme authority with the description of the limits in which it may live and work. It will be permanent in its object, which is to foster and to propagate the devotion to St. Joseph, permanent in its benefits and privileges, viz. indulgences, Masses, union of prayers, etc.

The attraction of a society arises especially from the glory and the nobility of its Patron. Behold the Divine Son of God the highest, Jesus Christ! Behold the incomparable Mother of God, the Immaculate Virgin Mary! And next: The glorious St. Joseph, our Patron, with his attractive and powerful name, the One who deserved to be revered and loved by God. Truly the members of the Archconfraternity may say with the Prophet: *In him our heart shall rejoice, and in his holy name we have trusted.*

If we will trace the origin of an Association under the Patronage of St. Joseph, we are brought back to the beginning of our religious history, we must open the door of the house where dwelt Jesus and Mary. There we will see them contented and happy under the guidance and care of Joseph. They rejoice in him. The gospel has consigned the fact: *Mary was spoused to Joseph and Jesus being*

(as it was supposed) the Son of Joseph. Truly their hearts rejoice in him and they have trusted in his holy name.

To be placed and to live under the Patronage which was divinely prepared and bestowed to the Son of God, Jesus, to the Blessed Virgin Mary, this is the privilege of the Archconfraternity which is now established at West De Pere. Shall we see in its foundation a fortuitous circumstance, a private effort, a local affair? Let us read attentively the document which raises the former Association to the title of Archconfraternity and we will easily admit that the exaltation of St. Joseph in this country is the happy presage of salvation for many: *Fecit me quasi patrem regis et Dominum universae domus ejus. Exaltavit me, ut salvos faceret multos populos.* He has made me as it were a father to the king and Lord of his whole house. He has exalted me to save many people.

To extend the benefits of our union in St. Joseph, we beg to remind the advice of the Scripture: *Let not the part of a good gift overpass thee* (Eccl. XIV. 14). *But let us be an example in word, in conversation, in charity.*

The Holy Father has granted favors and privileges to the Association of St. Joseph that, according to its own words, *it may increase each day more and more*, and it can be done easily and with great profit if among the members we may find active *Promoters*. As the fire is naturally communicative, so we cannot imagine a true servant of St. Joseph, who, standing idle, would not contribute to the promotion of the devotion. The future of the work depends on the zeal and activity of our Associates. They have done already a great work: They have crowned their glorious Patron. It is good indeed to work for St. Joseph! Everything becomes prosperous in his hands. The little that we do for his

glorification brings such blessings, that it is a profit rather than a labor. We beg the reader to try it in becoming a Promoter of the Archconfraternity of St. Joseph, and of the pious works in which this Association is engaged.

In every society there are certain members called officers who have the direct management of its interests. Likewise, we heartily welcome the Associates, who in their respective residence would take in their hands the interests of the Archconfraternity. Practically the Promoter would act as far as it is possible in place of the Director, inscribing names, distributing tickets of admission, receiving subscriptions for the ANNALS and other offerings. With the promoter's assistance it will be easy to inscribe the intentions, to record the thanksgivings and to receive all news of interest for the Association.

Three years ago, when the Association was yet in its cradle, we addressed to the glorious Queen of Heaven to obtain that she deigns to take in her hands the cause of the glorification of her most chaste Spouse St. Joseph, and recollecting all that has been done in this short space of time: three years, we may gratefully and joyfully acknowledge the powerful assistance of the Blessed Virgin Mary. With entire confidence we will turn again to her to obtain that she continue to direct and to protect the Archconfraternity of her holy Spouse, in procuring to it active and faithful *Promoters*.

It will be the special intention of the novena, commencing on the 6th of August. We beg our Associates to unite in fervent prayers to obtain through the powerful intercession of the glorious Queen of heaven, that the country, which has recently given to St. Joseph a crown of gold and precious stones, may give him a more precious crown, a band of devoted souls entirely devoted to his cause as children are devoted to the interests of their father.

Annals of St. Joseph

The Most Pure Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY

— BY THE —

Archconfraternity of St. Joseph.

For the Propagation of the Devotion to St. Joseph in America.

TERMS: 75 cents a year in advance. To all who secure 10 subscriptions a copy will be sent free. Advertising rates on application.

Money may be sent either in registered letters or by post-office orders, payable at West De Pere, Wis., to Rev. J. P. Durin.

SEND your name to be enrolled in to the Archconfraternity. Procure this favor to your friends.

OUR motto: *Ite ad Joseph*. Go to Joseph. Our reward: *Custos Domini sui glorificabitur*. The Guardian of his Lord shall be glorified.

