

Joseph's Sorrows



*And Joys in the
Divine Will*

Abba Joseph's **Seven Joys and Sorrows**

Favored Devotion of St Joseph Himself

Two Franciscans friars were in a vessel off the coast of Flanders when suddenly a violent storm arose which sank the ship, together with three hundred passengers. The two religious had sufficient presence of mind to grasp a plank belonging to the wreck which saved them from drowning. Seeing the possibility of death around them they prayed to Saint Joseph, to whom they had a particular devotion.

He appeared to them standing on the plank that supported them, in the form of a young man full of grace and majesty. The kind and friendly manner of his greeting was in itself sufficient to console them. He told them to have courage and acting as a pilot of their fragile barge, he conducted them safely to shore. Finding themselves miraculously saved they begged to know the name of the one who saved them. The stranger answered, "*I am Joseph.*" He then told them of the Seven Sorrows and Joys of his earthly life and said that he would grant his special protection to all who would devoutly commemorate them.

Thereby this devotion spread rapidly enriched with indulgences by several Popes and Saint Joseph continues to show those who have recourse to him great favors. It has become a custom to commemorate these mysteries on any seven consecutive Sundays of the year, especially those preceding his Feast Day. The meditations are accompanied by the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be seven times, or this devotion may be extended in the form of a rosary in his honor with his own Ave. (see below)



INDULGENCES of the CHURCH

Popes Gregory XVI and Pius IX granted the following indulgences to all the faithful who say the devotion of the Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys on any seven consecutive Sundays of the year:

- ◆ 5 years indulgence on each of these Sundays
- ◆ A Plenary indulgence on the seventh, after Confession, Communion, and prayers for the Pope.
- ◆ A Plenary indulgence on any of the seven Sundays kept as above in honor of the holy Patriarch Saint Joseph, at any time in the year whatever, provided only they be kept consecutively, and provided also the usual conditions are observed of Confession, Communion, visit to a church, and prayer according to the mind of the Holy Father. The same indulgence is also granted to the poor and illiterate, wherever this devotion is not publicly practiced, provided only they say seven Our Fathers, seven Hail Mary's, and seven Glory Be's, instead of the prayers above, and provided also they fulfill the other prescribed conditions.
- ◆ We recommend adding to Mary's Ave, Joseph's Ave in this rosary of meditations to deepen our love for and intercession to Saint Joseph in our regard and for the sake of the Church. For example pray three Ave Maria's and seven Ave Joseph's using our usual rosary beads; or pray 7 Ave Josephs on the Dolour Rosary of Our Mother's Seven Principal Sorrows. (Feb 1, 1847; March 22, 1847; May 23, 1936; Raccolta #427)

Because Saint Joseph was associated with Mary in Her glorious privileges, he also had to suffer with Her; and his heart too was pierced by innumerable swords of sorrow. He suffered continually in his heart a unique sorrow that only the father of this Divine Child and virgin spouse of Mary, the Mother of all Sorrows can suffer. The suffering acts of his Paternity were to enflesh the Eternal Father's own Sorrow at the way men treated His Son and thereby make reparation for the sins of fathers. Only one man was chosen to father God on earth and therefore Joseph's Office is unique among men and it carries with it unique acts of love and unique sufferings. May these reflections help us enter his heart to unite with him in these acts. Fiat!

Saint Isidore Isolani, Italian Dominican of the 16th century, a prophet of Saint Joseph, who proclaimed at the very moment St Teresa of Avila was born:

The Lord, in order to honour His name, decided to make Saint Joseph the leader and the patron saint of the militant Church. Before the Day of Judgment, all the peoples will know to revere the Name of the Lord, and the magnificent gifts that God has given Saint Joseph, gifts He wanted to keep almost hidden for a very long period of time.

It is then that the name of Joseph will abound with all the goods of the earth. Churches will be built in his honour. Peoples will celebrate his feasts and will make solemn promises to him. For the Lord will open the ears of their intelligence and great men will scrutinize the inner gifts of God hidden in Saint Joseph and will discover a precious treasure such as we do not find its like in any of the fathers of the Old Testament.

This will happen especially through the enlightenments given by the holy angels. Saint Joseph will give graces from heaven on high to people who will invoke him, and he himself, constantly surrounded with the majesty of his Glory, will borrow nothing from any mortal.

The name of Saint Joseph will be honourably placed on the calendar of the saints and he will no longer be the last, for a main feast will be set to venerate him. The Vicar of Christ on earth, prompted by the Holy Spirit, will rule that the feast of the foster-father of Christ and of the husband of the Queen of the world, be celebrated throughout the Church.

(Somma dei doni di San Giuseppe 1522)



“The Most High spoke to the heart of the high priest, inspiring him to place into the hands of each one of the young men a dry stick, with the command that each ask His Majesty with a lively faith, to single out the one whom He had chosen to be Spouse of Mary ... Among them all only the humble and most upright Joseph thought himself unworthy of such a great blessing, and remembering the vow of Chastity that he resolved anew its perpetual observance, he resigned himself to God’s Will, leaving it all to his disposal and being filled at the same time with a veneration and esteem greater than that of any of the others for the most noble maiden Mary. While they were thus engaged in prayer the staff which Joseph held was seen to blossom and at the same time a Dove of purest white and resplendent with admirable Light was seen to descend and rest upon the head of the saint, while in the interior of his heart God spoke: Joseph, My servant, Mary shall be thy Spouse. Accept her with attentive reverence, for She is acceptable in My eyes, just and most pure in soul and body, and thou shalt do all that She shall say to Thee.’ And the priests espoused her to the most chaste and holy of men, Saint Joseph.”

“The City of God” by Ven Mary of Agreda: Book 2: Chapter 22

Thereby Saint Joseph takes the “Ark” of the New Covenant to himself as Her Custodian and Protector and what was said about Moses’ sanctity, chosen as custodian of the Ark of Gold that housed the testimony of the Law of the Commandments, can be multiplied to the infinite about the Sanctity of Saint Joseph who was chosen to be the not only custodian but husband of the Ark of Immaculate Flesh of Mary into Jesus, true testimony of the Father, was to take human flesh.

“He took the Testimony and placed it inside the Ark. He set the shafts to the Ark and placed the Throne of Mercy on It. He brought the Ark into the Tabernacle and put the Screening Veil in place. Thus he screened the Ark of Yahweh, as Yahweh had directed Moses. (Ex 40:21) ... the Veil will serve you to separate the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. (Exodus 26:33) At the entrance to the Tent of Meeting in the presence of Yahweh, that is where I shall meet you and speak to you – I will meet the sons of Israel in the place consecrated by My Glory.” (Ex 29:42)

Saint Joseph takes the Ark of Mary to his home (the new tabernacle for the New Ark) with more rejoicing than his ancestor David accompanied the Ark of gold to his palace. He becomes “*the flame burning perpetually*” (Ex 27:21) before this new *Tent of Meeting* between God and Man, Mary. He protects the sacred communion between Mary and Her Beloved Son and God by his holy silent adoration amid his daily labours for their welfare. He is the “*screening veil*” God places over this “*Holy of Holies*”. He lays his life down completely, as nuptial gift at the service of the Divine Plan for our Redemption in Jesus and Mary. May we also place the ‘*screening veil*’ of Joseph over the Incarnation of God in us.

Because Saint Joseph was associated with Mary in Her glorious privileges, he also had to suffer like Her and with Her; and his heart too was pierced by many swords of Sorrow. These great afflictions were the Sorrowful Way that he had to live in with great silence. He suffered continually in his heart because of his

foreknowledge of the Passion and Death of his Son enlightened by His Immaculate Spouse and his own knowledge of the Sacred Scriptures.

The humanity, heart and soul of Joseph was to be infused with the Sorrows of the Eternal Father, Who cannot suffer in His Divine Being, and therefore searched for one who could father His Son on earth with His own Heart. Yet, as the Eternal Father witnessed the way men treated His Son and Spouse, He desired in Joseph a place He could infuse His own Will and Sorrows, and in this, Joseph made reparation for sin, especially the sins of fathers towards their children and husbands towards their wives; more especially the sin of Adam who did not protect his wife, Eve, against the subtle machinations of the devil and instead colluded with her in divorcing himself from the Divine Will. Joseph, on the other hand, united his Fiat with Mary's believing that God could conceive His own Life in Her forming in Her His own Humanity in which He could repair for the sins of Mankind ... simply by the Power of His Eternal Will, Word and Love.

Joseph's Ave

Hail Joseph! Image of God the Father!

The Lord is with you - with Mary!

Blessed are you among all men,

and Blessed is the Fruit

of your Fiat with Mary, Jesus.

Holy Joseph, Father to God and

Spouse of the Immaculate Conception,

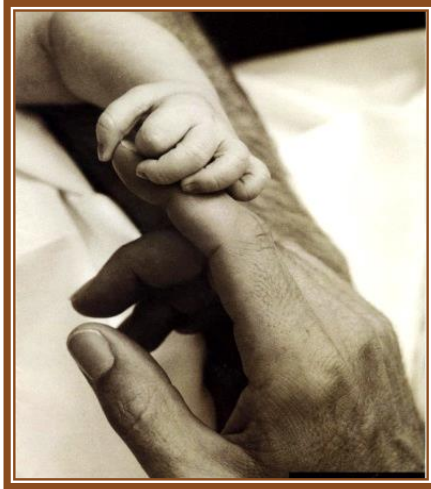
Generate Their Divine Life in us

now and at the hour of our death. Amen





“I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself, like this child, is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.



And whoever welcomes a little child like this in My Name welcomes Me. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

Matthew 18



From “*The Book of Heaven*”

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In this teaching, Jesus pleads with Luisa to never stop repeating her “*I love You*” upon every one of the Acts of His Divine Humanity, which are arrayed in suspension awaiting the soul who lives in His Will to take them and make Divine profit from them. In respect of this prayer book, while entering into Jesus’ Acts we focus on His love for His Abba Joseph and how He acted and responded towards His father, for in these Acts are many graces for the vocations of fatherhood, spousal love and childhood. We also enter the Acts of the Divine Will in Joseph for the sake of fathering His beloved Son, the Divine Will come to earth and loving his Virgin Spouse, Mary.

“I was fusing myself according to my usual way in the most Holy Will of God; and, while I went around in It to put my “*I love You*” over all things, I wanted my Jesus to see and hear nothing other than my “*I love You*” or, on the other hand, that He would see and hear everything through my “*I love You.*” And, while I repeated the little lullaby of my “*I love You,*” I thought to myself: *‘It is obvious that I am really a little baby who does not know how to say anything other than the little story she learned ...’* and I wondered what was my joy in repeating and always repeating “*I love You, I love You!*” But while I was thinking that, my adorable Jesus went out from my interior and showed me in all His Divine Person my “*I love You*” imprinted everywhere: upon His lips, upon His Face, upon His Forehead, in the middle of His fingertips; in sum, everywhere and with a tender accent He said to me;

“My daughter, are you not content that no “I love You” that goes out from you becomes lost, but all remain imprinted in Me. And, then, do you know why you enjoy repeating them? You must know that when the soul has decided to do a good, to exercise a virtue, it forms the seed of that virtue; by repeating those acts, it forms the water to sprinkle that seed upon the earth of its own heart. And how much more often they are repeated, the more it sprinkles that seed; and the plant grows beautiful, green, in a manner that it quickly produces the fruits of that seed. On the

other hand, if the soul is slow in repeating, many times the seed becomes suffocated. If it grows, it grows thin and never gives fruit ... poor seed, without sufficient water to grow! My Sun does not rise over that seed to give it fecundity, ripeness and beautiful color to its fruits, because it is infertile.

Instead by repeating all these same acts, the soul retains much water to sprinkle that seed; My Sun rises over the seed each time It sees it watered and delights Itself so much in knowing the seed has much strength to grow that it makes its branches reach even to Me; and I, seeing the many fruits, collect them with pleasure; and I take repose in its shadow. Thus, repeating your “I love You” for Me procures the water to sprinkle and form the tree of Love; patience waters and forms the tree of Patience. Repeating your acts in My Will forms the water to sprinkle and form the tree, not with a single act, but with many, many repeated acts. Only your Jesus possesses the virtue of forming all things, and the things most grand, with a single act because I contain the Creative Power; but the creature, by way of repeating the same act, forms drop by drop the good that it wants to do. With habit that good and that virtue become nature; and the creature becomes possessor of them, which form all its fortune.

Even in the natural order it happens this way. No one becomes a teacher by reading one time or a few times the vowels and consonants, but who constantly repeats them, even to filling his mind, his will, and his heart with the science necessary in order to teach others. No one finds himself filled if he does not eat bite by bite the food that he needs to fill himself. No one gathers the seed if he does not repeat, who can say how many times, the labor in his little field; and it is the same with other things. Repeating the same act is a sign that it is loved, that it is appreciated and that one wants to possess the very act that is done. **Therefore, repeat, and repeat incessantly, without ever tiring yourself out.**”

After that I found myself outside of myself and my sweet Jesus carried me, going around to all those points where, while on earth,

He had worked, suffered, prayed and died. All was in act - all that He had done; and my Beloved Good said to me:

My daughter, daughter of My Supreme Volition, My Will wants to make you part of everything. All that you see are all the works I did while on earth, which My Will has suspended in Itself, because creatures are not disposed to want to receive them or because they do not yet know what I did. See, here are the prayers that I prayed at night covered with bitter tears and ardent sighs for the salvation of everyone; they are all in expectation of giving themselves to the creatures, in order to give them the fruits they contain. My daughter, enter into these, cover yourself with My Tears and dress yourself with My Prayers, so that My Will might fulfill in you the effects of My Tears, Prayers and Sighs.

My Will has arrayed in Itself, the pains of My Infancy, all the internal acts of My hidden Life, which are prodigies of grace and of sanctity, all the humiliations, the glories and the pains of My public Life, and the hidden pains of My Passion. All are suspended; the complete Fruit has not been taken by creatures. I await those who must live in My Volition, so that they will no longer be suspended but poured out, releasing their complete Fruit upon creatures for their good. Only those who must live in My Will will liberate My goods from this suspension. Therefore enter into each Act and Pain of Mine, so that My Will be fulfilled in you. Between you and Me I do not want things suspended, nor will I tolerate not being able to say what I want. Therefore, I want to find in you My very Will, so that nothing can be opposed to whatever My own Will wants to give you.

And while Jesus said that I passed from one Act of His to another; and I became as transformed, covered by His own Acts, Prayers, Tears and Pains. But who can say what I experienced? I hope that Blessed Jesus gives me the grace of corresponding and fulfilling in me His adorable Will in everyone.



The “Houses of Nazareth” the Divine Will wants to form on earth. Jesus, Mary and Joseph formed the family that lived in Him and was “His true Kingdom”.

(V 29: 31st May, 1931)

“After this I continued my acts in the Divine Fiat, and my poor mind stopped in the little house of Nazareth, where the Queen of Heaven, the celestial King Jesus and Saint Joseph were in possession of and lived in the Kingdom of the Divine Will. So that this kingdom is not estranged to the earth: the house of Nazareth, the family that lived in Him belonged to this Kingdom and they held Him in full vigour. But while I thought this, my great King Jesus said to me:”

“My daughter, it is certain that the Kingdom of My Divine Will has existed upon the earth and therefore there is the hope that He will return again in his full vigour. Our house of Nazareth was His true Kingdom, however we were without people.

Now you should know that every creature is a kingdom, hence one who lets My Will reign in her can be called a little kingdom of the Supreme Fiat; so that she is a tiny little house of Nazareth that we hold upon the earth, and for however little, being (that) our Will reigns in her, Heaven is not closed for her, she observes the same rights of the celestial country, loves with the same love, feeds herself with the foods of up there and is incorporated in the Kingdom of Our interminable regions.

Now in order to form the great Kingdom of Our Will upon the earth We will first make the so many little tiny houses of Nazareth, that is the souls who will want to know Him in order to make Him reign in them. I and the Sovereign Queen will be at the head of these little tiny houses, because We, having been the first ones that possessed this Kingdom on earth, it is Our right, that we won't surrender to any one, to be the managers of them. Whence [with] these tiny little houses we repeat Our House of Nazareth, we will form so many little states of ours, so many provinces, that after it has been well formed and ordered as so

many little kingdoms of Our Will, they will fuse together and will form One Kingdom alone and one great people.

