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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 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.

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.

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

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

According to the injunction of Pope Urban VIII, we protest that what is contained in the ANNALS rests solely on private authority, and in making use of such words as divine, adorable, ineffable, holy, miraculous, we never intend to speak but of a participation purely merciful, and that we do in novise 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 judgment of which we submit, without reserve and forever, our persons, our words, and our writings.

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WHO IS ST. JOSEPH?



HE attention of the pilgrim, who comes to visit St. Joseph's Shrine, is immediately attracted by the pictures of several holy men and holy women in the main aisle. It was meet and just in a church dedicated to St. Joseph, where

the people are invited to come to glorify the holy Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to give a conspicuous place to

all those who have given us the example of devotedness to this great saint. Their memory is in benediction and their remembrance is a strong encouragement to our work. This is the privilege of virtue not to fade and disappear with the time, but to spread its holy influence through ages. So the holy men being dead will yet speak to us, and reveal us the wonders which God has wrought in the One, who was prophetically announced as a "growing Son, a Son comely to behold."

At the head of these holy men appears the most illustrious Saint of modern time, St. Francis of Sales. The remarkable Bishop of Geneva is not only a model but also a vindicator of the devotion to St. Joseph. There are some men, who wrapped in their dignity, are inclined to think that they may abandon St. Joseph to young girls and pious women. The humility and silence of the carpenter of Nazareth does not agree with the loftiness of their religious requirements. Will

they condescend to hear from a great doctor of the Church, from one who has been given as a Patron to the Catholic Press:

WHO IS ST. JOSEPH!

It is related in the life of St. Francis of Sales, the founder of the Visitation, that he took a special delight in explaining the glories of St. Joseph to his daughters in Christ. In one of his conferences, he illustrates his doctrine by comparing St. Joseph to the palm tree, the king of trees which has three special qualities: virginity, humility and constancy which shine eminently in St. Joseph, as the church says: *The just shall flourish like the palm-tree.* How great a saint is the glorious St. Joseph, says he? He was not only a patriarch, but the chief of all Patriarchs. He is not only a Confessor but a great deal more as in his condition we discover the dignity of Bishops, the generosity of martyrs, and the virtue of all other Saints. Therefore he may be compared to the palm tree, he has excelled in those three virtues, virginity, humility, constancy, surpassing the other saints in their practice.

In the divine decrees, it was disposed from all eternity that a Virgin would conceive a Son, who is together God and man, and that this privileged creature would be conceived and brought forth under the appearance of a holy marriage. But this marriage was not only a communication of exterior privileges, but an intimate union and communication of interior graces. From this principle, the holy Doctor exalts the virginity of St. Joseph, which is so high that it surpasses the purity of all saints even of

the Angels and of the Cherubins. He praises his most holy humility under which he hides his extraordinary virtues and his eminent dignity of Spouse of Mary, of governor and Foster Father of Our Lord. He admires his courage and fortitude against the strongest adversaries of man, viz. the devil and the world. His constancy and perseverance against our interior enemy was heroic, and he was admirable in his love of poverty, in his perfect obedience is his abandonment to the will of God, truly a *growing Son*, who received the increase of perfection from his holy Spouse as the Blessed V. Mary received the abundance of grace from God Himself. The union between our Lady and the glorious St. Joseph was truly divine, giving to the holy Patriarch the same authority over the child Jesus, as to the Blessed Virgin Mary, not according to natural right, but by the grace which made him partaker of all privileges granted to his holy Spouse. As a mirror presented to the rays of the sun reflects perfectly its light to the same effect is produced by another mirror placed in the opposite side, reverberating the light as if it was coming from the sun itself. So it was with the Blessed Virgin Mary, who, as a translucent mirror, presented to the rays of the Sun of Justice produced a perfect reflection of all her perfections on the soul of Joseph, so that he appeared as perfect as herself for he seemed to have virtues in a degree as high as the glorious Virgin, Our Lady.

Having demonstrated that St. Joseph was certainly assumed into Heaven, with his soul and body, the learned Bishop exclaims. How happy shall we be if we deserve to share in his holy intercession,

AS NOTHING CAN BE REFUSED
TO ST. JOSEPH,
NEITHER BY OUR LADY NOR BY
HER GLORIOUS SON.

He will obtain, if we have a true confidence in Him, an increase in all virtues, but especially in those which shine in himself, the purity in body and soul, the amiable humility, the constancy, valiancy and perseverance. By the practice of these virtues, we will overcome our enemies in this life and we will deserve the grace to receive the eternal reward prepared to all those who will imitate St. Joseph, the eternal happiness in which we will see face to face the glory of the Father of the Son of the Holy Ghost.

We will receive more instructions from the great doctor, who has written so many beautiful books, in which pious souls get a sure and amiable instruction. But let us remark how the spirit of St. Joseph was admirably reflected not only on himself, but also on the religious order of the Visitation. It would be easy to write a beautiful book under the following heading, Admirable purity, wonderful humility, extraordinary courage and fortitude of St. Francis of Sales and the order of the Visitation. No wonder that the virtues of St. Joseph were reflected on his illustrious client and on all those to whom he has transmitted his spirit. At his example let us be attached more and more to our glorious Patron St. Joseph!

A DAILY MASS

IN PERPETUITY,

For the living and departed members
of St. Joseph's Archconfraternity.



AND the Lord spoke to Josue saying: "Appoint cities of refuge, that whosoever shall kill a person unawares may flee to them; and may escape the wrath of the kinsman, who is the avenger of blood.".....These cities were appointed for all

the children of Israel, and for the strangers, that dwell among them, that they might flee to them and not die."

In medieval ages, the Catholic churches were considered as places of refuge and any one who entered in the sacred edifice was secured from the anger of his enemy, till he stood judgment to give an account of his actions.