THOUGH we do not impose any pecuniary contribution to become a member, the Associates will remind that the society cannot exist without the assistance of its members. The engraving, printing, mailing of tickets, the expense of a large correspondence must be shared by those who receive the benefit.

SHARES for the decoration of St. Joseph's church are offered at \$5.00, each, to be paid in monthly instalments. Anyone who has seen the beautiful arrangement of the armorials applies for a share which is but a trifling expense when compared to the honor and profit to be forever remembered in the shrine of St. Joseph.

A NEW certificate with the picture of the crowned statue of St. Joseph is now at the disposal of the members of the Holy League. We send them on application by mail at the price of

one dollar per hundred. The Holy League recommends itself to the teachers of the parochial schools, who should be anxious to bring their pupils to St. Joseph.

THE Associates are in duty bound to contribute to the circulation and success of the ANNALS. This monthly messenger is the soul of the work. It establishes communication between the shrine and the Associates. With it, we may glorify our Patron and publish his favors. It is the echo of the Archconfraternity for the whole country. Every Christian family should subscribe to St. Joseph's ANNALS.

WE are now ready to send tickets of admission to the Associates. The principal cause of our delay is that we would procure to every member the picture of our crowned Patron. The inscription of names is obligatory to be a member and to share in privileges and indulgences. The inscription is individual therefore we cannot inscribe collective lists such as Mr. X and family, the Sisters of..... The little trouble taken to write names is largely paid by the benefits of the Association.

WE are requested to ask the prayers of the Archconfraternity to obtain the protection of St. Joseph in behalf of farmers whose lands are desolated by Canadian thistles. This weed multiplies so quickly that in few years a rich field may turn into a barren land. We thank our correspondent for his petition, and it is easy to give him full satisfaction, as a special object of the Archconfraternity is to present to God through St. Joseph, our united prayers to defend us against plagues and threatening calamities. Let us remember the words of Joseph: *God*

sent me before you, that you may be preserved upon the earth, and may have food to live. That St. Joseph's devotion was a powerful protection against plagues, epidemic, diseases, terrible calamities, is beyond question. We may write a volume with examples. Now European countries are threatened by the invasion of the dreadful cholera. Let us turn to St. Joseph, that we may have a powerful protector who may preserve us upon the earth.



THE GUARDIANS OF THE TABERNACLE.

Custos Domini sui glorificabitur.

We present to the Associates the seal or armorial of the Archconfraternity. It is made either to give an official character to the acts of our society or to express its object. In the center we see the crowned monogram of our glorious St. Joseph. To him we direct all our words and actions, and from him we receive the light and the heat of his beneficent action, therefore our password will be: *Ite ad Joseph*. To him we will direct the little ones, that they might under his guard live pure and innocent.

We will say to everybody, *Ite ad Joseph*, because he has been established guardian of the house, protector of the family. To the afflicted ones, to the sick, to the helpless, we will say: *Go to Joseph*, because in him they will find always a strong protector and defender. But there is another symbol, full of meaning: The wheat-ear and the grape. Symbols of life, because life is fed by bread and wine, the symbol also of sacrifice and the holy Eucharist because under the appearance of bread and wine Our Lord hides his body, his soul, his divinity and by this means he becometh the life of the world. It is beautifully adapted to St. Joseph's mission and to his work on earth. Truly by his fatigues, his labors, he has earned the daily bread of our Lord, fostering, preserving his life that he may become the victim of the Golgotha and the sweet holy Bread, which gives life to souls.

For this unique mission accomplished with such devotedness and affection the whole world owes to St. Joseph an eternal gratitude and there is no honor equal to his merit. The guardian of his Lord shall be glorified. Let us then assemble from every clime, from every country to offer our homages to the foster father of our Lord.

But in the glorification of St. Joseph we discover the principle of our own glorification. We may easily become the guardians of our Lord. Where is He? Let us enter into the church; let us approach the tabernacle!

We adore thee, hidden Deity.

The Incarnate Word was abbreviated to receive the care, the attention of Joseph, spending thirty years in a small dwelling, contented with the affection of his mother and his foster father. Now He accepts to live in a lower condition that we might, as Mary and Joseph, prove our love and devotedness to Him.

O, how great is the multitude of thy sweetness, O Lord, which thou hast hidden for them that fear Thee. (Ps. XXX, 20.) O Lord, is it then to be thought that God should indeed dwell upon earth? For if heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee, how much less the house which men have built! However this is truly the house of God, his tabernacle with men, where He will hear their prayers and show them mercy.