Therefore, in order to have Our greatest works, Our way of acting is to commence first alone, one on one, through one creature alone; when We have formed this, We make her a channel in order to enclose in Our works another two, three creatures, then We enlarge it forming a little nucleus and then We enlarge it so much as to take the whole entire world;

Our works commence in the isolation of God and the soul and they finish continuing their life in the midst of entire peoples. And when there is the beginning of a work of Ours it is a sure sign that it won't die upon being born, at the most it could live hidden for some time, but then it will go forth and will make its perennial Life. Therefore, I want you always ahead in My Divine Will."

Introductory Prayer

O Divine Will, I immerse myself in You in order to live the Mysteries of Your Love for Your Abba Joseph. I immerse myself and all humanity in Your humble docility to Abba Joseph and come to be led by You into the Mystery of his loving fatherhood over You. May the fecundity of his virgin fatherhood descend upon earth so that all may receive from him the protection and provision for their pilgrimage back to the Holy Land of the Divine Will, which was given into his hands for safe-keeping. Fiat!

The Confidence the Trinity placed in Abba Joseph By gifting him with the Kingdom in Jesus and Mary

"... And so, when the King feels sure of that man, He calls him to Himself in His Kingdom and gives him all that he ought to be able to give to all the people; and, setting apart the others, He lets go forth from that man a new generation of His elect people, who do not have any other ambition than to live by the Will of the King alone - everyone submitted to him as so many births from his bosom ..."

("The Book of Heaven" - Volume 18: February 6, 1926)

Joseph's Sorrows at the Silence of the Divine Will and Mary

1. **Saint Joseph's Sorrow beholding the Mystery of the Incarnation in Mary and not yet being told his part, feeling he must withdraw in the presence of such mysterious events.** The thought of separation from his beloved Mary was worse than physical death to him and yet he had to endure Her silence as well as the silence of God in this matter. Having passed the test of Justice and Mercy he experienced **His Joy at being told, "Don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife for what is conceived in Her is of the Holy Spirit"**.

The Acts of Divine Will in this Mystery

"And from His Mother's Womb He shall begin to deliver Israel"

(Judges 13:5)

The Divine Will from the Womb of His Virgin Mother begins to deliver Israel, and in the person of His father Joseph procures the Virgin Fatherhood which will protect and provide for all His Incarnations through Mary:

✧ *I enter into You, O Divine Will, in this painful silence You impose upon Yourself in the Womb of Your Holy Mother Mary, in order to procure for Yourself a just and noble father in Saint Joseph, who must pass the test that Adam failed – to protect the integrity of his wife from the malice of the devil. Like Mary, our Mother, I pray within that painful silence of Your constricted littleness, that Joseph, and in him all fathers, will not fail to act with justice and love towards their wives and children. I pray also that the Spirit of Your Divine Fatherhood will envelop the earth to father all the 'orphans and widows' – children orphaned by abandonment, neglect and selfishness of one kind or another and women 'widowed' by men who fail to "love their wives as their own bodies". (Ephesians 5:28) I place the protective mantle of Joseph over all the newly conceived, especially those in danger of abortion.*

✧ *I see You, dear Jesus, suffering in the Womb of Your Mother and praying to Your Heavenly Father, and to His Spirit to imbue Joseph with all the treasures of His Paternal Heart, so that Mary will not suffer the full force of the Law or be left widowed and alone in the Work of Her Divine Maternity. You long for a father on earth, who will provide for all Your needs and those of Your Beloved Mother. You want what every child wants - the security and love of two parents who love one another and their child more than anything else. I place my 'I love You' on all these prayers and unite my prayers with yours, placing the protective mantle of Joseph's Paternity over all pregnant women especially those in danger of violence, death and manipulation.*

✧ *I fuse myself and all humanity into Your Ardour to have Joseph as Your father on earth and for the Divine Paternity to invest the whole earth, so that all children, who abide in You, will receive the grace and blessing of the Eternal Father and the treasures of His Kingdom in Joseph. In this Ardour of Your Infancy in the Womb of Mary, I place all the newly conceived and their great need for a Divine Paternity to protect and provide for their needs. With all the Ardours of the Divine Will abiding in Your Infant Heart Jesus, I too pray that Joseph does not fail his test and that this terrible separation from You and our Mother does not happen. I pray that in Joseph's faithfulness all men will be faithful to their families and in Your Divine Will I pray for an end to divorce and its inherent evils. "Father of the orphan and the widow" give St Joseph's fatherhood to all and heal all the victims of divorce.*

✧ *Abba Joseph your most profound humility decides you must withdraw from such Sacred Mysteries of which you have not been told to share with God and your beloved Miriam is silent. This great test reveals your justice, mercy and profound humility. You did not covet your own wife by proclaiming your rights over Her asking Her to explain. You did not exercise your legitimate authority or exploit it for selfish reasons. You realize the Integrity of Her person and deny yourself even the need for an explanation, trusting rather in Miriam's Virginal integrity and wisdom. There*

must be a reason for Her silence and the silence of the Divine Will. You do not suspect the worst (as some have thought) – instead responding to the grace procured for you by Jesus and Mary, and in your great purity of heart and through your justice, you believe in the integrity of your Thrice Holy Spouse. Fill all husbands with this virginal mind which ‘believes all things, hopes all things and trusts all things.’ Fiat!

Arguments supporting that Joseph did not suspect most Holy Mary of adultery are clearly spelt out in “*The Life and Glories of St Joseph*” by Edward Healy Thompson, which is such a well researched book that it leaves no doubt as to the most valid conclusions concerning St Joseph in this and other matters pertaining to him. Those who know Joseph have no such need. Also this subject is covered well in the wonderful book, “*Consecration to Saint Joseph*” by Father Donald Calloway.

✧ *Dear Abba Joseph, your profound humility and your love for the Holy Will of God above all human affections leads you to withdraw. You prepare to depart quietly from all that you love here on earth – a love that is only for the Will of God to have Its Way. Your sacrifice is pleasing to God - more even than that of Abraham, and you win a greater grace than Abraham. The Life that you were prepared to sacrifice is given back to you in Its Divine Immensity and Joy, but this Life is not just a human being, as with Abraham’s son, it is the Life of all life, the Author of Life, the Substance of everyone’s being. Because of this your fatherhood and its Office is more exalted than any of the former patriarchs and also of the patriarchs of the New Covenant, the apostles – for given to you, as to no other, is God made flesh through the Immaculate Virgin Mary’s Fiat. The angel therefore speaks to you assuring you that all the prophecies are now fulfilled,*

✧ *“Joseph! Son of David! Don’t be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, for what is conceived in Her is of the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a Son, and you must name Him, Jesus, because He is the One to save His people from their sins.”*

(Luke 1:21)

✧ *Beloved Divine Will as You triumphed in Your Abba – triumph also in all husbands who are tempted to possessiveness of their wives and children, who consider them as property rather than unique beings created by God, for the sake of God’s glory alone.*

✧ *Divine Will I adore Your Humility working through Saint Joseph and beg You to fill all husbands with deep love for their wives and children, that they may never exercise their power arbitrarily, but always in Divine Wisdom. We pray especially for priests, the virgin fathers of the Church, that like St Joseph they may increase their love for Mary and Jesus, little and hidden in the Blessed Sacrament and in every soul. Joseph, may your protective love over the Kingdom of the Divine Will, embodied in Jesus and Mary, inhabit all men as priests, guardians of Your Divine Presence in the Church, or guardians of families, communities, states and those with a particular office to preserve and sustain life – namely medical practitioners and scientists.*

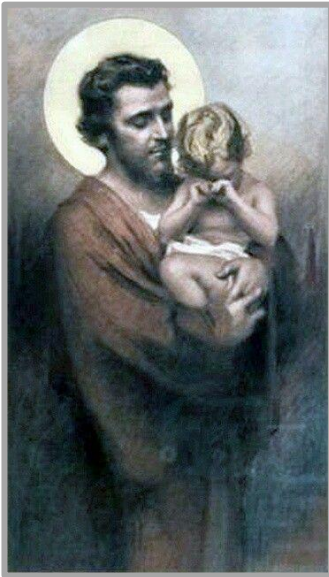
✧ *Divine Will, working in Saint Joseph, be our protector, the guardian of our hearts. Keep the keys of our will and affections of our hearts enclosed in that obedience that in St Joseph saved your life. May we be sure never to leave the Will of God no matter the sacrifice – even the sacrifice of those we love most on earth.*

✧ *We immerse ourselves in Jesus in the Womb of our heavenly Mother and in Him we entrust ourselves, and all the little ones in every age, time and place to Saint Joseph’s paternal care. Divine Will, praying from the Womb of the Divine Mother, thank You for procuring for us a Divine Fatherhood on earth - a fatherhood espoused to Mary, for the sake of bringing about Your Incarnation in souls. In You we pray ardently that all priests, husbands and fathers may espouse the Spirit of Mary, like Saint Joseph, in order that She, in turn, infuse into them Your Paternal Love. Fiat!*

(One Our Father, seven Aves, Glory be)

“He brought the Ark into the Tabernacle and put the screening veil in place – thus he screened the Ark of Yahweh ... he put the golden altar in the Tent of Meeting in front of the veil and on it burnt fragrant incense ... then he put the screen at the entrance to the Tabernacle ... he set up court around the Tabernacle and the altar ...” Exodus: 40:22

The Duty of Tears



“My daughter, My Tears began even from the first instant of My Conception in the Womb of My Celestial Mother, until My last Breath upon the Cross. The Will of My Celestial Father entrusted to Me even the duty of tears and from My eyes there must flow as many of them for as many as there ought to flow from all creatures together. As I conceived all those souls in Me, so I had to shed all their tears from My eyes. See, therefore, how much you must cry: you must shed from My eyes the tears that the creatures shed by passion, so that, Mine will smother their passions; you must shed the tears that are necessary after sin, in order to give them the sorrow of having offended Me and be convinced of the evil that they have done, preparing, with My Tears the intention of not offending me anymore. You must shed tears to soften souls to make them understand the pains of My Passion, as even you shed abundant tears of love to electrify souls to love Me, to attract their sympathy and their heart, all for Me ... It is enough to say to you that there is no tear that breaks forth upon the human eye that I did not shed from My eyes.” V 18: Dec 20, 1925

A REFLECTION ON THIS MYSTERY

THE TESTS GIVEN TO ADAM AND EVE; MARY AND JOSEPH: In this Mystery we see how Joseph must pass his test in order to be given authority over the Kingdom of the Divine Will in Jesus and Mary - the Order of the Hypostatic Union. As Holy Mother passed Her test and redressed the sin of Eve, so Joseph must pass his test in order to redress the sin of Adam – loss of Unity with the Divine Will. Though Holy Mother Church teaches Jesus is the second Adam and, through the Virginal Spousal Love of the Immaculate Conception for Her True and Eternal Spouse, the fullness of our sanctification takes place - yet, Joseph, being the virgin spouse of Mary on earth, also was a second Adam and spouse of the new ‘Eve’. He had to redress the sin of Adam who failed to protect his wife from the machinations of the devil. Joseph had to show he was worthy of the new and true Eve and her trustworthy spouse; for God the Holy Spirit, Who was Her true Spouse, would not place the Paradise of His Divine Presence on earth with a man who lived outside the Sun of His Fiat with Her. In marriage spouses are destined to become “One Body” and in this virginal marriage Joseph is destined to become “One Body” with The Immaculate Conception of God. Therefore, his test was unique among men.

THE ORIGINAL WOMAN AND THE WOMAN WHO IS THE ORIGIN OF THE NEW CREATION: The first Eve believed the devil instead of God, and conceiving this lie within herself, she offered its bitter fruit to her husband, Adam. He took and tasted the fruit of this evil – a ruptured manhood, weakened in his capacity to love and nurture his wife that caused his view of her to be disordered. He no longer saw her clearly and lost sight of her mission as well as his own. Blame and shame entered the holy estate of marriage and until Mary and Joseph came, no couple could fully reclaim that Unity with the Divine Will that existed *in the beginning*. Not only this, but the Peace of the whole earth was shattered – the Unity of the Divine Persons was no longer in Their children, even though They never abandoned

them. Misunderstood and rejected by them, the Trinity was isolated, unable to consummate Their desires in them; speaking to them only through Their faithful patriarchs, prophets and saints and eventually through the Law given to Moses, because they were “*unteachable*”. Living in the Divine Will as Adam and Eve had once done was no longer accessible to Man. The long generations of a ruptured humanity had begun and Divine Nuptial Love was replaced by human ruptured love. The Great Divorce of the human will from the Divine had sown its seed in Man and multiple kinds of divorce ensued causing the most terrible sufferings to mankind, which eventually were adjusted in the sufferings of the incarnate God, Jesus.

CONCEPTION THROUGH THE DIVINE WILL ALONE: Mary and Joseph, unlike Adam and Eve, did not desire to taste of any knowledge or fruit other than the Divine Will. Joseph, by refusing to believe the evil insinuation Satan would have liked to sow in his mind – that is that Mary’s pregnancy was of man and not of God, merged himself with Mary’s own Faith that God could conceive Himself virginally through the powerful Love of His Fiat, as promised in the Scriptures. “*And a Virgin shall conceive and give birth.*” (Isaiah 7:14) Mary was the New Terrestrial Paradise; but in a superior sense gifted to Adam and Eve. “*For what is conceived in Her is of the Holy Spirit.*” Mary became the living Temple of the Divine Presence and inseparable from It, possessing the Gift of the Divine Will and all that was destined for Adam and Eve and their children. She was Heaven on earth and everything was given into Her hands and transfused into Her Immaculate Heart for the glory of God and the infinite benefit His children, primarily Saint Joseph in whom She sowed the Divine Paternity.

THE ORIGINAL ADAM AND THE NEW MAN: The Original Man was formed from the earth and then infused with an eternal soul by the Breath of the Holy Spirit; but the New Adam, Jesus, would hold within His Humanity a Life giving Spirit. His Body was gift of Mary’s Fiat which was conceived from Her Heart contracting in ecstasies of Love for the Divine Will at the

moment She pronounced It. The Fruit of Her Fiat was Heaven come to earth; for in Her Immaculate Flesh there was nothing corruptible but only Light infused by the Love of the Eternal Trinity and Their Will to conceive Themselves once more on earth in this new Paradise, more beautiful than the first, because She renounced Her will from the moment of Her Conception.

THE NEW PARADISE: The first Paradise was created for Man, but this New Paradise was created for God and for all His Fiat desired to do through Her; that is the redemption and sanctification of His children. Joseph was chosen to espouse this Mother of Eternal Life. What beauty therefore must have been sown into his virgin soul and heart by the Trinity, who had prepared him from conception for this high office. He heard in his heart the echo of the words of God in Genesis, *“It is not good that man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate ... God created Man in the image of Himself – in the image of God He created him – male and female He created them. God blessed them, saying to them, ‘Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it.’”* (Gen 2:18 – 1:27)

THE FRUITS OF THE VIRGINAL MARRIAGE OF MARY AND JOSEPH: What Adam and Eve renounced, Joseph and Mary reclaimed – a Virginal Nuptial Union with the Divine Will, which procured for all who would want it, Life lived in Jesus for the Glory of the Eternal Father. How grateful we must be to Mary and Joseph for believing that God can conceive Himself in Man without need for physical generation by human seed. ++

Joseph knew the scriptures so well and pondered them in his heart while placed in this crucible of decision. He knew the promise of God in Genesis and also the prophecies concerning the ‘virgin birth’ in Isaiah. Since God had not spoken in his heart as to what His Will was, he decided to withdraw in the quietest way possible providing for Mary, so as to allow God’s Will to fulfill Its designs for Her. In other words, his consideration to withdraw was based on virtuous motives and not an abandonment of duty, nor a flight in shame, nor shrouded in suspicions about his wife. He was like

Moses who dare not approach the magnificent fire and light of this new “*burning bush*”. He was too humble to presume for himself privileges that God had not willed for him.

He had a holy anxiety not a servile fear – his anxiety always was - what was the Will of his heavenly Father? Only His Will is fruitful and grace-filled. To act presumptuously based on one’s own desires could fracture everything in such a delicate matter. He truly excelled Abraham and Moses in this – indeed all the saints old and new.

His consternation was that the Divine Will had made it clear to him and to the temple elders, by a miracle no less, that he was to marry Mary. Having witnessed this miracle and the certainty that he was to be Mary’s husband, he wondered that how now, after such a short time, God seemed to have changed His plans for him. This was all torture to his virginal heart – a torture that was necessary to place his heart in the crucible of sorrow that would attest him supremely fit for the great office he was to hold – father to the Order of the Hypostatic Union.