But the real place of refuge is at the foot of the Cross, where any one can fly and receive the pledge of his pardon in the Most Precious Blood of Christ shed for our Redemption. There Our Lord Jesus led captivity captive and willing in his infinite mercy to extend to all men the mystery of Salvation, He will renew in an invisible manner on the altar the Sacrifice, once offered visibly on the Golgotha. Therefore, says the great Apostle, having a great high priest who has penetrated the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our compassion. For we have not a high priest, who cannot have compassion on our infirmities; but one tempted in all things like as we are, yet without sin. Let us go therefore, with confidence to the throne of grace; that we may obtain mercy and find grace in seasonable aid. *Heb. IV. 14, 15, 16.*

On the cross, says Father De Condren, Jesus Christ by his blood appeases the wrath of God, gives satisfaction to His Justice, atones for our sins and obtains the salvation of the world. But His sacrifice there does not yet bring to men the graces which spring from it. They must be applied to every one through the Holy Eucharist. The sacrifice of the Cross is the sacrifice of redemption and of merit, because from it comes all merit but it gives nothing and applies nothing but the Holy Mass transmits the fruits of the former sacrifice of the Cross.

In one word, the calvary is the spring, the altar is the canal. The Most Precious Blood of Jesus passing from the Calvary through the altar is sprinkled over the souls, and gives them the power to

bring forth fruits of sanctity. *For what is the good thing of him and what in the beautiful thing, but the corn of the elect and wine springing forth Virgins.* (Zack. IX. 17.—)

The holy sacrifice of the Altar is the sacrifice of the Cross placed in our reach that we may take from it our share in the time, in the circumstances in the measure and for the object determined by holy Providence.

We are taught that the ends of the Eucharistic sacrifice are the same as the object of the sacrifice of the cross. Therefore on the altar as on the cross our Lord Jesus Christ adores, praises and thanks the Holy Trinity. On the altar as on the Cross the Saviour offers a propitiatory sacrifice, a complete satisfaction made of his tears, his humiliations, his scourging, his agony, his death: *Behold the Lamb of God, behold he who taketh away the sins of the world.* On the altar as on the Calvary Jesus Christ presents to the Eternal Father a powerful supplication. He is in his unbloody sacrifice as a magnet which attracts and conquers Divine Mercy, compelling God to open His infinite treasures and to pour His blessings over all those who will take a part in the Divine Sacrifice. We may then approach and take for us and for others. The treasure is inexhaustible, immense as God Himself.

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The proposition is submitted to the members of St. Joseph's Archconfraternity to provide for the celebration of the holy sacrifice of Mass for the living and departed members of the Association in perpetuity.

The object of this society is to assemble from all parts of Northern America all those who desire to honor the glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, to foster and to extend his devotion. The secondary object is to obtain for all members of the society, either living or dead, the protection of our powerful Patron.

The Association, started in St. Joseph's church at West DePere, is now extended through the different states. But its central place remains at West DePere

where is the Shrine of St. Joseph. There his statue was crowned by special delegation of the Holy Father. There, every Wednesday, a Mass is said for the members of the Association, there special honors are reserved to St. Joseph. His feasts are celebrated in the most solemn manner. The recommendations come from every place to be presented to our great Patron and it is acknowledged that St. Joseph generously answers to the prayers and requests of his clients. Any one may refer to the ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH and read the thanksgivings spontaneously sent by those who have received the favors. Moreover the Association is seen with such favor by the Sovereign Pontiff, that by a special brief of His Holiness, it was honored with the title of

ARCHCONFRATERNITY,

or principal society for Northern America, having the power to aggregate or affiliate societies of the same kind which will be established in this country.

Out of respect and gratitude for the supreme authority, which has given such privileges to St. Joseph's society, we must provide for its stability and for the extension of its benefits. It will be done by the proposed foundation of a *daily Mass in perpetuity*.

To whom shall we ascribe the extraordinary progress of this Association? Who directs pious people to the Shrine of St. Joseph? Any one who reads the ANNALS may see that our powerful Patron returns his abundant favors to all those who honor him and confidently pray to him.

There is no other explanation of the fact but that special honors are rendered there to St. Joseph and that prayers are unceasingly offered for the intentions of the Associates. The holy Mass celebrated each Wednesday can be counted as a successful means to obtain the favor and protection of St. Joseph.

It was once said to the Director of the Archconfraternity applying for certain favors: "Pilgrimages are made by the people, let the people come and we will see what we have to do." We prefer to

say that the pilgrimages are made for the people, and when it is known that in a certain place there are extraordinary honors offered to God and to His Saints, the people will assemble, because their religious interest will tell them that where prayer abounds, grace will abound more.

How has the wilderness turned into a flourishing city? A mineral spring was discovered and all those who seek for health enthusiastically come to the favorite spot where they hope to find cure and relief.

The daily Mass founded in perpetuity at St. Joseph's Shrine will be a fountain of salvation open to all those who implore divine assistance.

No one can offer a greater honor to St. Joseph, as it is from the oblation of the Divine Victim that the Saints receive their glory.

We will concur with the idea, if we consider the benefits of the divine Sacrifice offered every day for all those who suffer.

A daily remembrance of our needs brought to the altar, a perpetual supplication united to the strong entreaties of the Divine Saviour while we are sick, while we work, while we are dejected and abandoned, are only a part of the benefits attached to the holy Sacrifice.

We are not unaware that when a priest celebrates, he honors God, he rejoices the angels, he edifies the Church, he helps the living, he obtains rest for the dead and makes himself partaker of all that is good.

If the members of St. Joseph's Archconfraternity are willing to constitute a permanent treasure in the foundation of a daily Mass for the living and the dead, it will be no difficulty to realize the project. It will be done by the continuation of their patronage for the publication of the ANNALS, their annual contribution for the Association, a little offering sent from time to time. Many of them can increase the fund by some pious industry!

We beg the reader to send us any suggestion which may contribute to the

success of this important project.