We may truly become the guardians of the Lord like St. Joseph if we piously consider the design of God in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

Our St. Joseph is highly praised and exalted because he has received a privilege which was not granted to the kings and to the prophets, viz. to see and to hear their Lord God. But St. Joseph not only has seen him and heard his words, but he has provided him with food and clothes, he has carried him into his arms, embracing him tenderly and lovingly.

Likely our Lord Jesus is continually and perpetually our guest. We are invited to provide for His dwelling, for his clothes. He is confined in the tabernacle that we may visit him and pay the daily tribute of adoration, to console His adorable heart, to atone for injuries and blasphemies against His holy Name.

As the spirit of Elias rested upon Eliseus, we pray that the devotedness, the zeal, the love of St. Joseph for his precious charge rest upon the members of this Archconfraternity, that we may count among them many faithful Guardians of their Lord, living in the tabernacle. *Custos Domini sui glorificabitur.*

THANKSGIVING DAY OF THE ARCHCONFRATERNITY.

September 8th.



It is worth of attention that the great privilege of crowning St. Joseph was granted with the condition that the Association would honor St. Joseph under the glorious title of "*Most pure Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin Mary*," and we see the same glorious

title attached to the name of St. Joseph in the Brief of the Archconfraternity. It was done by heavenly inspiration. We are all aware that the Catholic Church in this country has been directly committed to the patronage of the Immaculate Virgin Mary. As long as we would honor St. Joseph and proclaim his dignity and elevation, we could not separate him from the Immaculate Queen of the United States.

There is in this incident a great honor as well as a precious direction for the members of the Archconfraternity. All their pious works must be directed together to the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, inseparably united. The Associates of St. Joseph should not overpass any occasion to manifest their love and piety for their Immaculate Mother. Therefore we beg to recommend them the monthly novena from Aug. 6 to the feast of the Assumption. Let us be united in fervent prayers to the B. V. M. and to St. Joseph to celebrate together the triumph of our heavenly Queen, the Spouse of St. Joseph. As a convenient conclusion of the novena we recommend the holy Communion on the Assumption or during the octave.

If there are Associates, who will profit of the last period of vacations to assemble in St. Joseph's shrine on the 15th of August, we extend to them the most

cordial welcome. But we beg to remind them especially that

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, SEPTEMBER 8TH,

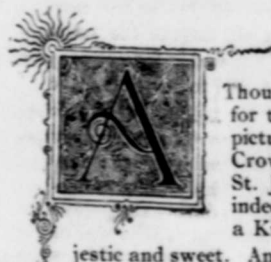
is the thanksgiving day of the Archconfraternity to offer solemn praises and homages to the Immaculate Virgin Mary and to her most pure Spouse St. Joseph for the favors granted to their children.

It will be the third time that we praise and glorify St. Joseph on the birthday of his Immaculate Spouse, and we hope that the celebration of this year will bring many pilgrims to the shrine of St. Joseph. We may apply to the occasion the words of the Patriarch Jacob to his children: *Why are ye careless? I have heard that wheat is sold into Egypt: Go ye down and buy us necessities, that we may live and not be consumed with want.* (Gen. XLII. 1, 2.)

If St. Joseph is specially honored at De Pere, it is not by human counsel but by the will of God, who has chosen this place to glorify His faithful servant. Therefore let us come and join together our homages and prayers that the superintendent of the divine treasures deign to look favorably upon us and provide us with abundant blessings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Notre Dame, Ind., June 24th, 1892.
Reverend Dear Father:—



Thousand thanks for the precious picture of the Crowned King. St. Joseph does indeed look like a King, so majestic and sweet. And as to the Holy Child there never was anything so charming. There he is with open arms

inviting everyone to come to his Foster Father with an assurance that all they ask will be granted. We all love St. Joseph dearly and we wish we could draw the hearts of all the little boys in America to him. But we will do all we can to spread the devotion to him in our homes among our friends. We were confirmed on the 27th of May and almost all took his name. We will make a novena to St. Joseph before the precious picture and we will give you, Rev. Father, an intention that you may be spared long to promote the devotion to St. Joseph.

Begging your blessing and asking you to present us all as well as our parents and friends to St. Joseph, we are, Rev. Dear Father, your affectionately little friends,

THE MINIMS OF NOTRE DAME.

PRAYER TO THE QUEEN OF ANGELS

August 15th.