He also recalled the holy conversation he had with his Spouse revealing to each other they had both made vows of perpetual virginity for the sake of drawing Christ into the world. In this Fiat they had sealed their Marriage as a Virginal Fiat of Love, altogether divine. Having this and many other considerations in his noble heart, Joseph’s withdrawal was based on the greatest prudence and humility – the like of which has never been seen before or since. And because his acts were of the Divine Will they had the power to impregnate all men with similar courage of love.

(See “*The Life and Glories of Saint Joseph*” by Edward Healy Thompson – re Church’s reflections, beliefs and statements concerning these profound mysteries. It is affirmed time and again by saints and doctors of the Church that Joseph was TRUE father of Jesus and TRUE spouse of Mary. His fatherhood was a virgin fatherhood with generative power in the Divine Will)

THE FRUIT OF JOSEPH’S TRUST: To re-enter the Kingdom of Heaven one had to pass a test of trust at least equivalent to the lack of trust of Adam and Eve. When Joseph passed this test what great joy entered his heart when he heard the words of the Angel, *“Don’t be afraid Joseph, to take Miriam home as your wife, for what She has conceived in Her is of the Holy Spirit.”* Thus, Joseph became, through a direct call from God, the father to *“what is conceived in Her ... of the Holy Spirit”*, Jesus; and in Jesus is all Creation – and, in Jesus is the Fatherhood of God. For, Jesus said, *“The Father and I are One”*. So, the wonderful conclusion in all this is that Joseph is father, in Jesus, his true Son, to all Creation and to the Fatherhood of God - AND to all Mother’s conceptions and births of the Holy Spirit in souls. What are Mother’s conceptions through the Power of the Holy Spirit – they are the *‘divine lives’* She creates through the Divine Will in all Her Acts. This is what Joseph became ‘father’ to by the Eternal Father’s unique invitation:

*“Don’t be afraid Joseph,
to take Mary home with you as your wife,
for what is conceived in Her
is of the Holy Spirit.”*

A VIRGIN PRIESTHOOD WHICH INCARNATES CHRIST THROUGH MARRIAGE TO MARY: These words are so profound when one lingers in them and tastes and sees the goodness of the Father’s Gift to Joseph. He is to espouse the Virgin of virgins, the Mother of all mothers, the Immaculate Conception in Whom all the Conceptions of God take place. He is the living sign of the fecundity of Virgin Paternity – a fecundity which is to unleash Its amazing Fruit from the broken and pierced Body of Jesus on the Cross. This Fruit is His holy priesthood – a virgin priesthood, like that of Himself and St Joseph. This Divine Fecundity, through Virginal Espousals is what God wanted through the Order of the Hypostatic Union and through this Order, in His Church, and from there to the whole world.

The rupture of Adam and Eve's Holy Marriage in the Divine Will, had to be repaired for and restituted. But Our Father, when he restitutes, does more than just restore – he adds and embellishes on what was before, because He so delights in the creativity of His Work of restitution that He wants to make everything more beautiful than before, because His Beloved has come home to Him. (see the story of the Prodigal Son)

It is striking to see, and yet it is not reflected upon deeply enough, that Jesus, Mary and Joseph, who are an Incarnation of the Heavenly Trinity are all Virgins. Jesus, of course being the full and perfect Incarnation of God while Mary according to Saint Maximilian Kolbe is a quasi-incarnation of the Holy Spirit and Joseph according to numerous saints and doctors of the Church is a quasi-incarnation of the Eternal Father; for, as Jesus says in Luke, human sexual union does not exist in this *other world*. They are not just continent, because absence from sexual union does not make one virtuous or divinely fecund – even when one does it for good motives.

To have a Virgin Heart, like the Heart of Christ, as Joseph and Mary did, is to share in the fullness of the Divine Fecundity of the Holy Spirit, which is eternal, infinite and perfect. How does one merit to share in this Divine Fecundity? By dying to oneself in such a way as to lose one's own life letting one's heart be pierced to the hilt as was the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and in such a way as to emanate from those piercings, the merits of the Blood of Christ in which all redeemed life is born. It is to believe, first of all, that the Trinity can conceive and beget life virginally – as Joseph and Mary did. *“Blessed is She Who believed that the promises made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.”* (Luke 1:45) In this Faith is the foundation for the ultimate gift to be given - to be able to virginally conceive and beget Divine Life. This is the real dignity and pre-eminence of Mary and Joseph as worthy members of the Order of the Hypostatic Union – which is the highest Order in Creation and cannot be superseded by any other Order, apostolic or angelic.

(See *“The Life and Glories of St Joseph”* – by E. Healy Thompson)

JESUS PROCURES THE SANCTITY OF JOSEPH'S DIVINE PATERNITY: What was the Divine Will, Himself, doing during his virgin father's test? How was He loving him through it? The Divine Will in Jesus lived out silently His pains in the Womb of His Mother procuring this great gift for Mankind – a virgin father, who was not tempted by anything on earth; who was just because all he wanted was to live in the Divine Will; who was magnificent because he believed the prophecy of the Virgin Birth and embraced his fatherhood over all Its mysteries. Having created and nurtured His own Mother, He needed to give her a husband who could live in close intimacy with Her, so selfless he would not rupture Her colloquies with the Blessed Trinity, or threaten Her inviolable Purity and Mission as the Mother of all *Divine Lives*, so selfless that He preferred oblivion to recognition in anything.

CUSTODIAN OF THE ARK OF FLESH: Joseph was custodian of God's Ark of Flesh, Mary, who housed within Her the radiant Humanity of the God/Man. Joseph was the last and greatest patriarch of the Old Covenant and also the first and greatest patriarch of the New Covenant in Christ. If disrespect to Moses resulted in such terrible punishments, what consequences await us if we fail to honor the father of Jesus, the Divine Will enfleshed? We will see in these Mysteries of Jesus' Love for His father Joseph the way He creates, redeems, sanctifies and glorifies through these Acts. In this Mystery for example:

The Divine Will creates a Virgin Fatherhood in Joseph of a higher order than any that have gone before or will exist in the future, since It is the fatherhood of the Word made Flesh, which springs from a virgin heart espoused to the Immaculate Conception. Joseph's Fatherhood is therefore of the Holy Spirit. This Virginal Fatherhood and Espousal is, therefore, the model for all priests who are virgin fathers of the Mystery of Christ's Incarnation in the Church. It is also the model for a new manhood – a manhood that does not 'covet' its own wife or any woman for selfish reasons, but gazes upon the body of woman

chastely as Joseph did. For such a man sees woman as the vessel of life and the channel of birth. She is to be revered more than any temple of stone or wood. Who more than Joseph is capable of teaching men how to gaze reverently upon women, above all the Divine Woman, Mary?

He gazed upon the Immaculate Conception and living with such heavenly beauty, never coveted Her for himself. He realized She was created for God alone, yet gifted to him for his own edification as man. Like Her, he prized his vow of virginity, uniting himself with God in perfect freedom of soul, attached to nothing of this earth. For this, the Eternal Father gave him Heaven on earth – Jesus, His beloved Son and Mary, His beloved Spouse. How exalted a person is dear Abba Joseph – that he was entrusted with the Treasures of Heaven and earth to love, to guard, to nourish and protect.

The Divine Will redeems Joseph and in him, all men, fathers and spouses, from the effects of the Original Sin of Adam. Through Jesus' Redemptive Acts done in union with the Immaculate Conception, Jesus redeemed Joseph in the womb of his mother, Rachel – long before Joseph became his father.

(Council of Constance – see *“The Life and Glories of Joseph”*
by Edward Healy Thompson)

This Redemption allowed Joseph's virginal soul to increase in Divine Holiness in preparation to be able to live in close intimacy with the King and Queen of Heaven and earth. Thus Jesus, in His operations of Love for His Mother and father, redeems all family life from its tendencies to concupiscence and covetousness.

In this redemption of Joseph is also the redemption of all men from their disordered lust of women and the various perversions within this lust. Jesus, in redeeming Joseph, and Joseph in giving his full Fiat to this Redemption by such a profoundly beautiful response, redeems all men from these perversions – the greatest of which is the predated upon little children for sinful pleasures.

Joseph, being father to the Child Jesus, redeemed Him from being murdered by the lustful and jealous Herod. This is a sign from God that Joseph is the very one who redeems all children from the lustful predators of every age. Such perverse lust murders the very spirit of ordered and natural love in children and aborts their innocence to create in them a terrible distrust. The greatest evil that flows from this fear is that they cannot trust their heavenly Father – not seeing His loving image on earth. But in Joseph all this can be healed, thanks to Jesus giving him to us as a virgin father of extraordinary virtue and love.

Who loved the Child Jesus more, outside of Mary, His Mother? In Joseph, Jesus redeems women from the fear of living in a world of predatory men. Women who turn to Joseph, like Mary, abide in safety and can feel the security of his chaste presence all around them. As he did not fail Jesus and Mary, he will not fail us.

In Joseph, Jesus redeems us from slavery to the spirit of profiteering – of becoming slaves to ‘mammon’. Joseph’s approach to money was altogether like that of his holy spouse and Virgin Son – a model of all the scriptures reveal on such as this. He was truly ‘a just man’. As a consequence, he loves simplicity in everything, renouncing self indulgence not only in material things but in spiritual things as well. Joseph abhorred having to deal with the world, where profiteering was prevalent, where lying and double dealing persist. Venerable Mary of Agreda says he never charged a fixed price for his carpentry - but allowed his clients to pay him as they could or wished. He left everything to Divine Providence. Both he and his Virgin Spouse divested themselves of every unnecessary possession and gave alms to the poor always and were lovers of simplicity, obscurity and humility. His justice is longed for today and it can redeem us all from the error of materialism that kills the Spirit of Charity.

The Divine Will sanctifies Joseph within his Virginal Nuptial Union with the Immaculate Conception, and within His own Acts of filial love towards His father. Joseph’s Fiat with

Mary assures all men (especially priests) that if they espouse the Immaculate Conception, She will do everything in them that is needed for them to excel in their vocation. As She did for Joseph, so she will do for them. Joseph teaches by his example that espousing Mary and tending to Her Will is the pathway to the greatest intimacy with Jesus there is. This is more especially true for the priests of our Holy Faith, who are placed as custodians of the Incarnation of Christ into the Church and the world.



Every time Jesus embraces His father Joseph, and calls him, ‘Abba’, He infuses into him more and more of His Divine Paternity, Its Essence of Virginal Love and Its Generative Virtue. In other words Joseph is the embodiment of his name which means to “*Generate abundant Life*”. Jesus lives the fruitfulness of His abundant Life as the Son of Joseph, living under his tutelage, helping him in his labors of crafting, carving, sanding, shaping. Jesus, the Creator of the Universe, placed His little hands within the hands of His father and allowed His dear father to guide those hands that created the Universe. In each one of these intimate Acts of Love of Jesus for His father Joseph is the Divine Will birthing into the world a divine fatherhood with Joseph as Its chief depository.

How many people in Jesus’ life were touched by Jesus just once and were healed, simply by the Will and Word of Jesus? What can be said of the thousands upon thousands of times Jesus touched His father Joseph, embraced him, blest him and labored alongside of him, not to mention prayed with him and obeyed him. The One to Whom one day “*every knee shall bend and every head shall bow*” bent His Will to Joseph’s and lovingly lived under His guidance, fed by his hand, sheltered by his labours and consoled on his breast. In so doing Jesus repaired for the disobedience of Adam and Eve.

The King of all Creation surrendered His Rule to be the Obedient Son of Joseph

And if St John the Baptist can be sanctified in his mother's womb just at the sound of Mary's voice and the presence of Jesus within Her, then what sanctity must have filled the holy soul of St Joseph, who lived 24 hours a day amid the holy discourses of the King and Queen of Heaven and earth. Every time They pronounced his name, Joseph received a new intensity of Divine Love pouring into his holy soul. What degree of sanctity would the Holy Spirit pour into his soul in gratitude to the one who saved the lives of His Spouse and Son? But even in all these acts, unless Joseph made himself empty of everything of human will, he wouldn't have been able to create the space for the Divinity to pour into him, Their Divine Paternity.

The Divine Will glorifies Joseph within all His Acts, in him, with him and through him. In the gospel of John Jesus makes it clear that His Will is to glorify "*those who have been with Me from the beginning*". "*Father may they be One in Us as You are in Me and I am in You, so that the world may believe it was You who sent Me. I have given them the glory that You gave to Me, that they may be One as We are One. With Me in them and You in Me, may they be so completely One, that the world will realize that it was You who sent Me, and that I have loved them as much as You have loved Me.*" (John 17:21-23) Who were more truly with Jesus from the very beginning and who loved Him more fully and continuously than Mary and Joseph? They loved Him with His own Will and Love and merged with Him in His Divine Acts more fully than any other.

Joseph, on this account, with our Mother, was at the head of those great numbers who ascended with Jesus to His Father's glorious Embrace at the Ascension. To glorify His Mother and Father was His first Act in entering His own Glory. Glory is no glory at all if it is not shared; and, who more than His holy parents would Jesus want to glorify first. They were the first to receive His kisses and embraces on earth; the first to feed and clothe Him; the first to

protect and provide shelter for Him; the first to give Him His Name and the first to pronounce It – the Holy Name by which all souls are saved; the first to pray with Him, in Him and through Him; the first to enjoy the simple pleasures of human life with Him; the first to guide Him in His first little steps; the first to pick Him up when He fell down; the first to take Him to the Temple of Jerusalem; the first to consecrate Him to the Eternal Father; the first to hear His sweet Voice and listen to His exalted Word; the first to reciprocate His Love; the first to save His life. Who then would the Eternal Father glorify first, if not Mary and Joseph? But not just because of their human acts of Love shared with Jesus; but because all was done with Jesus in the Father’s Will. They were One in this Mission to bring the Divine Will to earth once again. All marriages, parenting, family life is recreated, redeemed, sanctified and glorified in the Order of the Hypostatic Union – Jesus, Mary and Joseph – the statements of the Councils of the Church, the writings of our holy Popes and saints all testify to this. It is to this Holy Family and through the merits of their sufferings, sorrows, tears and pains done in the Divine Will, that we will restore the Divine Order in our own families, religious orders, church and world. Amen. Fiat!

“Can we find any man like this, possessing the Spirit of God?” So Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Seeing that God has given you knowledge of all this, there can be no one as intelligent and wise as you. You shall be my chancellor, and all my people shall respect your orders. Only this throne shall set me above you. I hereby make you governor of the whole land of Egypt.” Genesis 42:37

“My daughter, your life must be hidden with Us in the House of Nazareth. If you work, if you pray, if you eat, if you walk, you must give one hand to Me, the other to Our Mother; and look at St Joseph to see if your acts are like Ours. Then you will be able to say, ‘I make a model of what Jesus, my heavenly Mother and St Joseph do - then, I copy it.’ I want to repeat My hidden Life in you according to the model you have made. In you I want to find the works of my Mother and St Joseph, as well as My own works.

From Luisa Piccarreta’s “Notebook of Childhood Memories”

“This is why Nazareth can be called the point of Recall of the Kingdom of Our Will.”

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“My daughter, indeed My Divine Will reigned in this House of Nazareth on earth as It does in Heaven. My Celestial Mama and I knew no other Will, and Saint Joseph lived in the reflections of Our Will. But I was like a king without a people, isolated, without cortege, without army, and my Mama was like a queen without children, because She was not surrounded by other children worthy of Her to whom She could entrust Her crown of queen, so as to have the offspring of Her noble children all kings and queens. And I had the sorrow of being a King without a people; and if those who surrounded Me could be called a people, it was a sick people - some were blind, some mute, some deaf, some crippled, some covered with wounds. It was a people that gave Me dishonor - not honor; even more, it did not even know Me, nor did it want to know Me. So, I was king only for Myself, and my Mama was Queen without the long generation of Her offspring of royal children. But, in order to be able to say that I had my Kingdom, and to rule, I had to have ministers; and even though I had Saint Joseph as Prime Minister, one minister only does not constitute a ministry. I had to have a great army, all intent on fighting to defend the rights of the Kingdom of My Divine Will; and a faithful people that would have, as law, only the law of My Will. This was not so, my daughter; therefore I cannot say that on coming upon earth, I had the Kingdom of My Fiat at that time. Our Kingdom was for Us only, because the Order of Creation and the royalty of Man were not restored. However, by the Celestial Mother and I living wholly off Divine Will, the seed was sown, the yeast was formed, to make Our Kingdom arise and grow upon earth. Therefore, all the preparations were made, all the graces were impetrated, all the pains were suffered, so that the Kingdom of My Fiat might come to reign upon earth. This is why Nazareth can be called the point of recall of the Kingdom of Our Will.”