It is not the intention of the Archconfraternity to address any special appeal for the proposed daily Mass. With the offering for the Deliverance Union, we may procure abundant suffrages to the Poor Souls, waiting that St. Joseph direct the project to a final success.

THE 8th OF DECEMBER.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

There cannot be in the course of the year for the members of the Archconfraternity, for all those who venerate St. Joseph, and we may say for the Catholics of this country a more precious and joyous day than the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This unique privilege granted to the Blessed Virgin Mary reflects a brilliant halo on our dear glorious Patron who was elected and chosen to associate his life to the life of the Immaculate One. In the designs of the Holy Providence this glorious Association will shine more and more. Is it not for this purpose that St. Joseph was proclaimed Patron of the Church on the very Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th, 1870)? Is it not for the same reason that the Holy Father directs the Faithful to address to both the Queen of the Holy Rosary and to St. Joseph during the whole month of October? We like to acknowledge a heavenly design in the feast of the Coronation of St. Joseph on last May 8th, during the month consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was not done at all by human counsel, as we did not expect that this great celebration would take place this year.

The Immaculate Virgin Mary was chosen as special Patron of the Catholic Church in the United States. For this reason it is celebrated in this country as a feast of obligation. She is the Queen of this country and as she was associated in the troubles and sufferings of this life with St. Joseph she wants to partake with Him of her glory, her royalty, therefore she has admirably directed the cherished design of our Association.

THE CORONATION OF HER MOST PURE SPOUSE ON MAY 8TH, 1892.

Remembering also that Rome has prescribed that in the Archconfraternity St. Joseph will be honored as: The most pure Spouse of the B. V. M., it becomes our most gratifying duty to honor, to glorify especially on December 8, the one at whom Angels look in amazement saying: *Who is she that cometh forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in array.* Cant. VI, 9.

We invite all our Associates to join in a preparatory Novena, commencing November 30th (Wednesday.) Let us offer our special prayers to obtain that the whole country submit to the sweet domination of Mary and Joseph to be finally ranged under the eternal dominion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We recommend also a general communion on the 8th of December or on some day of the Octave.

The members of the Archconfraternity must be in their respective congregations at the head of all movement which tends to the honor and glorification of the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY ENHANCES THE DIGNITY OF ST. JOSEPH.

BY J. M.



To speak of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and her exalted virtues and qualities is an undertaking from which an Angel might well shrink, so great is her dignity and

wonderful her perfections! The brightest spirit that ministers before the Most High is not qualified for the adequate performances of such a task. God Himself, whose masterpiece Mary is, is alone capable of depicting in fitting terms her unique virtues and supereminent qualities. How vain then must it not appear for any person, however highly gifted, to attempt such a mighty work! And yet, acting in response to the promptings of faith and the dictates of right reason, it would seem to be specially appropriate that men should voice the praises of the incomparable Mother of God, since it was on account of her connection with creatures that the Almighty deigned to select her for that great office and endow her with the fullness of His most precious gifts and graces. Had it not been for the prevarication of our first parents, Mary would have had no place in the plan of salvation devised by God. Therefore may it be said that her exalted office grew out of the impaired condition of humanity by reason of the fall of Adam and Eve. Hence our right and privilege to speak in terms of laudation and gratitude for the important part which she acted in our deliverance from sin and its direful consequences, even though our words be feeble and fall far short of what is due to her. More-

over, God so wills it, for He wishes us to admire and pay tribute to His work. Mary, as has been stated, is His greatest and most perfect work. What great artist or painter does not like to have others praise his skill and pass encomiums upon his genius? In doing so they compliment his productions and proclaim their merit and excellence. So it is with God. He desires us to contemplate His handiwork and pass favorable judgment upon the grandeur of His designs and the magnificent manner in which they are executed. Now, as Mary is His loftiest conception and holiest production—the nearest possible approach to Himself—He is anxious that we should view closely her attractive features and charming attributes, in order that we may perceive the tracings of His divine hand in drawing out in clear perspective the admirable traits that mark her majestic character. It is true that we shall learn to esteem the excellence of His work and show our appreciation of it.

Of all the creatures that have been fashioned by the hand of God, Mary is the best beloved and most perfect in every respect. She so far excels all others that no one else can be brought into competition or comparison with her. She is set apart from the rest of creation and must ever remain alone in her grandeur, dignity and greatness. This by reason of the eternal decree of God Himself, who destined her to this unique position and exceptional and transcendent honor. Before the dawn of creation She was present to the mind of God and an object of His complacency. He cherished her with a special and inconceivable love and anticipated the glorious privileges and prerogatives that would in time become her inheritance. Heaven's richest gift to Mary was the dowry of her immaculate conception—complete exemption from the taint of original sin.

This invested her with a dignity surpassing all others and raised her to the highest conceivable degree of honor. It made her in fact a new creation. It was proper, too, that it should have been so, in as much as from her would spring the Redeemer of mankind, who should save His people from their sins. Sin had come through a woman and the taint passed to the whole human race, Mary alone excepted. She was the predestined one preserved by a singular mercy of the Almighty from the contaminating effect of that sin. Mary was to be the Mother of a new and spiritual generation, exalted and regenerated through the saving grace and merits of Jesus Christ, her Son, who was conceived of her by the operation of the Holy Ghost and born into the world, as had previously been announced by the Angel Gabriel. The power of the Almighty thus manifested in His creature, restored our fallen race and forever made glorious and honorable our inheritance. Henceforth we are a chosen people highly favored and privileged by God. Through the blessed agency of Mary redemption and sanctification came to us; and with these blessings a full share in the wonderful elevation vouchsafed to her on our account.