Queen of Angels, lowly bending in thy presence, do we offer,
Heart and hand and life to serve thee, happy if we may but claim
From thy Son's overflowing mercy this great boon that we be worthy
To be ranked with those who humbly seek to glorify his name.
In the joy of thy Assumption, oh! we would not be forgotten:
Share with us its light and beauty, purify each faithful soul;
Make us worthy of the ransom Jesus paid for us on Calvary:
Lead us on life's rugged pathway, safe beneath thy chaste control.
By thy glorious coronation on this day of days, dear Mother,
Do we hail thee Queen of Heaven, Queen of Angels and of Saints,
Queen of that celestial Kingdom where the praise of God forever
Echoes amid scenes transcending all that fairest fancy paints.
There, we pray, our exile over in this world of toil and sorrow,
When the immortal soul upspringing leaves its prison house of pain,
Where seraphic choirs are chanting on this feast of joy exceeding,
We may hear with hearts rejoicing the great beauty of their strain.

AGNES MARCELLA FITZGERALD.

MARY JANE.

True History written for St. Joseph's Annals, by Mary Agnes Gannon.



ENT was well advanced, and Mary Jane had been to mass every day and this particular morning she was going "for St. Joseph."

It was Wednesday, and as Mary Jane was Laundress in Mrs. Larimer's hotel, the work would be-

gin early and end late, so she was going earlier than usual to the church. She was tall and very stout, and had had plenty of hard work since girlhood. She could not read or write, yet her sweet simplicity, firm faith and charity, her life filled with a series of good deeds, and self-unheeded denials for others, gave Mary Jane a beauty of soul few suspected, herself least of any.

She started out bravely in the dark and cold for mass. It had rained during the night, and frozen, so she had to walk carefully to escape falling. At church she forgot the disagreeable walk, and prayed earnestly, asking St. Joseph to pray too, that her intention should be granted soon. This intention was one long sought. It was that she might be placed in a position to aid the dying. She had not a very clear idea of how this were to be done, nor what sort of position it would be, but she longed to be able to do more than she could now for souls leaving the world. The thought of the dying had grown into her every devotion. Perhaps it was because her own loved mother had thought her to pray for such souls long ago, or perhaps because that same dear mother had died suddenly with no one's prayers to help her but those of her devoted child. Mary Jane did not know, but many a soul had been lighted to the judgment by the rays of her blessed candle, and the priest did not always know that it was her thoughtfulness that "put the

house straight, and kept the children quiet," when the God of mercy came to his creature on earth for the last time. This was not enough for her generous heart. She longed to do more, and through this lent she had constantly implored her great friend St. Joseph to aid her in this wish.

When mass was over she hastily left the church, because she saw the day was farther advanced than she had thought. There were not many on the street yet, only workmen and factory girls going to their day's work, and she hurried on with a trifle less care than that with which she came.

A young girl walking rapidly, but shivering in the cold wind, turned into a little side street for a "short cut." She stopped suddenly, filled with dread. There on the slippery walk a short distance ahead of where she stood lay a woman, perfectly still and very white. Overcoming her fear she hurried to the prostrate form, and bending over soon saw that the woman was living though unconscious. She had slipped on the icy walk, and being heavy, the fall was serious. Her rosary was clasped in her hand, so that Nettie, a recent convert to the faith, felt deeper interest in her. She hardly knew what to do, but it did not take long to decide to call at the nearest house and assistance. A man and his son carried the injured woman into their house, and while the kind wife did what she could, the son sent for the hospital ambulance, as the woman was a stranger to them. Nettie staid, anxious to find out who this was, and what the result would be, but when the ambulance came she had to go, first finding out from the officials that she could visit the hospital.

When evening came and her work was over, she hurried as quickly as possible to be in time, but on reaching the hospital door she was told that visiting hours were over for that day. Then she pleaded, and the stern superintendent relenting, asked her whom she wished to see. Poor child! She did not know, and after a quick catch of her breath, and a brief

pause, she told of the morning's incident. The sternness left the man's face, and telling her to sit down and he'd "see," left her, soon returning, bringing with him a white-capped nurse, who quietly bade Nettie come with her. Through long corridors they went, and finally into a ward with rows of little iron beds, neatly covered with white. Midway down the row on the left the nurse stopped and spoke softly to a patient.

"Mary Jane," she said, "I have brought you a visitor."

Mary Jane turned eager eyes to the girl's face but a disappointed shadow dulled them immediately.

"You don't know me," said Nettie. "I did not think you would, but I found you, you know, this morning, and I wanted to see you again."