Joseph's Sorrow in Seeing The Divine Will rejected

2. Saint Joseph's Sorrow at witnessing the poverty in which the Mother of God birthed the Divine Infant in a stable, with every door closed to Them. His Joy hearing the angelic choirs praise Jesus and His Mother and in witnessing the adoration of the shepherds and the Gentile Kings.

Beloved Father of the Holy Family, St Joseph!

☆ *I fuse myself and all humanity into your tears at seeing Jesus born into such poverty with all the doors of Bethlehem, closed to Him and His Blessed Mother. How you wept the 'tears' of the Eternal Father that night as you tried to clean the cave, prepare the crib and make a little fire to warm your beloved Mary and Her newborn Baby. Purify our hearts and make many little fires of Love in us to warm Jesus and Mary from the coldness of hearts they experience everywhere. Imbue all fathers with your tender heart – a heart so in love with the Divine Will that it shares all His Sorrows and weeps for His abandonments.*

“My daughter, my Will is receiving continuous deaths on the part of creatures. It is Life and as Life It wants to give the Life of light; but the creature rejects this light, and because she does not receive it, this light dies for the creature, and My Will feels the pain of the death which the creature has given to this light. My Will wants to make known the qualities and the virtues It contains, but the creature rejects this knowledge with the qualities and the virtues It contains; and so my Will dies for the creature to this knowledge and to the qualities and virtues that My Volition contains, and My Will feels the pain of the death which the creature has given to the virtues and qualities of My Volition. In the same way, if It wants to give love and it is not received, It feels the death given to love; if It wants to give sanctity, grace, It feels Itself being given by the creature death to the sanctity and the grace It wants to give. So, continuous is the death that It feels to

the good It wants to give. And then, don't you feel, within yourself, the continuous death that My Will suffers? By living in It, you are forced, as though naturally, to take part in these deaths which My Will suffers, and to live in a state of continuous agony."

On hearing this, I said: 'Jesus, my Love, it does not seem to me that it is so – it is your privation that kills me, that takes life away from me without letting me die.' And Jesus: "The privation of Me on one hand and My Will on the other, which, keeping you absorbed within Itself, makes you share in Its pains. My daughter, in the true living in My Will there is not one pain that My Will receives from creatures, which It does not share with the soul who lives in It." (V17: Dec 1,1924)

✧ *Abba Joseph, with your holy Cloak which provided a place on which to lay the Divine Child and His Mother, cloak all our acts, thoughts, words and breaths with the Divine Will, that we may act always with His Divine Humility and ardent Love, and that of His Blessed Mother, Who accepted the place God gave Them without complaint or question, even to blessing those who made them 'outcast', for in doing so, they gave the King and Queen of Heaven a place wherein to demonstrate the virtues of the New and Sublime Holiness that always seeks the lowest place and lives in it with gratitude.*

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✧ *Abba Joseph, be the paternal Love that sustains all mothers and children especially those without fathers and husbands. Be the guardian of all the little ones and all those in danger of any kind, especially those in danger of that most hateful of all evictions - abortion and euthanasia. Be the support of women in pregnancy and childbirth and calm their fears with the calm trust of the Divine Will and Its Paternal Love.*

✧ *Abba Joseph, be the father who provides for the homeless, rejected and abused, especially the homeless, rejected and abused Divine Will, longing to incarnate Himself in souls. In you and*

Luisa may we bring consolation to Jesus and Mary for all the rejection they suffer. For Them you are the one chosen by the Father to be the guardian, provider and consolation of the Divine Will Incarnate and all His future Incarnations.

✧ *May the angelic choirs sent by the Divine Will to console you all on that dark yet wondrous night, console us all in the midst of our family trials, our spiritual darknesses and other anxieties. May fathers & husbands find in you the strength and courage to bear their responsibilities with calm assurance that the Will of God supports them and the Spirit of the Eternal Father dwells in them to guide them to know what to do and how to be a loving support and protection for their wives and children. I fuse myself and all fathers into your holy love that seeks only to protect, warm and nurture your wife and child with the Ardours of the Divine Will.*

✧ *Abba Joseph, may your prayers and adoration of the Divine Baby Jesus, united with those of our beloved Mother Mary, find a place in our hearts, as we carry therein our Eucharistic Savior pleading for the warmth of our love and reparations in His Will. I immerse myself in all the Love of the Divine Paternity in you tenderly caring for Jesus and Mary, weeping the tears of the Eternal Father.*

✧ *Divine Infant we immerse ourselves in You in all Your Acts in these first moments of Your Life on earth and radiate Your Love into every newly conceived infant. I immerse myself and all humanity into every Tear You shed and I want to create in each Tear a Divine Humanity who will praise, love and compassionate You in all Your Sorrows. May Your Kingdom come to save, sanctify and glorify the little ones, and in You we want to create as many Divine Lives for every one of Your intense sufferings and pains. Divine Will humbly coming to us as a vulnerable little baby, suffering the cold of nature and the rejection of human nature, infuse us with the desire to share in that coldness and rejection, that living in You we may bring the warmth of the Divine Will to all. Fiat! (One Our Father, seven Aves, One Gloria)*

Bethlehem is the New Eden

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“My daughter of the Divine Volition, come to listen to my lessons. In descending from Heaven to earth to form the Redemption, I was to form the New Eden; I was to restore the First Act, and the beginning of the Creation of Man in My Humanity. So, Bethlehem was the first Eden. I felt within my little Humanity all the strength of Our Creative Power, the ardor of Our Love with which Man was created; I felt the fibers of his innocence, of his sanctity, of his dominion with which he was invested. I felt within Me that happy man - oh how I loved him; and since he had lost his place of honor, I took back his place, because it was befitting for Me to first place in Me the order of how Man was created, and then descend into his misfortune in order to lift him up again and place him in safety.

Therefore, in Me there were two continuous acts, fused in one - the happy Eden with which I was to place in force all the beauty, the sanctity, the sublimity of the Creation of Man; he was innocent and holy, and I, surpassing him, was not only innocent and holy, but was the Eternal Word; and having within Me all possible and imaginable power, and an immutable Will, I was to completely reorder the beginning of the Creation of Man, and lift fallen Man up again. Otherwise, I would not act as God, nor would I love him as Our work, come out and created in an ardor of Our Love.

Our Love would feel stopped and as though impotent - which cannot be - had I not completely mended the lot of fallen Man, and the destiny of the way he was created. It would have been a slash to Our Creation, and it would have accused Us of weakness, had We not restored Man completely.

Therefore, Bethlehem was My First Eden, in which I did and embraced all the acts that innocent Adam did, and those which he would have done had he not fallen. Our Divinity expected with justice my requital in his place; and as I kept redoing what

innocent Adam would have done, so I lowered Myself and stretched out my hand to lift him up again from his fallen state.

Therefore, as I would go around and stop, my Humanity did nothing other than form new Edens, because in Me there were all the acts of the beginning of the creation of Man; and wherever I stopped I could form new Edens with My Innocence and Holiness.

So, Eden was Egypt, Eden was Nazareth, Eden was the desert, Eden was Jerusalem, Eden was mount Calvary; and these Edens that I formed called the Kingdom of my Divine Will to reign, and are sure proofs that, just as I fulfilled the Kingdom of Redemption and It is making Its Round to be established in the whole world, so will these Edens, in which all acts were done by Me as if Man had not fallen, follow the Acts of Redemption, and will make their Round to establish the Kingdom of My Divine Fiat. Therefore, I want you always together with Me, that you may follow Me in all My Acts and offer everything so that My Divine Will may reign and dominate, because this is what interests your Jesus the most.”
Then He added:

“My daughter, My Divine Will acted in Me as Queen, because indeed It has always been such. In fact, It is Queen by nature; in Our very Divinity It holds the first place, It rules and dominates all Our Attributes. There is not one Act of Ours in which It does not hold Its place of Queen. So, It is Queen in Heaven, on earth, in Creation - It reigns in everything and everywhere. Therefore, wanting that Man would do Our Divine Will and would give It the place of Queen was the greatest honour and the most insuperable Love that We gave him; and as one single Will would reign, We would let him sit at Our Divine Table, sharing Our divine goods with him. We wanted him happy, and wanted the glory of seeing him happy, whom We had created with so much love with Our creative hands. So, Our Divine Volition and Our Love could neither content themselves nor stop as the mere work of Redemption, but want to move forward, up to work-fulfilled; more so, since We know not how to leave works half-done, and having the centuries at Our disposal, We can reach wherever We want.”

A REFLECTION ON THIS MYSTERY

The Divine Will waited for centuries to be incarnated fully again after the Fall of Adam and Eve. But, since the Divine Will does not know the constrictions of Time, it seems to those who live in Time that He waited and waited a long time. But it was we who waited, longing to be set free from the prison of Time and the instability and disorder of the human will, in which our Father allowed us to see was incapable of redeeming us. This waiting and longing is expressed in the words of the prophets and saints of the Old Testament, “*As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs for Thee*” and more words such as these. Our Father wanted to hear our incessant prayers of longing spoken through His chosen ones that these ardent desires would expand our hearts to be capable of receiving the precious gift of His own Son. Praying for the coming of the Messiah was the most ardent prayer of devout Jews. But not until our beloved Mother was conceived immaculate and infused with His own Will could the most blessed Trinity flood Her and the earth with His Mercy, in the Humanity of His Beloved Son. The “*Fiat Mihi*” of our Mother brought Jesus and our Redemption to us ... and in a hidden manner at that time, the Kingdom of the Divine Will reigning in them. Joseph’s Fiat wedded to Hers made this Incarnation possible. (So teaches St Augustine and St Lawrence of Brindisi)

The Divine Will is The Present Moment of Love – in a single unending Act into which He wants to draw all Creation – so that He may rescue us from the constrictions of the enclosure of Time and live in the ambience of Eternity. The longings of the Divine Will felt in the hearts of certain chosen souls created the space for Him to descend – but only Mary and the powerful Love of Her Fiat gave the perfect ‘womb’ for His Incarnation. And so in our language of Time, we say, the Divine Will longed to come and dwell amongst us, having allowed the penances of Adam and Eve, the great patriarchs, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses, Joachim and Zechariah and the great matriarchs Sarah, Esther, Judith, Naomi, Ruth, Anna and Elizabeth and all the

suffering love of the prophets and those chosen by God to do His Will throughout the ages.

God waited patiently in our manner of speaking and fused into these souls the Ardours that would draw into the world the Messiah, through the Immaculate Womb of His Virgin Mother. The Divine Will infused into the heart of the prophets singular words that foretold this great event, but first the Divine Will had to prepare for Himself a father. All of “Israel” prayed for the parents of the Messiah to come. As everything originates in God, these were the prayers of the Trinity infused into Their people, which found their echo most eminently in the Hearts of Joseph and of Miriam.

(See *“The Life and Glories of St Joseph”* by Edward Healy Thompson
Chapters VII and VIII)

It is successfully argued in *“The Life and Glories of St Joseph”* that Joseph was most likely around 30 years of age when he married Mary. This is confirmed in the writings of the mystics as well. If this be so, then Joseph was born around 16 years before the Immaculate Conception of Miriam. Joseph was conceived in the womb of his mother, who the mystic Sister Maria Baij names as Rachel and whose father is verified as Jacob. The commonly held belief of the Church is that he was freed from Original Sin shortly after his conception and this is also revealed by a 20th century approved American mystic, Sister Ephrem of the Indwelling Trinity (Mildred Neuzil), who had the approbation of her Archbishop and spiritual director in regard to the revelations of Our Lady of America. St Joseph appeared to her.

It was here, in this hidden place of the heart, mind, soul and will of Joseph, that the Divine Will began His super-eminent work forming the Order of the Hypostatic Union – by first forming its father. The Council of Constance and the fathers of this Council told us it may be believed by all the faithful, though it is not a dogma of Faith, that Joseph was sanctified in the womb of his mother as soon as possible after conception; for, what was conceded to the great prophet of Jesus, John the Baptist, would

certainly not be withheld from His father on earth and the greatest of all saints next only to Mary. (*ibid*) It is sufficient here to say that a great many of the saints and doctors of the Church held to this belief and many added extraordinary insights, concerning the one who was to father the Redeemer and espouse the Mother of God. These, among whom are great popes, emphasize, that Abba Joseph, was no mere figure head or foster father, but a true father in the highest meaning of this word and deserves the title, “*Virgin Father of God*” – because his paternity was of the exalted kind akin to that of the Eternal Father – Virginal and Divine. It is indeed this way he introduced himself to Sister Ephrem of the Indwelling Trinity.

“I am the Virgin Father of Jesus ... Fatherhood is from God and it must take once again its rightful place among men. The Holy Trinity desires thus to honour me that in my unique fatherhood all fatherhood might be blessed ... Jesus and Mary desire that my pure heart, so long hidden and unknown, be now honoured in a special way ... Let my children honour my most pure heart in a special manner on the first Wednesday of the month by reciting the joyful mysteries of the Rosary in memory of my life with Jesus and Mary and the love I bore them, the sorrows I suffered with them. Let them receive Holy Communion in union with the love with which I received the Saviour for the first time and each time I held Him in my arms ... I desire that souls come to my heart that they may learn true union with the Divine Will.”

In this place we reflect yet another of Saint Joseph’s singular privileges – being the only witness to the Birth of the God/Man, besides St Michael and the court of Heaven. If the apostles Peter, James and John were singled out for the great vision of the Transfiguration of the Lord – Saint Joseph was not to be lacking in his own unique privilege – since his sanctity is of a higher order than theirs; for, Holy Church teaches that the Order of the Hypostatic Union is the highest Order in Creation, higher than the apostolic or angelic orders and cannot be superseded.

After Our Blessed Mother, he was the first to adore Jesus, hold Jesus, kiss Him and give Him his allegiance; the first after Mother to receive His Divine Embrace and Blessing; the first to hear His first little moans pleading for love from all His creatures; the first to see His Infant smiles; the first to have his little fingers clasp themselves around his hands, clinging to his daddy and letting him know how much he needed him and would rely on him. Who can say what interchanges occurred in these special moments when the Incarnate God embraced His Virgin father? Since spirit speaks to spirit more assuredly without words than words themselves, the conversations between these three divine souls would have been entirely heavenly – and not to be pried upon. Only the angels present witnessed these first intimacies of the Infant God with his holy parents and sang their “alleluias” to the great Mystery of the three who formed the “trinity” of Divine Love on earth.

What heavenly joys were these for the Trinity – the first time the Three Divine Persons were able to rejoice in Creation since they walked in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve – the first time to see themselves so perfectly imaged in humanity – an image not to be ruptured as it was in Adam and Eve. Even the Joy that the Blessed Trinity experienced when It created Adam and Eve was marred by the foresight of their Fall. Whereas, in the creation of Joseph and Mary, there was no such premonition; but a clear sight of the unruptured sanctity of these holiest of men and women. Oh, what wondrous joy did the Beloved Miriam and St Joseph give to God that night! To know one’s child is loved with His own Will in such a mother and father – this is the greatest of joys. And this made up for the lack of welcome Jesus received elsewhere.

“It is certain, St Athanasius tells us, that the stable where Jesus was born is “a figure of the Church, whose altar is the manger, whose vicar is Joseph, whose ministers are the shepherds, whose priests are the angels, whose great High Priest is Jesus Christ, and whose throne is the Blessed Virgin.”

(“The Life and Glories of St Joseph” by Edward H Thompson: Ch 31 p 247)

There is yet another astounding reality here. When Jesus descends He brings the Father and Holy Spirit with Him. The Gospel of John is testimony to that. So, while Mary and Joseph are parenting Jesus and all the “*divine lives*” in Him, they are also cradling and nurturing the Divine Father and Mother. These extraordinary realities can only be fully embraced in the Divine Will so that all glory be given to God.

Are we as welcoming to little Jesus when He is conceived in us each day in Holy Communion? Do we spend hours of loving attentiveness to His cries within us, to His ardent desires to be loved and, in this loving, enable Him to be reborn again and again in the hearts of others who cannot or will not receive Him sacramentally? For with the Gift of the Divine Will in us we can free Him to inhabit souls. In the spirit of our fast paced, instant satisfaction world – do we just eat and run and get lost in all our busy-ness, forgetting Jesus, or pretending not to see Him, as the people of Bethlehem did that night? Do we place Joseph as the guardian of our ‘pregnancy’ and the one who will guide the pathway to giving birth to Jesus in our souls through the Ardours of the Divine Will? Do we place all our communions with the Body and Blood of Jesus into Mary’s Immaculate Heart asking Her to make up for the love and virtue we lack.