Foremost among all others in the participation of Mary's dignity is the glorious St. Joseph, her most pure and noble Spouse, who shared her joys and sorrows when upon earth and corresponded to the designs of heaven in her regard. He was indeed heaven's own choice for companionship with her, and upon the most intimate and holy relations that have ever existed between creatures. Their minds and hearts were in perfect sympathy and their thoughts and aspirations centered upon the fulfillment of God's designs in respect to the salvation of the world. Virginal purity united their lives and asserted its supremacy over their every act and deed, stamping

thereupon the seal of consecration. St. Joseph stood in her regard as the representative of the Eternal Father, to witness the stupendous mystery of the Incarnation accomplished in her. Taking His place he welcomed the advent of His divine Son and made provision for His coming. The Immaculate Virgin needed his services and the protection which he afforded her. Thus was St. Joseph associated with Mary in the great mystery of our redemption, and made to share in the honor and merit which accrued to her by reason of the necessary part which she took therein. This constituted him, of right, first in dignity and honor among men, most beloved of God and most esteemed by Mary, his Spouse. No other creature can ever stand in such close relations to Jesus and Mary, or so fully share their love as the great and glorious St. Joseph, whom they recognized and obeyed as their appointed guide. Both lavished upon him the fullest measure of affection and reposed in him constant and unimpaired confidence. Herein lies the evidence of his greatness and the source of his eminent dignity and worth.

The immaculate conception of Mary likewise imparted singular honor to St. Joseph. It pointed him out as the most highly favored among men, rendering him unique in his capacity as a husband, in that he was united not only to a Virgin, but to one who was immaculate in her conception. This invested him with a dignity peculiarly his own, since it never can be shared by any other man. "The eminent glory of St. Joseph, says a pious author, seems to have received a new increase, since the definition of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is incomparable in all her privileges, and singular in all her grandeur; she is immaculate in her conception. She is Mother, but her fecundity

is crowned with the more beautiful glory of her virginity; She is Virgin, but her virginity is crowned with the fruits of her fecundity; she is queen, but her kingdom is superior to all the greatness and the powers of the universe, she is blessed of God, but she is blessed far beyond all other women. Now, as she is singular among mothers, singular among virgins, singular among queens, must she not be singular among spouses? It therefore became necessary that St. Joseph should be singular in his merits, in order that she might have a motive for loving him singularly among the saints. It was essential that he should be endowed with purity more than angelical, in order that the holiest of virgins, who was troubled even in the presence of the angel Gabriel, should consent to dwell with him so long and in such great intimacy. It became necessary, according to the teaching of the holy doctors, that the grace which prevented and sanctified Joseph in the womb of his mother, should extinguish every symptom of concupiscence, and inspire him with the thought of consecrating himself to God by the vow of virginity. If a virtuous woman is the recompense, as says the Holy Ghost, of him to whom she is granted, to what a degree of perfection must St. Joseph have been elevated, in order to have been selected by God among all the saints, to become the spouse of that incomparable Virgin who merited to become the Mother of only Son of God!"

From these brief considerations it must be apparent to reflecting minds that it is not only a privilege, but also a duty, to honor Mary and Joseph, assured that it is most salutary and profitable to do so. Standing so near to God they have it in their power to enrich us with His gifts and graces, of which they are dispensers. It is in order that they may aid us they have been so

richly endowed and are invested with such extraordinary power. It is their office, too, to bring out in our souls the virtues and perfections which they possessed in such abundant measure when upon earth. In the natural order children resemble their parents in personal traits and characteristics. Those nursed at the breasts of their mothers become stronger and more healthy than those nourished by strangers. So it is in the spiritual or supernatural order. We need the nutrition and care of our mother, Mary, which is plentiful and invigorating. She feeds her children with the milk and honey of divine love from the never failing fountain of her Immaculate Heart, and communicates to them the sustaining principle of her own life. Hence her offspring are marked by strength and resolute determination in the service of God. Possessed of the qualities of their mother they are invincible and unconquerable in their high purposes and holy resolves. This the enemy knows quite well, and so regards as lost to his nefarious influence those who rely upon her assistance and fight under her standard and in her name. Under the weight of her heel Satan has been crushed and his power for evil broken forever. By her aid each one may also conquer the infernal foe, who seeks to destroy and rob us of our heavenly inheritance—a place in the kingdom of God.

Christians, behold your mother! Contemplate her radiant with celestial beauty! Her benign countenance beams with love and mercy toward all, and wears a look of ineffable tenderness irresistible in its attractiveness. She greets and welcomes all to her maternal embrace, wishing to lavish upon them her rarest gifts and favors. Look up then to her with joy and hope, and salute her with affection and gratitude. She brings to you tidings of great joy—the pledge of

her powerful assistance and assurance of her unceasing care. She asks in return only fidelity to her divine Son, and reverent homage toward herself, because after Him she is your best friend, whose intercession will stand you well in the hour of trial, temptation and pressing need. More terrible than any army in battle array, no foe can withstand her. Nothing can oppose the might of her arm, invested as it is with the power of the Most High, who communicates to her His own strength. Hence she is rightly called the "Omnipotent Mary," for God works through her and in her His wondrous mercies to men. Whilst contemplating and admiring the marvelous perfections of your mother, Mary, cast also a loving glance toward her dear and beloved Spouse, St. Joseph, for the love of Mary leads inevitably to that of Joseph. They cannot be separated. God has ordained that they shall forever stand before us as the most perfect models of exalted virtue—the highest embodiment of all that is lofty and inspiring in human effort—all that is grand and noble in Christian sentiment—all that is fruitful and enduring in the promises fulfilled and the hopes realized in behalf of mankind, in the accomplishment of which they performed a necessary part and are entitled to a due share in the honor and glory resulting therefrom. Hail Mary and Joseph! We fervently salute and offer you the homage of our hearts, on this the glorious anniversary of a feast that crowns you with highest honor and encircles your Virgin brows with brightest aureola and most enduring splendor, constituting you first in rank and dignity among all created beings.

THE ARCHCONFRATERNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, Most Chaste Spouse of the B. V. Mary, in North America.

CHRONICLE.



