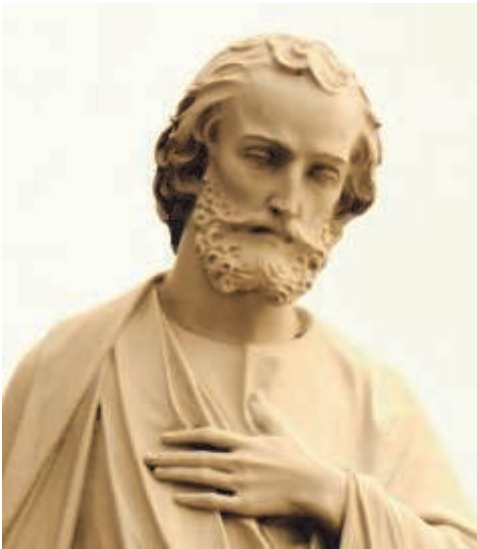

Editorial : Go to Joseph



Dear Faithful,

The Society of St. Pius X would not exist today, after 40 years, without the constant help of St. Joseph. Archbishop Lefebvre once said that, to deny that Providence and St. Joseph have helped us materially, sometimes even miraculously, would be to tell a lie.

St. Joseph is invoked in the Society of St. Pius X under many titles, especially Protector of the Universal Church, of vocations, model of interior life, provider for all our material needs. St. Pius X's baptismal name was Joseph, "Giuseppe", in Italian.

So this year 2011, we, in the SSPX, especially in Asia, want to honour St. Joseph first in gratitude for all we owe him, and then, to beg him to continue to shower us even more with graces in the spiritual and temporal order. 2010 was the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the SSPX. 2011 is the 25th anniversary of the first priory in Asia, i.e. in Tailapuram (now moved to Palayamkottai), Tamil Nadu, and 2012 will be the 20th anniversary of the opening of the priory in the Philippines.

SAINT JOSEPH AGAINST TEMPTATION

A perfect religious was much troubled by violent temptations, especially during her spiritual exercises: what gave her most concern during these conflicts was that she feared she had abandoned herself to pusillanimity and discouragement, thinking she would never attain that precious liberty of spirit which is the peculiar privilege and inheritance of the children of God.

In her anguish she had recourse to her good mother, the Blessed Virgin, and begged that through her intercession peace and tranquillity might succeed to the tempest of her soul, saying that her only motive in asking this favour was that she might be united to God in prayer with a heart more pure, more fervent, and more perfectly disengaged from all transitory things. "O Holy Virgin!" she added, "if you will not grant me this favour yourself, deign at least to show me one amongst your favourites in heaven to whom I may have recourse with confidence as to the father of my soul, to obtain the favour I now ask." Scarcely had she concluded this simple supplication to the Mother of Mercy, when she felt

her heart overflowing with spiritual joy and peace; at the same moment she beheld with the eyes of her soul St. Joseph himself, who was represented to her as being beloved by Mary above all the other saints, in the first place, because he was her spouse, and secondly, on account of his transcendent virtues, which have entitled him to be preferred to all the other saints as the worthy master of the interior life and the spiritual father of souls.

The religious from that moment placed herself entirely under the direction of St. Joseph, whom she ever after regarded as a tender parent, who not only possessed the will, but also the means of serving her. The effects of his protection were soon experienced by his devoted daughter, for she was delivered by him from all her interior pains; and when afterwards assailed by any temptation, she had only to cast herself like a child into the arms of her good parent, and was immediately restored to peace of mind and interior recollection.

*A Manual of Practical Devotion
to St. Joseph*
by Father Patrignani, S.J.

"Ite ad Joseph!" is what Sacred Scripture tells us to this day: you want the Holy Mass? Go to St. Joseph! Vocations? Go to St. Joseph? Help in the temporal field? Ask St. Joseph. Purity according to your state of life? Turn to him with confidence.

Between 1st and 18th March, throughout the District we will offer two novenas to prepare for the Feast of St. Joseph; On

19th March, we will consecrate the District to him, and then from 20th to 28th March, we will conclude with a third Novena in thanksgiving.

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

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