What sadness in the heart of a father that, after having knocked on so many doors, none opened to his pregnant wife! What kind of coldness locks out a pregnant woman about to give birth in the dark of a cold night? Yet, from Mary and Joseph, no recriminations, but rather blessings, as mentioned above! They saw that the pure gold of the spirit of poverty was the gift they were being given that night and their little Son was teaching them, even from the womb, how He wanted to live and what witness He wanted to give.

He wanted to be so poor that no poor person in the world could envy Him or accuse Him of not being one with them. He wanted his parents to shine like stars – the stars of His New Heaven on earth and His New Celestial Doctrine – “*Blessed are the poor in*

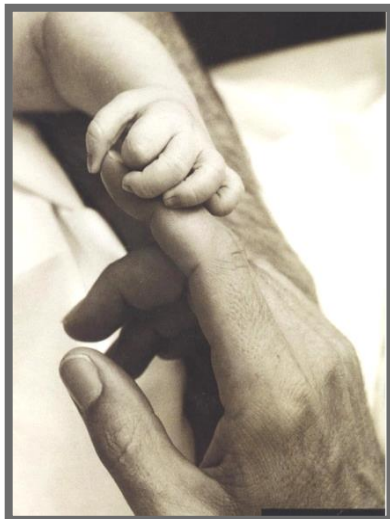
spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven ...” Mary and Joseph had nothing of material comforts but they had the whole of the Kingdom of Heaven with them in Jesus both outside of themselves and within in the mysterious Kingdom of the Divine Will. *“Unless you give up all your possessions you cannot be my disciple.”* And so Jesus begins to teach even from His Mother’s Womb. *“And from His Mother’s Womb He shall begin to deliver Israel.”* (Judges 13:5)

Joseph prepared the cave and the manger in which the Outcast Divine Will made His first home in the world. He was vigilant sentry protecting Jesus and Mary from predators. He sang sweet lullabies with Mary to console little Jesus in the cold. O Mother and Abba we fuse ourselves into the beauty of your adoration songs, uniting with you in every breath, step, word, work and act in which He comes to embrace us with His Will. Make us always aware in the spirit of Luisa, that at every moment He is inviting us to incarnate Himself in our Acts. Holy Mother what a marvelous joy to know we share with you in your Motherhood of Jesus. Joseph what a joy for us to know we share in your fatherhood, by providing for Jesus to be born in all our Acts, each one of which is a new ‘stable’ and a new ‘cradle’ wherein He wants to be born and adored.

“Yahweh was with Joseph, and everything went well with him. He lodged in the house of his Egyptian Master ... and his master put him in charge of his household, entrusting everything to him. And from the time he put him in charge of his household and all his possessions, Yahweh blessed the Egyptian’s household out of consideration for Joseph. Yahweh’s blessing extended to all his possessions, both household and estate. So he left Joseph to handle all his possessions, and with him at hand, concerned himself with nothing beyond the food he ate.” Genesis 39: 1-6



Joseph's Sorrows in Jesus' Circumcision



3. Saint Joseph's Sorrow at beholding the Precious Blood of the Divine Infant shed for the first time at His Circumcision: His offering, in the spirit of Abraham, the Blood of his Son foretelling the shedding of His Blood to its last drop on the Cross. **With Mary Joseph finds Joy in pronouncing the Holy Name of Jesus** - the only name by which Mankind is saved, the Holy Name at whose hearing *'every knee shall bend and every head bow.'*

“This is the Child I prayed for, and Yahweh granted me what I asked Him. Now I make Him over to Yahweh for the whole of His life He is made over to Yahweh.”

1 Samuel 1:27

O Beautiful Divine Innocence, Jesus!

☆ *Divine Will, You chose to come and live with us as a little baby - pure, innocent and needing the care and protection of a father and mother. Within the arms of Mary and Joseph, Your beloved parents, we allow ourselves to be carried in You to the rite of circumcision, in which You are also given Your Holy Name by Your father, Joseph. In You we circumcise our hearts and sacrifice ourselves for all the sins against Your Divine Innocence and all the sins against Infancy, especially the genitalia of the young, predated upon by sexual abusers. The sins against infancy are so great today, Jesus! In You, we feel overwhelmed by the cruelty they have to suffer and plead with the Eternal Father, in every drop of this first shedding of Your Precious Blood, for an*

end to all this abuse and murder; an end to stem cell farming and sale; an end to freezing embryonic life; and end to artificial insemination; an end to cloning; an end to Man acting in place of the Creator. We pour over all these infants and children the power, purity and beauty of Your Precious Blood and Its Will.

✧ *Holy! Holy! Holy Jesus are the works of Your Infancy and Childhood. We offer the Immensity of Your Divine Will in all these works of Mercy sanctifying all the little infants, their tears, their pains, their sighs, their longings, their hunger and thirst, their songs, their prayers, their purity and goodness and all their loving ways. May not one be lost! We immerse all in Your Divine Infancy and the merits of Your Infant Tears, Your Passion and Precious Blood, that children be freed from manipulation and abuse in religion, politics, war, commerce and cults of various kinds. We convert every drop of Your Innocent Blood into a 'divine life' which will become the guardian of every vulnerable creature, especially children, that no evil may harm them and that Your Divine Fecundity may inhabit them and convert all their sufferings into Your Divine Life. Fiat!*

✧ *O Divine Will, how humble You are! In Your Littleness, You have abandoned all Your Power as God and entrusted Your little humanity to Mary and Joseph. In You we entrust ourselves also to Mary and Joseph in Whom the most blessed Trinity infused Their own Divine Maternity and Paternity. In You we give ourselves to the "cut" of the "sacrificial knife" that wounded You so deeply, dear Jesus, to repair for all our human wills have done to You when we have separated ourselves from our Father's Divine Will. We pray Your Will circumcise our hearts to become truly 'innocent' in our minds and wills fused into Yours. Fiat!*

✧ *Divine Will, may the heroic sacrifices You and Your Holy Mother and Father made in this mystery win for all infants the blessing of holy mothers and fathers and protection against all evil. We enclose ourselves also in You Jesus and in Your littleness we abandon ourselves to Mary and Joseph to take us to the altar of consecration to the Father's Will.*

Beloved Father of the Holy Family, St Joseph!

✧ *Abba, in that heroism of your paternal love which handed over your beloved Son's Innocent Flesh to be circumcised by the priest, may all fathers be invested with faith to give their children to God and to protect them from the world, the flesh and the devil. May His Precious Blood increase Its effects in us that His Divine Innocence may be shielded in children and given to all. Abba Joseph! Allow your divine fatherhood to descend into the heart of every man to save all children. Fiat!*

✧ *Invest all men with the Spirit of the Eternal Father, which is yours to convey by the riches of your patrimony, of the Order of the Incarnation and Redemption, the Order of the Hypostatic Union. In the Ardours of the Divine Will I infuse all families into this Order that all may be redeemed from the selfish human will and all may experience the beauty of your Divine Paternity and Mother's Divine Maternity. Fiat!*

✧ *Invest the priesthood of the Catholic Church with the Essence of that Spirit which guided you in paternal sacrifice of Love for Your Jesus and in Him all souls. May they come through you to live the priestly sacrifice of Jesus and yourself, who, while you may not have used the knife of circumcision in your hand, did so in your Virgin Heart according to the Will of the Eternal Father; because, in you, the Eternal Father was birthing a new and divine fatherhood on earth, that would be of His own Mind and Spirit. In you He was conceiving and begetting generations of fathers and priests who would know the true meaning of Love of the Eternal Father's Will and true Love of one's Eternal Spouse.*

✧ *Dear Abba Joseph, open the minds and hearts of all men to see that the Eternal Father wants to inhabit them with His own Paternity and Its Divine Will. May all men experience, as you did, that this Paternity comes to them through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary and Her Nuptial Union with the Divine Will. With you Joseph I place all children into all Her Acts of Maternal Love of the Divine Will.*

Mary, our Beloved Mother

☆ *Who strengthened Saint Joseph in his paternal sacrifice, fill all mothers with the courage of the Divine Will to support their husbands and children in times of great suffering and pain. Grace our popes and all bishops of Your Church to strengthen your priests for their sacrificial office, which in this Mystery you procured for Abba Joseph; so that, through him, they may be invested in It.*

☆ *Through You, O Blessed and Eternal Mother of the Redeemer, may all come to understand the nature of maternal sacrifice and to enter, through Your own Acts of Maternal Love, the Divine Maternity of God.*

☆ *Place us on Your Maternal knees and calm our anxieties. Help us to surrender all to the Divine Will, Who places us in the paternal care of Saint Joseph, so that all the disordered passions may die to give Life to the Sanctifying Spirit. Lead us always Mother into the Mystery of this littleness of Jesus fully abandoned to you and St Joseph. Fiat!*

(One Our Father, seven Aves, One Gloria)

Meditation on this Mystery: The cutting of the genitalia of Jesus was to bring to fulfillment the reason for this sign of consecration in the Old Covenant – circumcision. But, in the Spirit of the New and Eternal Covenant in Christ, the pain and the shedding of His Precious Blood, procured purification of all the acts of the consecrated and infused the Generative Virtue of the Divine Will. This repaired for those done in a spirit of sacrilege, self-interest and/or ignorance of the dignity of the orders entered into. Jesus repairs for all who abuse the Generative Virtue of the Eternal Father through abortion, contraception, cloning, artificial insemination and all kinds of sins which divorce the divine fecundity from the human will; and above all the abuses to the genitalia of the young and to their innocent humanities.

He reclines on the knees of His Mother, as Isaac had lain obediently on the altar prepared by his father Abraham. He reclines there as obediently as He would one day lay Himself upon the Cross. Mother, being the first Altar of Sacrifice upon which Jesus laid His Body, represents all such altars of the Church; but above all those humanities who offer themselves as victims for sin. Joseph is the priest who circumcises the selfishness of our human will pruning away from each of us all that impedes the generative virtue of the Divine Will triumphing in us. And Jesus is the Sacrificial Lamb who submits in obedience to the knife of the Divine Will pruning away the selfish, carnal tendencies of the human will.

Jesus, as Divine Will Incarnate, reveals many hidden mysteries in these Acts. He reveals how the Divine Will allows Himself to be the ‘victim’ of all the human ways of interpreting the Divine Law of Love – something His children do in every age. In this He shares His sufferings and pain with all who likewise are victims of such misinterpretations of the Law of God. How compassionate is the Love of Jesus in this Mystery! The crosses of His Infancy are little described in the Gospel of Redemption – whereas in the Gospel of Sanctification Jesus reveals to Luisa in depth the sufferings, sacrifices and sorrows of His Infancy and how important it is for us to enter into these Acts to redress the sins which attack divine life in souls. But since our Adversary cannot attack Divine Life, he does whatever he can to attack human life from its inception. If he can convince humanity it has a right to kill life in the womb then he not only manages to kill the body of the innocent victim before it can receive baptism, but the life of grace in the soul of the perpetrators. And this is evident in the nations which are now making it legal to abort their children from conception and even to full term. This most intrinsic evil is at the root of the demise of Faith in souls and the demise of nations calling innumerable chastisements upon them.

In the infinite merits of this shedding of His Precious Blood, Jesus, repaired for all the selfish and lustful acts of mankind especially upon the genitalia and innocence of the young - for

example, the circumcision of young females in certain cultures, born of an egocentric fear in males, and the peculiar intent of preventing women from experiencing the joys of sex, believing this would keep them faithful to their self-appointed husbands. And the terrible crime of sexual abuse, so pervasive that no one remains untouched by its terrible effects. The abuse and manipulation of young boys conscripted for evil wars and taught to kill, rape and pillage, or else the victims of other brutal rites of passage – not just in primitive cultures as was once thought; but, now it is exposed in our universities, schools, military and seminaries. Oh Most Holy Trinity, have Mercy on us!

There are many great many hidden mysteries of the Divine Will in the Circumcision of Jesus, over and above His obedience to the Law of His ancestors. For He, the Divine Volition, is allowing Himself to be circumcised – cut, and we might say, deformed, in order that the Divine Will may form Its Light in the generative acts and religious rites of humanity, thus restoring His Order to the disorder brought upon Mankind in that faculty by Adam and Eve and all their descendants after them. We, who refuse, to cover all our acts with the protective ‘foreskin’ of our Father’s Will, thereby open the door to allow the devil to generate his progeny and are thereby the ones truly guilty of shedding the innocent Blood of the dear Infant Jesus.

Since Our Lady of Fatima said, *“More souls go to hell for sins of the flesh than for any other reason”*, praying in the Divine Will in this Mystery is a powerful remedy for all those sins. Since the genitals are that part of the body designed by God to conceive new life, in circumcising them Jesus reveals His desire to circumcise our human wills in order to restore the Generative Virtue of the Divine Will. He wants to embed us in that Virginal Nuptial Love if His holy parents, Joseph and Mary, whose Virginal Nuptial Fiats brought His Divine Humanity to birth into the world. His words in Luke 20:34 confirm this for us. The Generative Power God wants to re-establish in Mankind is His own Power to conceive through Virginal Acts done in, with and through the Humanity of Jesus – Acts which were first done by

Mary and Joseph and after Them, Luisa, Saint Anniable and all the little children of the Divine Will.

“The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world, and in the Resurrection from the dead do not marry, because they can no longer die, for they are as the angels, and being children of the Resurrection, they are sons and daughters of God.” Luke 20:34-37

This scripture is profound in its implications. Jesus, when He says, *“those judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the Resurrection from the dead DO NOT MARRY”* – He means, as He says, such as these recognize the Great Gift of Virginal Fecundity, such as Mary and Joseph did – *“those who make themselves ‘eunuchs’ for the sake of the Kingdom.”* That is why they are *“like the angels”*.

Recognizing the Gift of Virginal Fecundity in God, marriage to a human person is not what they seek as their source of happiness and fulfillment. They understand only living in, with and through God in a Virginal Nuptial Love can they bear *“fruit that will last”*, because it is Divine Fruit not subject to corruption. It is Jesus conceived of the Holy Spirit in the Immaculate Heart of Mary under the protective mantle of Abba Joseph. Christopher West in his teaching on *“The Theology of the Body”* of Pope St John Paul II puts it this way – a rewording of the Holy Father’s words:

“Heaven is the recovery of the Virginal Value of Man. It is Their Marriage (Mary and Joseph’s) that in history is the most perfect fruitfulness of the Spirit ... Their Marriage is the Marriage of Heaven and Earth. The Fruit of Their Marriage is the Marriage of Heaven and Earth ... Jesus!”

So, Jesus says in the above scripture, *“If you only knew what God is offering, you would be the one who would ask Me to give you to drink from this Fountain.”* This Fountain is Life lived in the Divine Will of Virginal Nuptial Love – a Love, which has as Its Fruit, Jesus Himself. Because Mary and Joseph were willing to give up all satisfactions of the flesh for the nectars of Divine Love, they received Jesus in His full embodiment. This is the glory of all *“the little children of the Divine Will”*.

They were the first to offer Jesus to the Eternal Father, consecrating Him, and in Him all Creation once again, to the Divine Will, thus restoring Humanity to Its Original Innocence and Integrity. Their priestly offering repaired for the failure of Adam and Eve to remain faithful to the Fiat God had entrusted to them.

Joseph, in spiritually taking the ‘knife’ of his paternal will to perform the rite of circumcision, lives out the meaning of his name, *“to prune away sterility and increase the generation of life”*; (Genesis 30:24) but, according to the New and Divine Order of generation. In the Order of the Hypostatic Union, over which he was appointed husband and father, he exercises in this rite the duties of his virgin paternity and in Jesus’ sacrificial pain, prunes away all the disorders of the human will in order to increase the Order of the Divine Will particularly Its Generative Virtue.

This is the fecundity of his Virginal Paternity at work, which could only be performed by Jesus’ father – in order to attain its full meaning and fulfillment according to the natural and Divine Law. In giving Jesus over to the cut of the Eternal Father’s Will, he opened up within his heart the conduit from where floods of Paternal Love and Spirit would inhabit all men if they so willed to *‘Go to Joseph and do whatever he tells you.’* He also consummated his mission as ‘priest’ officiating at the sacred rites required by the Eternal Father, more truly in his spirit than that of the Jewish priest who performed the rite.