UNDER the above heading we will publish every month all that may become of actual interest to our Associates: The progress of the devotion to St. Joseph, the development of the Archconfraternity. We will take in our correspondence all that is edifying and instructive; so that the ANNALS becomes a lively messenger carrying throughout the country good tidings and bringing encouragement to every reader.

It will be the practical part of the ANNALS, and an interesting one, as it will convey to the clients of St. Joseph all that is done in America for the extension and development of his devotion.

To obtain this object we earnestly beg of the members of the Archconfraternity and especially of the promoters that they communicate to the director all that can be of some interest to the readers of the ANNALS. We cannot promise to publish everything which will be addressed to us, as we will have only a limited space especially reserved for the most important material.

We solicit the exchange with Catholic papers. It is true that our monthly has not the value of large weeklies, but in a family the young ones sit at the same table with the older ones and partake of the same meals.

We beg of our Associates that they never forget to send the relation of the favors obtained through the intercession of St. Joseph. It will be an important feature of our Chronicle, and it is but just that we acknowledge all the favors granted to his clients by our glorious Patron.

The month of October was signaled at the shrine by a manifestly growing fervor: There were so many causes to bring our souls upward. The month commenced with the feast of the Holy Rosary.

The Holy Father has so intimately connected the devotion of St. Joseph, with the Holy Rosary, that pious souls do not separate the glorious Virgin and St. Joseph in their devotions. The idea of the public prayers addressed to them during the whole month is that the hope of the Church, in the present fierce struggle is founded on the Immaculate Mother of God and her Blessed Spouse. Surely the Church will triumph, as God is with her till the consummation of time, but our infallible security is strengthened by the unceasing devotion to the Bl. Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. So we may repeat with Pius IX of holy memory: Jesus, Mary and Joseph take in the hearts of the faithful the position which they had before. I tell you the world will be spared and saved.

Our monthly Novena has been made in the week preceding the feast of the Blessed Margaret Mary. By an happy occurrence the Forty hours devotion were commenced with the feast of St. Theresa and concluded with the feast of Bl. Margaret Mary. We have never seen people more piously impressed as the visitors of the church during those three days; many strangers joined with the members of the congregation, receiving holy communion and praying fervently. Our special intention was to implore from

the Divine Heart of Jesus through St. Theresa and the Blessed Margaret Mary an increasing faith and fervor in the Blessed Eucharist, in the real presence of God in this wonderful Sacrament.

We may ascribe as a fruit of our homages and prayers the resolution to spend the first Friday of each month in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It seems, at first sight, an exacting act of piety. However we proposed it to the people of St. Joseph's congregation and the appeal was very successful. From nine o'clock, after the solemn Mass, there were continually adorers prostrated before the Blessed Sacrament to adore, to atone, to thank, to supplicate. We gladly mention the pupils of St. Joseph's school, who came by bands to recite the Rosary before Our Lord. The forenoon was taken by the boys, the afternoon by the girls. And it was so arranged that not one missed the school duties. How pleasing was this homage to Our Divine Savior? Who does not remember the beautiful incident related in his life. They brought to him young children, that he might touch them. And the disciples rebuked them that brought them. And when Jesus saw it, *he was much displeased and said to them: Suffer the little children to come to me and forbid them not*, for of such is the kingdom of God. And embracing them and laying his hand upon them, he blessed them. (St. Mark X. 14, 15).

By the way we recommend to the mothers and to the teachers to accustom children to approach our Lord Jesus living in his lonely tabernacle, tell them that the One, who loves them so much, is there living, hidden because He will not forbid them to approach. Teach them to reverently bow and kneel down, addressing their petitions to their good master. Do not allow them to talk, to laugh in the church because their Lord Jesus is there. Sufficient attention is not

given to that point by many Catholic teachers and their efforts are fruitless because: *Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.*

We hope that this practice of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the whole day on the first Friday of each month is permanently established at St. Joseph's shrine, and that it will bring more and more people to offer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus our homages and acts of atonement and reparation. The associates of St. Joseph from any place can join with us either in receiving holy Communion or paying a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, they cannot give to St. Joseph a greater tribute than in consoling and glorifying the One for whom he has spent a life of labor suffering and anxieties.

"You have struck, writes a devoted associate, the highest key note in the loftiest region of thought in touching upon the Eucharist—that most sublime of all subjects, which brings us face to face with the Infinite veiled in the humblest possible form, yet no less present to the eye of faith, robed in all the richness and glory of Godlike splendor. I consider this a logical and necessary step in the progress of your advocacy of devotion to St. Joseph. One cannot long remain in his company without going directly and immediately to God hidden in the Eucharist. He was hidden in Nazareth, veiled beneath the shadow of St. Joseph. St. Joseph was not less hidden in Him, for he loved and walked in His presence and thought only of his precious charge. St. Joseph therefore conducts at once to a life of faith hidden in God. This life is nourished and sustained by means of the Eucharist. As you pertinently remark, it is by means of this divine Sacrament that the fruits of Redemption are preserved to mankind, that is to say, made available to sanctification. It is the office

of St. Joseph to reproduce in each one of us the Incarnation, which he witnessed in his Immaculate Spouse. This he accomplishes most effectually through means of the Eucharist of which he is the SPECIAL GUARDIAN. Thus, too, is the apostolate of St. Joseph continued and perpetuated for all time, in accordance with the purpose of the Almighty in appointing him FOSTER FATHER of His Son, OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. Out of that relationship grows the fatherhood of St. Joseph *of the beautiful and chaste generation of the memory thereof is immortal, because they are known both to God and to men.*

But behold a privileged season for our Associates. Their compassionate Patron St. Joseph sends a vibrating appeal to their charity in behalf of the souls who linger in Purgatory. Under his patronage a crusade of deliverance is organized among us and during the whole month of November, we aggregate our alms, deeds, prayers to put them in his hand for the ransom of the Poor Souls. *By this, says our Lord, shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another.* St. John XIII.

