

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

O Glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to thee do we raise our hearts and hands to implore thy powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special favour we now implore: that many zealous vocations come to our seminary.

O Guardian of the Word Incarnate, we have confidence that thy prayers on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. Amen.

(Then say the following seven times in honour of the seven sorrows and joys of St. Joseph.)

V. O Glorious St. Joseph! Through thy love for Jesus Christ and for the glory of His Name,
R. Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.
V. Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
R. Assist us!

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais will confer the Priestly Ordinations on 19 December 2009.
- Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius:
 - Men's Retreat: 4 to 9 January 2010
 - Ladies' Retreat: 18 to 23 January 2010



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For the sun rose with a burning heat, and parched the grass, and the flower thereof fell off, and the beauty of the shape thereof perished: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. (James 1:11)

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

The saints triumphed in this life by forsaking the passing joys of the world and by directing their effort on God, upon Whom they depended for their success. In this way they could be said to "possess" God in this life and merited to possess Him eternally in the next. The day of their temporal death was the day of their eternal birth to the life of beatitude. God is the greatest gift any man could desire or receive and God desires so to give Himself to all men, whereby He perfectly shares His eternal happiness.

Not only has God created us for this wonderful goal, but He still offers us forgiveness for our sins and grace to live in holiness. Eagerly and patiently, God desires to share with us His happiness, which deserves our life-long effort to glorify and thank Him. Sadly, we often ignore the God of all goodness and selfishly use His goods. God shares His goods in order to help us pursue holiness. Using God's gifts only for our selfish enjoyment will leave us with nothing when all glories fade with the end of life.

If we have used well the things of this world, we will find ourselves rich in grace and God's life, so that when death steals away all things mundane, we will be rich in the eternal life of God! God is the brilliance of creation and



God alone can satisfy in man his desire for happiness. The saints have understood this and they have succeeded in conforming their lives to this truth.

The Incarnate Word came to help us become saints. Without God's help we are incapable of fulfilling this lofty pursuit. Our Lord offers us every aid to secure in this life His grace and virtue whereby we may hope to enter the joy of eternal life.

The Angels and Saints also help us wayfarers to overcome the difficulties of this life in pursuit of beatitude. As beautiful reflections of Our King, the Angels and Saints are given to assisting men by their intercession.

In this life we are meant to help one another as God has blessed us each with certain qualities, not solely for our personal gain, but to share with those who are in need or who might well profit from the kind support of a neighbour. In this we find the good use of our talents and resources: the rich help the poor, the compassionate console the sorrowful, the strong defend the weak, the missionary converts the infidel... each in various and different ways, but most perfectly for the love of God and the love of God in our neighbour.

The nature of man, dependent upon others for his well being, warrants, in the spirit of Our Redeemer and Creator, mutual and collective assistance in this quest for holiness as well as assistance in overcoming the numerous difficulties encountered in life. The many works of mercy – corporal and spiritual – are becoming to the children of God.

In response to God's benevolence, all are indebted to His Divine Mercy and rightly sense the duty to assist others in gratitude for all that we have gratuitously received. We are also indebted to the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the angels and saints, who have cooperated with God's grace and have an intercessory role in our own sanctification. Likewise, we are also indebted to many of our neighbours for their prayers, good example, friendship, support, etc.. In this support and dependence of the various members of the Mystical Body of Christ, we witness the life-giving grace of God being transmitted in hierarchical fashion according to God's plan – reflecting the very goodness of God to share His happiness with others.

This month we do well to especially help the Poor Souls. We are also reminded to be generous in response to Bishop Fellay's plea to help Holy Mother Church in the crisis that afflicts her by our praying more devotedly the Holy Rosary and by performing acts of penance in response to the Crusade for the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In this way we follow the example of the saints in asking God's help to obtain the discipline of perseveringly seeking His glory.

The Mother of God has promised that her Immaculate Heart will triumph and that this victory will bring a glorious era to the Church, helping many souls to convert and seek holiness. This is the nature of the Crusade, to help others while helping ourselves to the riches of God's mercy, that more men give more perfect glory to God.

In light of this consideration, we may realize how important it is to form good priests. Without devoted and generous priests, the faithful



greatly suffer. The devastating effects of the Second Vatican Council have not only greatly reduced the number of priests, but have nearly extinguished people's understanding of the priest's sacred function and the need of holy men to help us become saints. The priest offers the Sacrifice of Christ, a most perfect act of divine worship, which in turn brings down God's abundant graces to sustain us in our earthly pilgrimage.

When the clergy have lost this understanding, they have nothing to offer the faithful. This emptiness has caused a great many clerics and layman to apostatize! We need holy priests to guide us on the way to holiness. Pray for holy priests.

Indeed, the many fervent prayers and sacrifices of the faithful will merit the grace of holy vocations, and with this comes another need for help – that of the material support for the training of priests.

My dear friends, Holy Cross needs your help. First of all, we need worthy men ready to give their all for the glory of God. Please do not neglect to pray for many holy vocations! With these men who do step forward, are other material necessities; namely, the need to house them, feed them and educate them. The living quarters, classrooms, library, books, kitchen, pots and pans, tables, light bulbs and water – all are part of the material requirements for the well-ordered running of the Seminary. These needs are earnestly sought from the generosity of the faithful since a seminary does not have any other source of income. The meagre tuition asked from the seminarian is often not able to be paid, which is not surprising since a young man normally has little if any material wealth, having left worldly pursuits. I appeal to your generosity.

Presently, the Seminary has only the means to operate day to day. We lack the resources to address the repairs and make the improvements as directed by Bishop Fellay for the proper functioning of the Seminary. All projects have all been postponed for lack of funds. With the priestly ordination just over a month away, we fear not having the means to cover the expenses in hiring the many implements needed to host this wonderful ceremony. Joyfully many faithful come to celebrate God's gift of new Christs being ordained – but what an expense! The cost of hiring the tent, sound system, chairs, lights, and more all cost nearly \$20,000.00! Confident in Divine Providence, I thank all who are able to assist us.

Archbishop Lefebvre responded to the plea of young men who for the love of God desired to be trained according to the wisdom of the Church. In so doing, he encountered many difficulties and trials. May we bear well the difficulties of doing God's will in all things, as our little cooperation in sharing with Christ His trials and sufferings. By the grace of God may we be true to Him and so give zealous priests to the world, who in turn may lead many to forsake the fading joys of this life for the eternal glories of heaven!

Finally, please join us at the Seminary in praying the Novena to St. Joseph this month as we beg for many holy vocations. Your support is greatly appreciated and will be richly rewarded. St. Joseph, pray for us! May God bless you and Our Lady Mediatrix of all Graces watch over you.

In Christ the King,

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