As Abraham’s obedience in his willingness to offer his beloved son Isaac procured the fulfillment of the promises made to him, of

generations of his ‘seed’ who would number as the stars – what then is the generation of Joseph’s Seed? For, the ‘Seed’ of Joseph’s Paternity is the Divine Will Himself and this Generation is of infinite numbers of “*divine lives*”. The Divine Will IS the Paternal Womb of the Eternal Father, His very substance, wherein ALL LIFE is conceived and given birth. This Will subjected Itself to Joseph’s heart and his obedience to the Divine Will, which opened for the first time the Fountain of the Precious Blood of the Lamb, wherein is all the Fertility of God. As Moses struck the rock at Meribah to yield its living waters, Joseph struck the True Rock which yielded the Living Waters of the Divine Will. In this act Joseph is the first ‘priest’ of the New Order of Life lived in Jesus.

All priests of the New Covenant in this sense are ‘*other Josephs*’ (Padre Pio), whose little victim is Jesus, Who every day submits Himself to their hands on our altars. Padre Pio says, “*We are His butchers.*” Were these words to come from any other man excepting Padre Pio, we would be startled; but from the consummate and most loving priest of the New Covenant, we must pause and reflect deeply on what these words mean.

In the single Act of Love of the Trinity wherein all Acts are present there are Three Divine Persons involved in the manifestation of what They Desire. Likewise in the Acts and Rites of Jesus’ Infancy, Childhood and Manhood there were Three Divine Persons involved and interactive in Heaven and on earth – on earth these three were Jesus, Mary and Joseph who within their divine humanities drew to earth the manifestation of the Trinitarian Love.

The Divine Will creates in this Mystery a new childhood, purified from the effects of disordered parenting – a childhood protected and loved by Mary and Joseph. He creates a new understanding of what generating Life means – a generation that is Divine and Virginal – the Essence and Nature of His own Holy Family Life and the Life of the Trinity.

1. He creates Virgin parents in Mary and Joseph, who nurture the Incarnation of His Being in all who say, 'Fiat' to His Will.
2. He gifts humanity with the Spousal Gift of Life through Virginal Parenting in the Generative Virtue of His Divine Will.
3. He brings to earth the Divine Paternity, sown in Joseph by Mary, as Its first embodiment and depository of all Its Acts.
4. He creates in Mary the Divine Maternity which alone has courage to sacrifice Her Child for the sake of bringing redemption and sanctification to all.
5. He creates His Mystical Priesthood – the Order of Victim Souls, of which Luisa is the *'firstborn'* from the trinity of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; and the model for His ordained priesthood.

The Divine Will redeems all children from the perverse and predatory human will. He redeems parents from the selfish human will that seeks to use children as property and/or offer them as victims to the popular culture of the day – as *“food sacrificed to idols”*. He redeems youth and adults from the misconceptions of the nature of the generative act and brings a new understanding of the *“the nuptial meaning of the body”* and its *“nuptial embrace”*. (St John Paul II *“The Theology of the Body”*) He redeems all from the contraceptive mentality. He redeems priests and religious from all misconceptions of God, His Law and His rites and annihilates all cults of self interest.

The Divine Will sanctifies all humanity into His Holy Childhood of which He said, *“such is the Kingdom of Heaven”* – a Childhood docile to the Father’s Will in Mary and Joseph - seeking only and always the glorification of the Father’s Will through Acts of filial obedience.

The Divine Will glorifies the Eternal Father by becoming as little as possible, by dying to Himself and becoming the obedient child of Mary and Joseph. In this He restores what Adam and Eve lost for all humanity – a filial love that does not question the Father’s Will, but obeys simply and swiftly. This is the meaning

of allowing Himself to be carried, helpless and harmless, in the arms of Mary and Joseph to the place of sacrifice. Without voice and without struggle He is “*the little lamb*” going to His death, where the human will is made docile to the Divine Will within His Sacrifice and Theirs – but ever in the arms of Mary and Joseph.

In the arms of Mary and Joseph, He “*does not cling to His equality with God, but empties Himself and takes on the condition of a slave*” This is the profound Mystery of His Spirit of poverty and the meaning of these words of Sacred Scripture, “*He made us rich out of His Poverty.*” How truly poor is this little Babe Who empties Himself of all power, human and divine, and allows Himself to be carried in the arms of His creatures. Oh sublime poverty and humility of our God. Oh what shame in all our attempts to ‘decorate’ ourselves, our homes, our egos with all the entrapments of human power and its affectations! But as Jesus tells Luisa, He could not have abandoned Himself to Mary and Joseph had they been subject to their human wills. It was their complete surrender to the Divine Fiat that formed the Order of the Hypostatic Union in their three humanities.

*“My Covenant shall be marked on your bodies
as a Covenant in perpetuity.”*

Genesis 17:14

“My daughter, enter into these (My Acts). Cover yourself with My tears and dress yourself with My prayers, so that My Will might fulfill in you the effects of My tears, prayers and sighs.”

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Saint Joseph was called by God to serve the Person and Mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood. It is precisely in this way that, as the Church’s Liturgy teaches, he ‘co-operated in the fullness of time in the great Mystery of Salvation’ and is truly a ‘Minister of Salvation’.

“Custodian of the Redeemer” para 8: Pope St John Paul II

Joseph's Sorrows at Simeon's Prophecy

4. **Saint Joseph's Sorrow at hearing the prophecy of Simeon** in regard to his dearest Loves, Jesus and Mary. Jesus is to be a '*Sign of contradiction*' and a Sword of Sorrow will pierce the Heart of Mary sharing in the Sufferings of Her Son.

His Joy at hearing that through this Sword of Sorrow in the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 'the thoughts of many will be revealed'. God's Truth will come to light through those souls Her Immaculate Heart will illuminate, and through Jesus '*the salvation of many*' will come.

The Joys of Joseph and Mary are always shared and peppered with intense awareness of the cost of bringing Salvation to the world - the Precious Blood and Life Sacrifice of their Son. This is Their Passion.

Beloved Father of the Holy Family, Joseph!

✧ *The weeks in between the Circumcision of the Divine Infant and the legal requirement of Mary's Purification, have filled Mary's Heart and yours with solemn meditations on the Sacred Scriptures concerning your Son. You have lived already the sacrifice of your fatherhood in circumcising your Son and giving Him His Holy Name by which all are saved. We see in this circumcision of the Divine Will is the whole symbol of Jesus' Life that lovingly constricted Itself that we might have His eternal freedom and Immensity as our Kingdom. "He made us rich out of His Poverty."*

✧ *With Mary you now walk towards Jerusalem to enter the Holy Temple and present Him to the Lord to consecrate His Life to His Eternal Father in the legal rite for the firstborn, 40 days after His birth. You are aware how Abraham felt at God's command to sacrifice his son Isaac. Your heart bleeds, for in It you hear the echo of the prophecies of Isaiah concerning His destiny. But you also are aware of the great promise made to Abraham on account of His Faith, that his descendants would be as the stars of the*

heavens. Your trust exceeds the Faith of all the Patriarchs of Old and so you enter the Temple.

☆ *In this you imitate the Eternal Father of Whom the apostle John speaks, "God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not be lost but may have Eternal Life. For God sent His Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through Him the world might be saved. No one who believes in Him will be condemned - but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already."* (John 3:16) You pray dear Abba that Jesus' Sacrifice may not be in vain. With your dear Spouse Mary, you offer in Jesus all God's children, that all may become consecrated in Him, and thus escape eternal death. Being father to the Divine Will on earth it is your heavenly duty to consecrate this Will in the Body of your Son to the Eternal Father, that His Will be done on earth as in Heaven. I place myself in Jesus and let myself be carried in Your arms dear Abba to the sacred place where you will consecrate me also to the Will of the Father. For as many times as souls have refused to place themselves in your arms like Jesus, I want to now place myself in all the Ardours of Love of the little Lamb of God, together with all humanity saying, 'Fiat!'

☆ *The words in Isaiah must have echoed in yours and Mary's Hearts, "Yahweh called Me before I was born. From My Mother's Womb He pronounced My Name. He said to Me, 'You are My servant in Whom I shall be glorified. I will make You the Light of the Nations so that My Salvation shall reach the ends of the earth.' Thus says Yahweh, the Redeemer of Israel and His Holy One, to Him whose Life is despised, whom the nations loathe, to the slave of despots: Kings will stand up when they see You and princes will bow, for the sake of Yahweh Who has been faithful, the Holy One of Israel Who has chosen You."*

☆ *You and Mary have seen this prophecy fulfilled in the visit of the Magi. With Mary you have pondered these things in your virgin heart, and you prayed for your Son that in Him all will find Merciful Redemption. In you father I pray that all will be*

consecrated in Jesus' own Consecration and give themselves back to the Eternal Love with the same generosity of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus, Mary and your dear self. I surround everyone with all the "divine lives" created by the Divine Will and with their voices I call all to "Come back to (God) Me, fasting and weeping with your hearts broken not your garments torn".

✧ *Dear Joseph, we immerse ourselves in the littleness of the Divine Will, docile in your arms and the arms of the Eternal Mother and bring all who have not been baptized, nor taught about God's Infinite Love and Mercy to the Fount of the Divine Will. Entrusting them to you, we pray may they now be baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and we return them to Its Paternal Womb.*

✧ *Jesus, the Father sent You into this world, so ruptured from our disordered way of living and loving, to restore that Order and Beauty which we have lost. Jesus, I surround Your Infancy with all the "Divine Lives" that You and Holy Mother have created and I ask each one of these Divine Lives to kiss You and bless You that Your Divine Innocence envelop all. I place myself and all humanity under that blessing you gave Simeon and Anna and extend it especially to all those who have remained faithful to the contemplative life. May Your Mercy envelop all religious who have not remained faithful obtain their conversion through the merits of Your Consecration to the Eternal Father. In Your every Breath, Heartbeat, pain, sorrow and tear I ask it and that for those faithful ones a special blessing of Divine Love. I place every father into the fatherhood of Abba Joseph that all receive from him the fullness of the Paternal Blessings in Your Divine Will.*

(One Our Father, Seven Aves and One Gloria)

"Daughter of My Holy Volition, a child must know what his father does, what his father possesses and be able to say to his father, 'What is yours is mine'. And when that is not so, it signifies that there is not a great accord between father and child or, perhaps that he is not the legitimate child of his father. So, one who is a true child of My Will must know what It does

and the immense goods which it possesses. This is what it means to truly live in My Volition: to keep company with all the Acts which My Will does.” “The Book of Heaven” V 18: 19/11/1925

The Divine Will creates in this Mystery a Humanity consecrated to the Father’s Will lived on earth as in Heaven. He creates a new prophetic priesthood and purifies the Temple of all sacrilegious defilement, being as it is, that His perfumed Divine Innocence has entered It for the first time. The ‘temple’ is symbol of the soul which is meant to be ‘a house of prayer’ as were the souls of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and Luisa. Instead it had become defiled with commerce, unjust taxes and laws, which burdened the people. In Jesus the Divine Will creates a new reign of prophets, who recognize in children and their innocence the Essence of the Kingdom – as Simeon and Anna did.

“Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God.”
“Unless you become as little as this little child, you shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.”

The Divine Will redeems all from the effects of those initiating rites not celebrated in the true Spirit of Love and reverence. He especially redeems children from being initiated into cults of humanism, sorcery, paganism, satanism and hedonism. He redeems the elderly, and those with illnesses of the mind from the shadow worlds into which they are exiled by their families, governments and authorities. The Temple He entered was His Father’s House, the Tabernacle of the Ark and the Law of Moses, the place of prayer, consecration and sacrifice.

Jesus, the absolute Truth and sublime Lawgiver enters in the arms of His Mother, the Ark of His New Covenant and quietly and humbly introduces the New Law of Love housed in His Body and Hers, the True Temple of God. In the arms of His Abba Joseph, He is presented for consecration and, in this humble Act, He redoes all the acts of consecration of mankind from the beginning to the end, repairing all the imperfect ways these rites are done, and the misconceptions as to their true meaning. He is the New

Testimony which replaces the Old one carved in stone – His Testimony is chiseled into His Immaculate Flesh where in each one of His Wounds His ‘I Love you’ is indelibly inscribed. This Immaculate Flesh and Word of God, reduced to silence within It, is the Gift of Mary and the Eternal Father’s Fiat brought as offering in the hands and hearts of Mary and Joseph – the most just and loving of fathers who has ever lived or ever will live.

In Jesus’ Immaculate Flesh, He redeems His priesthood from the blood of animal sacrifices and sanctifies with His own Body lovingly placed in the hands of Simeon, the hands of His faithful priests for all time, giving them the new victim for the sins of mankind – His Innocent Self. In this also He redeems the animal kingdom from being victim to mankind’s abuse of its custodianship over them. The “*Lamb of God*”, Jesus, releases all the “*little lambs*” from their torture at our hands and redeems us from our primitive understanding of the meaning of ‘sacrifice’.

“What I want is Love not sacrifice”.

“A humble and contrite heart is more pleasing to Me than the blood of goats and bulls.”

Though God spoke these words to His people in the Old Testament they failed to grasp His meaning for they had made an ‘idol’ of the Temple, Its man-made laws and its power groupings and partisan judgments. True religion had been sacrificed on the altar of self aggrandizement.

The Divine Will sanctifies all Humanity within His own consecration to the Father; and He sanctifies all the rites of the Old Covenant and all that took place in the great Temple of Jerusalem. In initiating the New Covenant, He does not deny the great blessings of the Old and the need to fulfill and perfect all the requirements of the Old, honoring those who had been faithful to the Spirit of the Law. In this Mystery He, Mary and Joseph in perfect unity and fullness of grace do all that the Father, the Eternal Word and Holy Spirit require.

The sanctifying Grace of Jesus' Infancy reverberates throughout the great halls of the Temple and the demons are annihilated who sought to reign there. They fear this little baby and this fear is resurrected in Herod who very soon will seek Jesus' life. Jesus sanctifies His faithful priests in Simeon and His faithful contemplatives in Anna. He honours their long and faithful service to prayer and meditation on the Scriptures; and in them all the elderly who give good example to the young through a life of prayer and sacrifice, living separated from the world, keeping their hearts, minds and wills only for God.

He sanctifies fatherhood in the Virgin Paternity of His Abba Joseph and all motherhood in the Virgin Maternity of Mary. In their acts and sacrifices as parents of the God made Man are enclosed the Ardours of the Divine Will to sanctify family life. This Grace is available to all parents if they want it, by the simple act of giving themselves docilely into the hands of Mary and Joseph as Jesus did in this rite. This "*Little Child*" leads us in the ways of the Divine Will, showing us step by step how the Father wants us to live. Jesus tells Luisa she must continue to immerse herself in Him in ALL His Acts, from His Conception to His Ascension – interior and exterior. He also asks her to do the Acts of His parents Mary and Joseph.

The Divine Will glorifies the Eternal Father in this Mystery through all the Acts of creation, redemption and sanctification. He glorifies the Father by His docility to His Law and the Divine Love with which He obeys its precepts. He lives His Gospel Truth, "*The one who is to be over all must be the servant of all.*" In being servant/child of Mary and Joseph, Jesus fulfills the whole Law. He administers His Priesthood within the True Temple of God, His own Humanity, submissive to His holy parents, Mary and Joseph. And they, Mary, the True Ark of God and Joseph the true patriarch custodian of this Ark, serve Jesus with undivided attention to His needs and thus, they also fulfill their priestly ministry in union with Him in a living liturgy that mirrors the Divine Liturgy of Heaven.

Jesus, I see Your immense Joy at entering the Temple dedicated to Your Father's Will. I immerse myself in You to honour my forefathers, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Job, Elijah and David. As David danced before the Ark as It was brought to Its dwelling place, so I see Your father Joseph preceding Your holy Mother, the new Ark of Your indwelling and how their hearts are dancing as they bring You up to the Temple, knowing within their souls the meaning of this rite – the liberation of all their children. Praise God! Fiat within the Hearts of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and Luisa!

“Consecrate them in the Truth – Your Word is Truth. As you sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world and for their sake I consecrate Myself, so that they too may be consecrated in Truth. I pray not only for these, but for those also who, through their words will believe in Me. May they all be One! Father, may they be One in Us ... I have given them the glory You gave to Me, that they may be One as We are One.” John 17:17

SAINT JOSEPH SPEAKS TO SISTER EPHREM

“All fatherhood is blessed in me whom the Eternal Father chose as his representative on earth, the Virgin Father of His own Divine Son. Through me the heavenly Father has blessed all fatherhood, and through me He continues and will continue to do so until the end of time. My spiritual fatherhood extends to all God's children and together with my Virgin Spouse I watch over them with great love and solicitude. Fathers must come to me, to learn obedience to authority, to the Church always, as the mouthpiece of God, to the laws of the country in which they live, insofar as these do not go against God and their neighbour.