This is especially the distinctive mark of our Association. St. Joseph comes to us to bend us in a fraternal love, which does not end with this life. United in life we cannot be separated in death.

The appeal to contribute a fund for the daily Mass for our departed ones is yet slowly answered. Perhaps we have sent November ANNALS too late though they were all mailed before November first, it happens that they are not read immediately, and such works, as the Deliverance Union, must be often remembered. There are a number of Associates who never fail to hear our requests either for the glory of St. Joseph, or the de-

liverance society. They come early that they might have immediately the share in the good work. Many others will come later, and we hope that our suffrages for the Poor Souls will never relent. While we offer the holy sacrifice for the dead, we fervently recommend their helpers, and who may calculate the blessings which are obtained by the exercise of such charity?

We desire to mention an Associate who frequently sends Masses for the souls who have been specially devoted to St. Joseph, or for the most abandoned ones. What amount of gratitude she stores in advance for the time of necessity. But there is no word to express our admiration and happiness at the reception of a letter from A....., Minn., containing the pleasing information that in the school a society has been established among children under the Patronage of the Sacred Heart for the relief of the "Poor Souls". It reminds us of the Blessed Margaret Mary, who so urgently pressed the Novices under her charge to offer all their works, prayers, sufferings for the relief of the "Poor Souls." The society of the S. H. with the pennies collected each month among the members has a Mass celebrated for the suffering souls the second Friday of each month. Would that their example should be followed by all Catholic schools! The invisible protection of the "Poor Souls" would be a stronghold to the little ones, a precious means to develop in their hearts, charity, sympathy for the sufferers.

We rejoice that the Deliverance Union is appreciated. Several persons regret not to have known it from the beginning and they promise to be life members and to propagate it. A priest devoted to St. Joseph has placed at the entrance of the church a box to receive the pennies which will be applied to the Deliverance Union, and as actions are always better

than words, he gives the example by offering *once a week one holy Mass gratis for the Poor Souls of the Deliverance Society as long as he will be able to do so.*

May this good example excite the charity of the reader. The contribution for the Deliverance Society is only half a cent a week. Who may refuse it. At least let us offer prayers, good works, let us bear patiently sufferings and apply the merit to the "Poor helpless Souls." If we need incitement let us hear the privileged Saint who has received wonderful communications from the Divine Heart of Jesus, the Blessed Margaret Mary: "Once," says she, "having seen during my sleep a religious, departed since a long time, she told me that she was suffering terrible pains in Purgatory. Awakening, I felt myself as if she has transferred her own sufferings on me, and my body was so bruised that I could hardly move. But as we should not believe in dreams, I did not give much attention to it. But the Poor Soul compelled me to mind her sufferings, as she did not give me any rest, continually saying: Pray for me, offer your sufferings in union with the Passion of Our Lord, to relieve me from my terrible pains. Give me all your merits till the first Friday of May, on which you will receive holy communion for me. I did it with the permission of my superior. But my sufferings became so intense that I could not have neither rest or relief. Once I retired with permission to rest a while, but as soon as I was in bed she approached me, saying: you are resting easy there in your bed; but look at me, stretched on a bed of flames, where I endure intolerable pains. Looking at such horrible condition, I shudder every time, when I think of this bed covered with red-hot nails, which seemed to pierce the flesh. Such torments were

inflicted for her sloth and negligence in observing the rules. My heart, said she, is rent with hot iron combs, the keenest pain I endure is caused by my critics against my superiors. My tongue is eaten by worms as a punishment of my uncharitable words, and my mouth is ulcerated for breaking silence. Would that I was seen in such torments by all those who are consecrated to God, would that they realize the extent of my sufferings surely all those who are careless and lukewarm in the service of God, would become more attentive to their duties. Having received Holy Communion for her, she told me that she was greatly relieved, but that she would stay yet a long time in Purgatory, where she was suffering for her tepidity in the service of God.

Stimulated by this authentic and impressive revelation of the sufferings of the Poor Souls, let us work unceasingly and generously for their deliverance.

THANKSGIVINGS.

Bless ye the God of heaven, give glory to him in the sight of all that live, because he hath shown his mercy to you. (Tobias, XIII, 6).

If there are some efforts made for the glorification of St. Joseph, there are so many favors granted by our good Patron, that, through gratitude, we should never relent in the propagation of his devotion.

The list of favors obtained lately is very large. We take the following from our correspondence:

Brooklyn, Sept. 17.—Dear Father: Please say a Mass of Thanksgiving to St. Joseph for me. Have just received a marvelous favor from him, he has never failed to help me. Would that I could inspire devotion to this compassionate Saint into every soul with which I am brought into contract! It shall be my life's work henceforth, thus far I have admirably succeeded, you strengthened my devotion to this dear Saint so I hasten to ap-

prise you of the benefits he is heaping on me. F. M. K.

McWill, Pa.—Rev. Father: Enclosed you will find \$1. and kindly say a Mass in honor of St. Joseph. I promised St. Joseph that if he would obtain the recovery of a very sick person, which was thought to be incurable, that I would have a Mass said in his honor, also to have the facts published in the ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH. My request was granted, as my friend recovered in a short time. So I will try to fulfill my promise. M. S.

S.a. Clara, Cal.—Last week we received the sixth favor of the seven we asked prayers from my last letter to you. The seventh is yet to be obtained. No doubt we will be heard, if we have only confidence in his holy Patronage. Please help us by your prayers and holy sacrifices. SISTER M. B.

D., Ohio.—I enclose a dollar with the request that you say a Mass in honor of St. Joseph for the holy souls. I promised our dear Patron I would have a Mass said if he obtained a certain favor for me, and instead of a favor he has obtained favors. With St. Theresa, I must say he has never refused me anything. I go to him on all occasions and always receive what I ask. Were it an earthly friend to whom I applied so frequently I would have long ago exhausted his patience. A DEVOTION CLEINT OF ST. JOSEPH.