To be Concluded.

THANKSGIVINGS.

Green Ridge, S. I.—You will be pleased to hear that our Lord graciously heard our prayers through our glorious St. Joseph, by sending us a nun, who is a great help. M. T.

K., Wisconsin.—We send our offering for the Coronation in thanksgiving to our beloved Father St. Joseph for preserving the two Sisters here with me from the influenza, also for our loving Father's protection in our favor in various trying circumstances during the past two months as well in temporal as in spiritual matters. Sr. M. C.

Please return my most sincere thanks to St. Joseph for the cure of a tumor. I beg of you, Rev. Father, to publish this in your ANNALS, so that the devotion and confidence to the ever blessed Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, may increase more and more.

San Jose, Cal.—Enclosed please find one dollar for a Mass of thanksgiving, for a special favor, which plainly showed dear St. Joseph's intercession, through the suffering souls in Purgatory. St. Joseph has bestowed many blessing on our family, and signaled ones. I hope all will be imbued with a greater devo-

tion to our dear Saint and tepid souls will fly to him in their necessities and find that St. Joseph, as St. Theresa says, was never invoked in vain.

MRS. M. A. S.

F., Ohio.—Enclosed find a money-order for \$1.00 for which please offer a Mass of thanksgiving in honor of St. Joseph. I was in great distress and it being March, I had recourse to St. Joseph and promised him, if he would deliver me I would have a Mass said. I said special prayers for nine days and then our dear Saint granted the desired favor. Therefore all should have recourse to St. Joseph and he will deliver them from all anxieties.

Please let me know, the date on which the Coronation will take place; as I think I will attend for I have a special love for St. Joseph since last spring. I had quite a swelling on my throat and I gave the Sisters money to send to you for a Mass to St. Joseph and we made a novena, and I can truly say from that time I began to get better. And I was very sick at the time. Henceforth I am going to try and do all I can to increase the devotion to St. Joseph. M. C. D.

St. Louis, Mo.—I write to return thanks to St. Joseph for my recovery from a very severe attack of insanity, so far as to be able to go to the Sacraments and to pursue nearly all my usual occupations. J. R.

Please return thanks to St. Joseph for some improvement in my son and considerable in myself. J. R.

Gethsemani, Ky.—I will ask you, Rev. Father, to express my thanks to St. Joseph and to our Lady of the Sacred Heart for the success of three spiritual enterprises very dear to me. B. B. G.

Shawano, Wis.—Will you please say a Mass of thanksgiving to St. Joseph. I promised it to him when my sister Frances was bitten by a dog. Before the doctor came we thought here eye was hurt; I promised St. Joseph a Mass if it was not affected, and now I must give it to him. Your little friend,

MARY DOYLE.

UNION OF PRAYERS, PETITIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS.

Our monthly novena will be held from August 6th till August 15th and will be offered in honor of the Immaculate Virgin Mary as "*Mater amabilis*" and of our glorious Patron as "*Pater amabilis*." We may choose for our novena any prayer that we like: the Rosary, the Litanies, etc., saying at the end in union with the members of the Archconfraternity the following ejaculations:

Sancta Maria, Mater amabilis, Ora pro nobis;

Sancta Joseph, Pater amabilis, Ora pro nobis.

The Masses for the Archconfraternity and the prayers of the Associates will be applied to His Holiness Leo XIII and the triumph of the Church.

The Right Rev. S. G. Messmer, Bishop of Green Bay.

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 protection of St. Joseph against influenza and other diseases.

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, founder 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 Schismatics.

For the conversion of Jews.

The benefactors of St. Joseph's church and of its Archconfraternity.

A special work for the glory of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of Eucharist.

120 Communities—700 Conversions—90 Employments—300 Intemperate persons—225 Girls—420 Families—600 Particular intentions—225 Perseverances—400 Religious—135 Priests—55 Travelers—350 Sick persons—200 Temporal blessings—950 Spiritual blessings—315 Vocations—130 Untakings 425 Young men—130 Hopeless cases—All favors solicited not yet obtained.

MONTHLY OBITUARY.



Mother Caroline, Superior of the Sisters of Notre Dame, died at the Mother House, at Milwaukee, July 22nd, aged 69 years, after a long period of hard labor for the glory of God and the prosperity of her community.

John Connor, aged 25 years, died April 14, 1892, at Evanston.

Mrs. William Walsh, aged 64 years, died May 17th, 1892, at Cumberland, Md.

Patrick H. O'Brien, died at Coopers-town, Wis., April 28.