Mine was perfect obedience to the Divine Will, as it was shown and made known to me by the Jewish law and religion. To be careless in this is most displeasing to God and will be severely punished in the next world. Let fathers also imitate my great purity of life and the deep respect I held for my Immaculate

Spouse. Let them be an example to their children and fellowmen, never wilfully doing anything that would cause scandal among God's people. Fatherhood is from God and it must take once again its rightful place among men."

St Joseph to Sister Mildred Neuzil (Sr Ephrem of the Indwelling Trinity)

Joseph's Sorrows at Jesus' forced exile

5. Saint Joseph's Sorrow when the angel ordered him to 'Take the Child and His Mother and flee into Egypt' from the murderous Herod and his agony with Mary and Jesus on hearing the cries of the little innocents being slaughtered in the wake of their departure. His Joy at seeing the idols of Egypt fall at the arrival of his Son and his holy Spouse signifying the power of the Presence of the One True God, humble and little, requiring no temples of gold, just the shelter of Joseph's Holy Cloak. Tradition tells us at Heliopolis at the famous Temple of the Sun, the three hundred and sixty-five deities worshipped there all fell to the ground, and similar things occurred throughout all Egypt bringing to conversion Aphrodysius, the High Priest of the Sun.

"I give thanks to your name, for you have been my protector and support to me, and redeemed my body from destruction, from the snare of the lying tongue and from lips that fabricate falsehood. And in the presence of those around me, you have been my support You have redeemed me true to the greatness of your mercy and of your name from the fangs of those who would devour me, from the hands of those seeking my life, from the many ordeals which I have endured, from the heart of a fire which I had not kindled, from deep in the belly of Sheol, from the unclean tongue and the lying word – the perjured tongue slandering me to the king." Ecclesiasticus 51:1-6

Beloved Father of the Holy Family, St Joseph!

✧ *I fuse myself into the Divine Will abiding in you to save Jesus and Mary from the intended deicide. I fuse myself into your trust in the Divine Will echoing in your heart, "I will lead you in the*

way you must go". (Isaiah 48¹⁷) *The angels, who have always been your guides, your messengers, your attendants, you trust now more than ever. In you I call their guard to surround our King and Queen to protect, guide and adore.*

✧ *To you belongs the glory of preserving the Life Whose every instant was of incomparably more value than the united lives of all created beings – and yet in Him, you know exist all created beings. All men contributed to the death of their Saviour, one alone saved Him from death. As to One alone among women, He was indebted for His life, to one alone among men did He owe Its preservation. You, dearest Abba, saved the Life of the Divine Will from the predatory human will – and will do so in every age and time if we entrust ourselves to your care as Jesus and Mary did.*

I fuse myself and all humanity into your obedience of the Divine Command, so that in obedience to you, like Jesus, I may increase "in wisdom, stature, grace and favour with God and Man". I see that this "increase" is in all the Acts of Jesus and Mary's divine Humanities; an increase into which They want to include us so that They can pour into us Their own Holiness.

✧ *With Holy Mother, whose Will is one with yours in the Divine Will you, "Fly into Egypt" and so begin the arduous journey into exile, to recompense for the grumbling of all your people in their periods of exile. I fuse myself and all humanity into your tender and vigilant watchfulness over Jesus and Mary. With every laboured step You make reparation for the sins of despots, especially their murderous crimes against their citizens and especially children, and you experience with your beloved Spouse and Child, the Divine Sorrow that the human will has forced the Divine Will into exile. And this will is so perverse it will even murder its own children to attain its selfish ends. With you then dear Abba, in Jesus and Mary, we fly from the murderous human will into the protective mantle of the Divine Will, symbolized in your holy cloak (now become your scapular), which so often provided shelter for the King and Queen of Heaven. I want to place all the generations of God's children under the protective*

shelter of your holy cloak that all may be saved as you saved Jesus and Mary.

✧ *We immerse ourselves in the Divine Will in all these sacred mysteries, in all your acts as spouse and father and the acts of Jesus and Mary in their humble obedience to you and pray for an end to the slaughter of the Innocents and of the Divine Innocence in our souls, especially in the souls of our children, who are offered worldly doctrines instead of the Faith. In destroying all the male children under the age of two the murderous intent of Herod struck as many blows in the Heart of Jesus, Mary and yourself as he struck at these little ones He wanted to destroy the “generative power” of the whole of Israel in these little boys, among whom he hoped was Jesus – the true Generative Power of the Universe. What Sorrow! And now today dear Abba the greatest slaughter of the little innocent ones is taking place by the millions upon millions in every country – and in some countries by official policy; e.g. China aborting all its girl babies in their one child policy. I cover all with your holy cloak and pray you preserve our Peace and Innocence in the midst of such mass murder.*

✧ *Jesus, Mary and Joseph take us with you into the holy land of the Divine Will and make our human wills fly into exile, that we may no more experience the death of the Life of Faith in our souls and all our idols may fall at Your Presence. Remind us always to fuse all our acts into Your Acts that we may enter always the Holy Order of the Hypostatic Union, in which our Creation, Redemption, Sanctification and Glorification are accomplished. In You we place all our trust. Fiat!*

✧ *May all refugees experience Your help and consolations in the trials of separation and exile amid strangers and alien places, and may Your Divine Fatherhood protect all Christians who are under threat of murder and persecution for their faith in Jesus.*

✧ *May all those who experience the death of a child, or ominous threats against their children, be protected by you. And may all the children awaiting death by abortion, medical experiments and*

other means be wrapped in the Cloak of your Paternal Love and taken to safety in the bosom of the Eternal Mother and Father. Dear father Joseph - save us!

(One Our Father, seven Aves and one Glory Be)

Happy the man who meditates on Wisdom ... and ponders Her secrets ... He peeps in at Her windows and listens at Her doors. He lodges close to Her House and fixes his peg in Her walls. He pitches his tent at Her side and sets his children in Her shade. He camps beneath Her branches. He is sheltered by Her from the heat and in Her Glory He makes His home.

(Ecclesiasticus 14: 20)

Joseph brings the Divine Will home

6. Saint Joseph's Sorrow on hearing that after so many years of exile and being told to return, there was yet another despot, Archelaus, son of Herod, sitting on his throne. His paternal anxieties suffered on account of this news, remembering the multitude of babies slaughtered at their departure. **His Joy** however was to be told by the angel to return to Galilee and resettle in Nazareth, where he finds joy in serving his two Loves, Mary and Jesus, in a life of simplicity and obscurity, avoiding the curious eyes of those who would seek to murder Jesus.

Beloved Father of the Holy Family, St Joseph!

☆ *Never abandon us in the night of our exile and on our dangerous journey home. Come with Mary to parent us through the days of darkness, of strange places, people and things and also of Jesus' own Will placing us in apparent exile from Him. Be the stability we need, when we are outcast, without home or hearth. Peace is the fruit of your love for Jesus and Mary. The Eternal Father continues to pour the Ardours of His Love and Will into your heart – for the sake of Jesus and Mary and in them all His children. He loves you profoundly as the one whose swift obedience in all things guarantees the safety of His Beloved Son*

and Spouse. I fuse myself into that swift obedience that living in It I may also protect the Life of Jesus and Mary in me and in all.

☆ *As you lived among strangers for such a long time, help us to see the image of God in the stranger and that Divine Love overcomes all that is alien in us and in them – but, give us your holy prudence when dealing with strangers, aware that all who are not surrendered to God’s Holy Will are potential predators of His Life in us. Help us to live the Word of Jesus, “Love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you. For Your heavenly Father lets His sun shine on the bad as well as the good, and His rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love only those who love you what right have you to claim any credit?”*

“If a man comes to Me without hating (being perfectly detached from) his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.”

Luke 14:25

“Bless those who persecute you. Never curse them, bless them. Rejoice with those who rejoice and be sad with those in sorrow. Treat everyone with equal kindness. Never be condescending but make real friends with the poor. Do not allow yourself to be self-satisfied. Never repay evil with evil but let everyone see that you are interested only in the highest ideals. Do all you can to live in peace with everyone. Never try to get revenge. Leave that, my friends to God’s anger. As scripture says, ‘Vengeance is mine – I will pay them back,’ the Lord promises. But there is more: If your enemy is hungry, you should give him food and if he is thirsty let him drink. Thus you heap red-hot coals on his head. Resist evil and conquer it with Good.” Romans 12: 14 – 21

“The greatest among you must behave as if he were the youngest – the leader, as if he were the one who serves.”

Luke 22: 26

✧ *I fuse myself into all your footsteps O Holy and Divine Will leading Jesus, Mary and Joseph back to their home country after many years of exile. I fuse myself and put my "I love you" into each of these footsteps, into all Their holy conversations and Their Divine Will Acts bringing home to the Holy Land of the Divine Will all their poor children who for so long have been exiled from It. I fuse myself into Abba Joseph's holy anxieties for the Life of His Creator/Son when he hears that Archelaus is on the throne of his father Herod. I console him and all men who suffer similarly by reminding him of the great Love the Divine Will has for his paternity and will not fail It in Its desire to protect, provide, nourish and save. In the Ardours of the Divine Will to bring all His children home to Himself I fuse myself into the perfect Unity of such Ardours in Jesus, Mary and Joseph coming home to continue Their Acts of Love for our ruptured humanity.*

✧ *I fuse myself into the Love of the Divine Will that goes ahead of the Holy Family to prepare their humble little abode at Nazareth. I unite my hands with His Hands and prepare the house, cleaning it and decorating it with flowers and a welcoming table cloth made of all the Acts of Love of the Divine Will; so that, as they arrive they will be welcomed by the warmth of all the Acts of Love of the Father and the Holy Spirit for His Family in whom every family is enclosed. I fuse myself into Jesus, Mary and Joseph's willingness to live in humble obscurity and poverty in this little house made of earth and hulled out of the side of the hill. In living there with Them I want to kiss and honour all the Acts of the Holy Family and all the Acts of the hermit contemplatives who have ever lived. From such holy hearts – afire with the Love of the Holy Spirit I want to inflame all hearts to desire to know God alone and in Him alone find their true rest.*

✧ *I want to fuse my hands into the hands of the Divine Will to prepare a vegetable garden and flower garden for our precious Holy Family; so on arriving they may find the welcome of nourishing food and beauty and will not be burdened with the labours of having to prepare one for themselves. In this I want to*

do this for all the returning exiles and in the Reality of the Kingdom I want to prepare gardens upon gardens of Divine Will Acts that will be waiting for all our children and brothers and sisters when they return from the exile of their human wills to the Holy Land of the Divine Will and bring them into the perfect Unity and Harmony of the Holy Family together with our little mother Luisa.

☆ O Beloved Divine Will I fuse myself into Your Ardours of Love that wants so much to unite all the creatures into the One Love and Will of Your Kingdom come on earth as in Heaven and say Fiat to that.

(One Our Father, one or seven Aves and one Glory Be)

The Divine Will creates in this Mystery a strong and courageous fatherhood that can protect, in the spirit of St Joseph, its family from danger and death. This fatherhood is one of devout prayer, always listening for the direction of the angels. It trusts not in Man, but God alone – for it understands Man is a fractured being unable to discern properly. It is a fatherhood totally intent on the wellbeing of his spouse and child – and willing to lose even one’s home, friends and work for this sake. Ready to depart at the call of God, it is not attached to anything of this earth, nor to the false promises of the world. This is the fatherhood of St Joseph, created by the Divine Will for Jesus and for us all, if we but do as Jesus did and abandon ourselves into the care of Joseph.

The Divine Will redeems families from their exile into worldliness, represented by Egypt - the world of foreign gods, exalted desires and manmade edifices. It brings them back to their true home, the Divine Will, living peaceably in the Order of Holy Family Life within the Hearts of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It shows us the way to this House of Prayer is through the ‘narrow door’ of obedience to St Joseph. In Joseph is the way of safety through obedience, quietness, obscurity, simple practice, diligent labour and intense life of prayer.

Egypt represents the world of glamour and commerce, of pharaohs and queens in golden raiment and gods and goddesses adorned likewise. It is in our day the glamour of the pop culture with its new gods and goddesses, its deafening music and commercial jargon. It is the world of self appointed ‘priests’ and ‘priestesses’, of revival of the pagan cults and arts under new guises – a world which rejects the divine ‘priesthood’ of Christ. All the paraphernalia that goes with this worldliness is incredible and drowns out the gentle and quiet Voice of the Holy Spirit, the Voice always listened to by the heart of Joseph, chaste and just, especially through listening to His Virgin Spouse and Beloved Son.

The Divine Will sanctifies in this Mystery all the journeys of families, who traverse the dangerous roads of this world, full of predators, seeking the life of the Divine Will, seeking to fracture the unity of family life, seeking to steal and destroy the spirit of Innocence in the young and in us all. In the Holy Family and all the Divine Will Acts done interiorly in them in these mysteries the relationships between mother/child, father/child, husband/wife are all sanctified and redeemed from selfishness and its disorders. If only we could see into the Heart of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and discover Their Secret of Love. Let us pray They will reveal themselves to us. I fuse all of us into the Holy Family.

The Divine Will glorifies the Father in this Mystery by returning home in obedience to His Will and living lovingly, trustingly and peacefully under the authority of His father Joseph, who must protect his wife and child from a treacherous regime. He protects Them by the simplicity and obscurity of his life. This is the *‘luminous cloud’* mentioned in the Book of Exodus that guided God’s people – the *‘shadow’* that obscures the greatness of the Mystery within his walls from the profane eyes of the worldly. The Holy Family live in Nazareth, which is despised by some as a habitat – even the apostle said, *What good could come out of Nazareth?*

The King of Heaven in choosing to live there reveals there is nowhere and no-one we should despise on earth, since He despised no place, nor person. He wanted to identify with the poor and the outcast and always live among them as one of them. In this He glorifies His Father and reveals the nature of the Father *who lets His sun shine on the good and bad alike*. Joseph and Mary humbly, as always, accept the places of poverty God provides for them. Their treasure and glory is in matters of the Heart - the Sacred Heart of Jesus, their Son Who entrusted Himself to them.

While poverty of itself is not a virtue, poverty (humility) of spirit is, and it is in the manner in which They accepted their lot they revealed Their greatness of soul. They glorified the Father more and more, with each humble acceptance of Their state. The King and Queen of Heaven were destined by the Divine Will to live in the poverty of Joseph's care, which at times could not even provide shelter or a meal. In this all reparation was made for the human will which 'grasps' at persons, places and things for its own edification and safety.

“He made us rich out of His Poverty.”

“Jesus took the lowest place to such a degree that no-one could ever take it from Him.”

Father Hugelot, spiritual director to Charles de Foucauld

“At every stage of their journey, whenever the “Cloud” rose from the Tabernacle the sons of Israel would resume their march. If the “Cloud” did not rise, they waited and would not march until it did. For the “Cloud of Yahweh” rested on the Tabernacle by day, and a Fire shone within the “Cloud” by night, for all the House of Israel to see. And so it was for every stage of their journey.” Exodus 40:36

In Jesus and Mary are *the New Israel* and *the New Creation*. The “Cloud” of obscurity which both shielded them and guided them was Joseph. By day he rested on the “Tabernacle” with his vigilant care to their needs and by night he shone with the flame

of Divine Love, adoring Their Presence. They in turn recognize in him, the one in whom the Divine Will placed Its Paternal Love – as “*tent over the tabernacle*”. (Exodus 33:7)

“Moses used to take the Tent and pitch it outside the camp, at some distance from the camp. He called it the Tent of Meeting. Anyone who had to consult Yahweh would go out to the Tent of Meeting outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the Tent the people would rise. Every man would stand at the door of his tent and watch Moses until he reached the Tent; the pillar of cloud would come down and station itself at the entrance to the Tent; and at the entrance to the Tent, all the people would rise and bow low; each at the door of his tent. Yahweh would speak with Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend.”