Frankfort, Ky.—Rev. Father. Enclosed please find one dollar to say a Mass in honor of St. Joseph in thanksgiving for favor received. E. M. J.

From Florida.—The request comes to have a Mass said in honor of St. Joseph for a special favor obtained.

B., Mass.—Dear Father. May God bless you for your prayers and your trust in St. Joseph. Our young man is doing

well and promises everything good. We can never thank the Sacred Heart of Jesus sufficiently for listening to the prayers of St. Joseph. We promised to return thanks in the ANNALS. Please say a Mass for the souls in Purgatory in thanksgiving. M. F.

Our correspondent is accustomed to order a lamp to be burned before the statue of St. Joseph, when she desires to obtain a favor. She obtained already several graces by this means.

St. Joseph's Convent, Philadelphia. Rev. Dear Father:—A member of my family having been threatened with dementia, I promised St. Joseph if he would obtain her cure, I would have the favor published and have a Mass said at his shrine in thanksgiving. The favor has been granted and I thus gladly and gratefully perform my promise. MOTHER M. CLEMENT.

C., Wis.—Rev. dear Father. My long promised thanks which I am owing to the dear Blessed Virgin and Holy St. Joseph, I wish to render it not only in my heart, but also in these few lines. This summer during harvesting, when the fear was so great of crops being spoiled by rain and grain was growing out from the damp weather, I promised to make a pilgrimage on foot to De Pere which I did during the Octave of the Assumption of the B. V. M. I visited the beautiful church of St. Joseph, and after receiving the Holiest of Holy returned home, and felt that I did none too much for the favors received. The weather kept fine during the remainder of the harvesting and our crops turned out to be good and larger than we expected. Thanks! everlasting thanks to God in the highest and to the ever Virgin Mary and dear St. Joseph. MRS. M. M. S...

More extraordinary yet is the favor granted to a very aged lady, who had a

great desire to visit the Shrine, but was unable to do it on account of the distance and ill health. Circumstances favored her and she could come for the thanksgiving day, September 8th. But she was so weak that her son would not let her go alone and she was quite exhausted when she arrived. However she felt such happiness praying at the Shrine, that she would spend the whole day praying to St. Joseph. She returned home strong, in good spirit and thanking God to have given to all those who suffer the powerful protection of St. Joseph.

DECORATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S SHRINE.



INE large tableaux representing the principal circumstances of the life of our glorious Patron were lately fixed by the artist at their respective place. More eloquent than words they vividly represent the extraordinary part which was given to St. Joseph in the mystery of the Incarnation. As soon as the series will be completed, we will give the explanation of each tableau. While we cordially thank all those, who hearing our appeal have taken a share in the decoration, we yet dare to ask the assistance of many others, who can easily relieve us of a great burden. St. Joseph's shrine is the seat of the Archconfraternity, and therefore the expenses for its decoration and for the advancement of the devotion to St. Joseph must be divided between the members. We regret to be obliged to address them so frequent appeals to their generosity. But they have contributed to the Coronation of their beloved Saint, to his glorification,

to the extension of his devotion in America, and surely it will be a precious remembrance in their life and a pledge of the protection of St. Joseph in their necessities.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE DECORATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S SHRINE.

Third List.

At the request of many Associates, we will abstain from publishing the residence of the donators.

Anthony O'Donnell,	\$ 5.00
D. J. Gorman,	5.00
Mrs. Johanna E. Gorman,	5.00
Mrs. Norah Callaghan,	5.00
Miss Theresa Rogan,	5.00
School of the Holy Cross, S. C.,	10.00
Rev. Cosmas Seeberger, Inst.,	1.00
Miss Rose Dunne, Inst.,	3.00
Miss Kate Cahill, Inst.,	3.00
Mrs. Mary McCarthy, Inst.,	3.00
Mrs. Thumel, Inst.,	9.00
Sisters of the Inc. Word, H.,	5.00
James Kemp and family,	10.00
Clients of St. Joseph, C. O.,	7.00
Michael Walsh,	5.00
Mother Alexia,	5.00
Rev. Theo. Richard,	5.00
Miss Julia Joyce,	5.00
Academy of the Sacred Heart, W.,	5.00
Mrs. H. Schwartz,	5.00
Miss Lucy Malone, Inst.,	3.00
Mrs. Jane Powderly,	5.00
Mrs. Mary Madigan,	5.00
Michael Lyons,	5.00
Mrs. Mary Dyer, Inst.,	3.00
Sisters of St. Joseph, Ste. G.,	5.00
Miss Anna Bell, Inst.,	1.00
A Client of St. Joseph, E. S.,	5.00
Mrs. Kate Darr, Ireland,	5.00
The Sisters of St. Joseph, Sh.,	5.00

A special and perpetual remembrance is assured to all those who help us in this glorification of the most pure Spouse of the Bl. V. Mary.

A DREAM OF ST. JOSEPH.

BY M. A. G.



stories about St. Joseph."

The speaker had been standing by my chair, one hand resting on its broad arm the other on my shoulder. I looked up indifferently but could not help noting the pretty picture she made. The sun was just bidding the hills and valleys farewell, throwing soft lingering rays, that Anne by my side called "glory-beams," through the fleeing clouds. The vines shading the porch stirred and rustled, letting the light and shadow fall in turn on the bright face of this dearest girl-friend; and yet her very sweetness made my heart feel its longing more, for a little sister far away from me. So I only said: "I am too tired to talk, Anne, but I can listen."

"Very gracious, Princess, but I am tired, too. Perhaps it will be better for both of us to keep silence a while." She seated herself at some distance from me, and I gave myself up to bitter reflections.

Those around could not understand my extreme sensitiveness, which made my sorrows more keenly felt by me, than like trials would have been felt by them. Miles and miles away from the home of my childhood, among strangers—true, many had been kind to me, but they were not my equal in many ways, and perhaps on that account I did not suffer much appreciation to appear in my manner towards them; I could not make my-

self one with them. One by one they had ceased to pay much attention to me, and only Anne, the daughter of the lady with whom I was boarding, persevered in trying to gain my affection. She was an earnest, thoughtful girl, with a simplicity of manner that made it possible for her to say much to me no other had dared. I did not encourage her, but her constant attention, and her beauty of disposition as well as of face won my affection and confidence, and we talked often of the dear sister of whom she had reminded me from the time I first saw her.

A recent convert to the faith, I found much to offend me in those professing that faith, and regarded myself in a measure, entitled to being looked up to by them. Homage they did not give me and I thought I was practicing humility by remaining among people who were so much my inferiors in learning and culture. I did not reflect that my real knowledge of these people was very slight, but I had not been accustomed to work and toil through the long day, to earn my bread, until recently. These were accustomed to hardship—it did not effect them as it did me. So I reasoned them. How could they understand me? Of course they could not. Even Anne, though I was growing to love her, did not realize this; she did very much that was repugnant to me, and I did not question then whether she would not have preferred resting and reading to the homely duties she did so cheerfully.

So my thoughts ran on, and the light faded; some one called Anne, and she left me there in the growing darkness. Presently I saw an elderly man come out of the gloom towards me. I was not startled, but I was surprised. I rose to my feet as he approached me.

"Sit down again," he said. "I want to talk to you".

Wondering. I obeyed. This was a very strange man, his earnest deep eyes seemed to read my soul, and yet there was no disturbance as resentment in my mind. Leaning on a heavy staff he carried with firm, gentle directness he began to speak.

"Are you sure you are making the best use of that which you pride yourself so much for possessing—learning? Let me tell you, child, if opportunities have given you advantages more than these around you have had, you will have turned them to evil instead of good, if you strive not to put to use, for all whom you come in contract with, what gifts or graces you have which may make others happier. Souls are made for happiness, and it can be attained in a measure even here on earth, by one practice, daughter—simplicity. Simplicity is only to look to God, only to desire His will. To take freely the position in life that He gives us, and to hold what the worldly call honors only because He wishes to give them to us. To see in every one around us a soul that God loves, and consequently one for whom we must feel an interest and affection—no matter what the difference in our circumstances may be. If you will do this, my daughter, to be parted from those you love will be hard, but you may look forward to a joyful reunion never to be broken. The trial of changing fortune will be even less hard to hear, while the difficulties of hearing with different dispositions will be hard at first; if you accustom yourself to look deeper than the surface, if you give to each soul every brightness that is in your power to give it, your own soul will become more bright and beautiful, even as the sun gained in beauty a while ago, from the tinted clouds its warmth and light had glorified."

I had listened, spell-bound, and the

words, with deeper meaning than I can put in writing, seemed to change the view of self and others I had always held.

He moved nearer to me, and I felt rather than heard these words:

"Child, I will help you, I will pray for you, for all my life was filled with this practice of simplicity. Pray for the heroic heart which feels the suffering of others more than its own. The sufferings of those I loved were continually before me. I underwent slow martyrdom when thinking of the dolors of my Blessed Spouse; now am I given honor and power on earth and in heaven. Have more of faith, and pray; begin your life-work now, and I will help you." A hand touched mine, and then an anxious voice said.

"Oh, Amy, I am afraid you will catch cold. I didn't mean to stay from you all the evening—"

"Who was he?" I interrupted, "and where has he gone?"

"Who, what? Amy, I think you were dreaming."

I passed my hand over my eyes, then rose to my feet, and taking Anne's hand walked with her into the house, telling her as we went to our rooms part of my dream.

"It was a vision," she exclaimed.

"No," I answered, it was a dream, but a dream of St. Joseph must do good work and I promise you it shall. Good-night dear Anne."

I left her, and alone once more with strange new thoughts, I prayed that blessings might follow Anne, who had always such great devotion to St. Joseph. To the dear Saint of whom I had dreamed I went with more confidence than I had ever felt before. He has never failed me, and I have tried to follow the advice of the dream; there were failures at first, many, but I can truly say a dream of St. Joseph taught me the way of true peace.

UNION OF PRAYERS, PETITIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS.

Our monthly Novena will be held from November 30th to December 8th.

As special intention, we request our Associates to pray that we may establish in the Archconfraternity

THE DAILY PERPETUAL MASS.

Our friends in St. Joseph are well aware that the Archconfraternity has been established to constitute in America the perpetual and permanent supplication offered to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through St. Joseph, willing to draw down from heaven an outpouring of celestial benedictions. *The prayer of the just is the key of heaven, says St. Augustine, while the prayer ascends, mercy descends from heaven.*

Besides we recommend 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.

The clergy of the diocese of Green Bay, assembled on the 8th to glorify St. Joseph.

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.

The protection of St. Joseph against influenza and other diseases.

That our protector St. Joseph save this country from the scourge of cholera.

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.

Devoted promoters for the extension of St. Joseph's Archconfraternity.

130 Communities—750 Conversions—100 Employments—500 Intemperate persons—240 Girls—430 Families—700 Particular intentions—235 Perseverances—450 Religions—175 Priests—50 Travelers—410 Sick persons—250 Temporal blessings—980 Spiritual blessings—345 Vocations—150 Untakings—450 Young men—145 Hopeless cases—All favors solicited not yet obtained.

MONTHLY OBITUARY.



Mrs. M. Grath, died in Philadelphia, Nov. 3d.

Sister Mary of Calvary, died at the Convent of the Sisters of Charity of the Inc. word, October 5, in the 27th year of her age, the first of her religious profession.

Sister Elodia, died October 29, at the Convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Oconto, Wis.

REQUIESCENT IN PACE!

Do not allow any day of this month to pass without offering some prayer or good work for the deliverance of the Poor Souls.