St Joseph’s Sorrow at Jesus’ disappearance

7. Abba suffers the sorrow of a father whose heart was always intent on guarding his precious Son. In this sorrow Saint Joseph shared in the wound of separation from the Eternal Father at the climax of Christ’s suffering on Calvary, when He was obliged to withdraw His presence from His Son and hear His anguished cry, *‘Father! Father! Why have you abandoned Me!’* Now it is Joseph and Mary who cry, *“My Son! My Son! Why have you abandoned us!”*

His Joy however when with Mary, they find Him again in the Temple - a joy none the less tinged with grief when Jesus asks them, *“Why have you been searching for Me? Didn’t you know I must be about My Father’s business?”* Saints learn to allow the mysterious acts of God rest in their hearts for deeper revelations on another day. None the less Mary, the Mother and Teacher of saints, speaks to Her Son of the sadness of causing grief to one’s parents, saying, *“Son! Why have You done this to us? Did you not know Your father and I have been searching for You sorrowing?”*

Beloved Father of the Holy Family, Saint Joseph

✧ *Bring your beloved Spouse, Mary to us with yourself, to help us through the dark nights that are part of our journey home to Heaven. With you and Mary we can live through the mysterious ways of the Divine Will and learn to trust totally in Its Divine Mercy in all the events of our life. Guide us through the times when the Divine Will appears to have abandoned us and let us rather remember Jesus' words to Luisa concerning these times of privation. "Therefore, have patience. My Will will have to suffice for the sight of Me, when I am hidden in you. If that were not so, you would not be able to maintain the beat of doing your usual rounds in My Will. I am He, Who, although hidden, makes them in you. And you follow whom you do not see. When my Justice has finished filling up with scourges, I will place Myself again with you as before. Therefore, courage; await Me and do not fear."*

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✧ *O Father of Jesus and Chaste Spouse of Mary, fill with Your Spousal Love all parents and their children, so as they make their way through the dangerous paths of this world they may never lose Jesus. Fill us with your perseverance in the searching for Jesus so we may live as the Beloved in the Song of Songs always and everywhere saying,*

The Song of the Bride

"On my bed, at night, I sought Him, Whom my heart loves. I sought Him but did not find Him. So, I will rise and go through the City - In the streets and in the squares, I will seek Him Whom my heart loves. I sought Him but did not find Him. The watchmen came upon me, on their rounds of the City: "Have you seen Him whom my heart loves? Scarcely had I passed them, than I found Him whom my heart loves. I held Him fast, nor would I let Him go until I had brought Him into my Mother's House, into the Room of Her who conceived me."

(One Our Father, seven Aves and one Glory Be)

The words, “*nor would I let Him go until I had brought Him into my Mother’s House, into the room of Her who conceived me*” can be placed both in the mouth of Mary and Joseph. They are interesting and enigmatic words when one considers them from a spiritual perspective. Joseph, for example, having found Jesus was so anxious that He doesn’t disappear again that He placed Him in the care of Mary’s Immaculate Heart and resolved within his own heart to become an ever more vigilant guardian. By entrusting the safety of his paternity over Jesus to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, “*in the room of Her who had conceived me*” he places this relationship in the “Room” or “Enclosure” of the Divine Will which reigns in Mary. This is the “Room” wherein She conceived with the Trinity all the ‘*divine lives*’ She wants to create for Them. Above all She wants to create the best father in the world for Jesus – for She knows every child needs a holy and wise father. Her little boy must have a father akin to Her own Spirit – virgin; totally consecrated to God for God’s purposes alone; unable to be tempted by worldly things and persons; focused on the needs of Her Divine Child and a guardian of Her own contemplative virtue.

✧ *I fuse myself into every tear you shed, dear Abba with your beloved Mary and into every anxiety in searching for your most beloved Son. I too want to be with You both to search for Him and to cry out to the angels to help me to find Him so I can gaze upon His beautiful Face and hear His beautiful words and feel the warmth of His Holy embrace. I want to be in your strong arms to comfort our Mother in Her immense Sorrows and to encourage Her that all will be well; or rather is it She Who is your comfort dearest Abba. She Who is the Mother of all Consolation I suspect helped you from sorrowing unto death for such a loss and you must have been feeling that you had failed in your great vocation to protect the Beloved of the Father. O Joseph in your paternal sorrows and for the sake of their merits, I fuse your virtues into all fathers that they may never give up hope in finding their children and bringing them home again to the House of the Divine Will.*

✧ *I fuse myself into your Joy at finding Him in the temple and in hearing His amazing Wisdom echo through its large halls and amaze the elders sitting there in rapt astonishment saying, “Isn’t this the son of Joseph the carpenter? Where did he get all this knowledge?” Oh, what thoughts went through your mind then! What to say to your Son, who is your God and knows very well what He is doing? He has reached the age of His adulthood and now He makes it clear He is to be about His Heavenly Father’s business. Where does your paternal authority go now, Joseph? Aah! Your consternation is saved by your beloved Spouse who speaks while you are speechless – as if She echoes the cries of your heart which she knows better than anyone. “Son, why have you done this to Us. Did you not know that your father and I have been searching for You sorrowing?”*

✧ *Jesus I fuse myself into You as you cauterize your parents’ hearts with this Holy Obedience to Your Heavenly Father – so that you may win for all youth the grace of courage to separate from their families when they are called to the “new and divine Holiness” of Your Divine Will. I fuse myself into the humble submission of Mary and Joseph to all of these immense Sorrows at losing You and winning for all parents the Grace to say goodbye to their children and give them back to God when the appointed time comes. I want to win for every soul this amazing Grace so that Your Kingdom will come all the more swiftly and that all creatures may rejoice in “doing their Father’s Will” leaving behind all the familial attachments that hold them bound to the contentments of the flesh. Fiat!*

✧ *I fuse myself into the perfect reconciliation of the Divine Will in this Mystery with the true Will of the Eternal Father to return to Nazareth and live in humble obscurity with His parents until the time came for His Life of Public Ministry. I fuse myself into the great Joy the Holy Family possessed in being reunited with each other and the Perfect Unity and Harmony and Peace of Their Love which cannot endure separation – even as the Heavenly Trinity; and ask for this Unity for all Families, especially my own, who are in such need. Oh sweet homecoming*

of the Holy Family I want to be there in all the homecomings of the Divine Will and the celebrations around the Table of the Divine Will to share in the Feasts of the Divine Will and Its Familial Love that knows no comparison with the families of the human will.

The Divine Will creates in this Mystery a parenthood gifted with the perseverance of Mary and Joseph in searching for the Divine Will until they find Him. In this He creates reconciliation and unity for all divided families. He creates courage, through the Acts of His parents, for parents whose children have disappeared, or who have lost their Faith, to patiently continue in loving their children and their Hope for the fullness of reconciliation in Christ. He creates above all the courage for His mystical priests, who like Luisa and Padre Pio, suffer the terrible abandonments of His “felt” presence and suffer rather the sense of “separation” from Him and the “dark nights” of interior “solitude” that the Divine Will Itself suffers from the pernicious human will. These are the virgin parents the Divine Will creates from the Virgin Parents of Jesus – and through them effects His many Incarnations.

The Divine Will redeems parents and children from the crippling effects of blaming and shaming one another when things go wrong. Mary and Joseph in this Mystery could have easily blamed each other for losing Jesus, but they did not. They did not fall into the sin of Adam who said to the Lord, *“The woman you put with me made me do it!”* The blaming of Eve has been echoed by men in their ruptured humanity ever since - and women of men. With Joseph and Mary however, we find a different focus - always on Jesus and seeking His safety and well-being. Their mistake was humbling for them, warning them of the importance of constant attentiveness to Jesus. Still Holy Mother’s words to Jesus indicate Her knowledge that it was Jesus Himself Who abandoned them consciously. *“Son, why have You done this to us? Did you not know that your father and I have been searching for You in great Sorrow?”*

Yes, Jesus, the Divine Will Incarnate, consciously initiated this suffering for His own parents to procure a great grace for His brothers and sisters. Jesus knew His parents very well. He knew that His disappearance would render them indescribable pain – for the more tender the heart the deeper the pain. But He knew also that their response would create the Acts in which all parents could find their own ‘divine’ response in similar situations of abandonment by their children. In their interior Acts they purchased from the Divine Will, strength and grace for parents, who when they are physically, spiritually or emotionally separated from their children, need to protect them, and pray them back to the House of the Divine Will. By fusing our disappointments, anxieties and abandonments into those suffered by Mother and Abba in this Mystery, we procure from them the courage to persevere through the darkest nights of our parenting.

The Divine Will redeems children and young adults from the allurements of all that seems glorious and attractive in the world and even in religion. The Temple represents this glorious aspect of religion with its focus on knowledge, precepts and rites – positions of power and prestige. But, in this Mystery the Divine Will reveals that the true path of the New Covenant is the Way of the Heart not of the Head – the way of simplicity, poverty and family love within the workshop of His father Joseph, and the tender love and teaching of His Mother, who is the vessel of the Holy Spirit. This is a profound mystery often overlooked. It is so inherently simple He remains undiscovered in His own time until He chooses to reveal Himself. In all the centuries that follow these 30 years of obscurity still escape our attention.

The Divine Will sanctifies parents into divine ways of understanding the anxieties and dreams of their children, and through Its own Holiness teaches parents and guardians of children how to access the heart of the child. This mystery reveals that it is in the Sorrows of Mary and Joseph that unique graces are given to parents to form Divine Unity of Holiness in their families. Since Jesus, after putting His parents through this

great trial, returns home with them to be their obedient child. This is the Sanctity of the Divine Will teaching us Its Way of Holiness – a Way frequently misunderstood. For priests and religious orders also who seem to be abandoned by Jesus, He calls them to turn to Mary and Joseph and follow in their footsteps of persevering prayer until once again they find Him. Those priests and religious who think they can find Jesus without recourse to Mary and Joseph are mistaken.

The Divine Will glorifies the Father in this mystery by His return with Joseph and Mary to live in obscurity. *“I do what I see my Father doing”* Jesus says in the Gospel of St John. He puts this into practice in the workshop of His virgin father Joseph. Jesus, in this Mystery is teaching that the Father’s Glory does not reveal itself in temples of gold and bloody animal sacrifices but in obedience to His Will, in obedience to Mary and Joseph – away from the politics of the Temple and into the glorious world of the “Temple” of His Body.

“I saw that there was no temple in the City since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the Temple, and the City did not need the sun or the moon for light, since It was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for It.”

(Revelation 21:22)

“It is true, my daughter, that immediately after my conception, I was, through the future merits of Jesus and because of my exceptional role of future Virgin Father, cleansed from the stain of Original Sin. I was from that moment confirmed in grace and never had the slightest stain on my soul. This is my unique privilege among men. My pure heart also was from the first moment of existence inflamed with love for God. Immediately at the moment when my soul was cleansed from Original Sin, grace was infused into it in such abundance that, excluding my holy spouse, I surpassed the holiness of the highest angel in the angelic choirs. My heart suffered with the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Mine was a silent suffering, for it was my special vocation to hide and shield, as long as God willed, the Virgin

Mother and Son from the malice and hatred of men. The most painful of my sorrows was that I knew beforehand of their Passion yet would not be there to console them. Their future suffering was ever present to me and became my daily cross. I became, in union with my holy spouse, co-redemptor of the human race. Through compassion for the sufferings of Jesus and Mary, I co-operated, as no other, in the salvation of the world.”

(St Joseph to Sister Mildred Neuzil (Sister Ephrem of the Indwelling Trinity – Approved Visionary of Our Lady of America)

JESUS TO LUISA: *“My daughter, your life must be hidden with Us in the house of Nazareth. If you work, if you pray, if you eat, if you walk, you must give one hand to me, the other to our Mother; and look at St Joseph to see if your acts are like ours. Then you will be able to say, “I make a model of what Jesus, my heavenly Mother and St Joseph do. Then, I copy it.” I want to repeat my hidden life in you according to the model you have made. In you I want to find the works of my Mother and St Joseph, as well as My own Works.”*

“My daughter, take heart, don’t be discouraged. If you don’t know how to do something, ask Me to teach you and I’ll do it right away. I’ll speak to you of our actions, our intentions, and our constant Love. I’ll show you how I, like sea, and they, like two rivers, overflowed into each other; that we didn’t have much time to talk, since Love absorbed us so much. See how far behind Us you are? You must work hard to catch up to Us. I don’t want you behind, but with Us; so be silent and pay attention.” (From Luisa’s “*Notebook of Childhood Memories*”)

PRAYER FOR OUR HOLY FATHER THE POPE.

Lord, Jesus Christ, shelter our Holy Father the Pope under the protection of Thy Sacred Heart, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Chaste Heart of St Joseph! Be thou his light, his strength and his consolation. Deliver Him not up to his enemies. Amen.

(One Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

Luisa's Prayer to Jesus, Mary & Joseph

*O Mary, Mother of sweet Hope and of beautiful Love,
I hide myself in the pious shadow of your mantle.
Saint Joseph, my dear most perfect example of the highest sanctity,
be my singular protector, and my model in the interior life,
of holy sorrow and of Holy Love
In the midst of your three Hearts, O Jesus, O Mary, O Joseph!
I remain secure and will fear no more on my journey.
O Jesus, O Mary, O Joseph! Make me holy, I implore You!
O Please, Make me holy!*

Closing Prayer

- ✧ Heavenly Father! You chose Saint Joseph to be Your Vicar on earth for Mary and Jesus. He always obeyed Your Will and was obeyed by Them, as spouse and father.
- ✧ May the Mystical Body of Christ honor, with deeper love, the Gift of Your Fatherhood given to us in Saint Joseph. May we honor him, who, as father to Jesus, is father to us.
- ✧ May we honor him as the one who saved Christ from the murderous intent of Herod, through obedience to Your Holy Will. May he save us from the death that sin has brought into the world and convert all from the contraceptive culture of death to the Holy Family Culture of Life.
- ✧ May he save the Faith in our families and restore the domestic Church to the Glory of Holy Family Life through the Unity of Wills of mothers and fathers with the Divine Will.
- ✧ “*May all be One*” in the Order of Holy Family Life, through which we receive the Spousal Gift of Life from our Eternal Mother and Father.
- ✧ May Your virginal priesthood be increased in fruitfulness through consecration to Saint Joseph, father to the Eternal High Priest, Jesus, and Spouse of Mary, Mother of Priests. Amen

WHAT THE SAINTS SAY OF SAINT JOSEPH

“If Joseph is the father of those of whom Mary is the Mother, he is necessarily the special father of those who wear the Scapular.”

P. Joseph Andres, S.J.

“As all that belongs to a woman belongs also to her husband, we may believe that Joseph may bestow as he chooses the rich treasures of Grace which God has confided to Mary, his chaste Spouse.”

Saint Bernard

“There are three things that God cannot make greater than He has made them: The Humanity of Our Lord, the glory of the elect, and the incomparable Mother of God, of whom it is said that God can make no Mother greater than the Mother of God. You may add a fourth in honour of Saint Joseph. God cannot make a greater father than the father of God.” St Thomas Aquinas

“Mary directed Joseph. She enlightened him and animated him by Her example. Docile and attentive to the lessons given by his Immaculate Spouse, he learned to see things as She saw them, to despise what She despised, to love what She loved, to act as She acted. This was his perfection.”

Father Huguet

“Happy is the soul who can say like Saint Joseph that Mary lives in her, and that she lives in Mary! For she has Mary constantly before her eyes, she studies Her virtues, and so becomes more and more like her divine model, more and more united to God.”

Father Huguet

The Marriage of Mary and Joseph conceals within itself at the same time the Mystery of the Perfect Communion of Persons, the man and the woman in the conjugal pact and also the mystery of that singular continence for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven - a continence that served in the history of salvation “the most Perfect Fruitfulness of the Holy Spirit.” JP II: March 24, 1982

“And while it is important for the Church to profess the Virginal Conception of Jesus, it is no less important to uphold Mary’s Marriage to Joseph, because juridically Joseph’s fatherhood depends on it. Pope St John Paul II – *“Redemptoris Custos”* Chapter 11, para 7

The Glorious Titles of St Joseph

Cardinal Saint John Henry Newman

Virgin Spouse of Mary - Mirror of Her Virginity - Cherub guarding the New Terrestrial Paradise

He was the true and worthy Spouse of Mary supplying in a visible manner the place of Mary's invisible Spouse, the Holy Spirit. He was a virgin and his virginity was the faithful mirror of The Virginity of Mary. He was the Cherub, placed to guard the New terrestrial Paradise from the intrusion of every foe.

Father of God the Son

His was the title of father of the Son of God, because he was the Spouse of Mary, ever Virgin. He was our Lord's father, because Jesus yielded to him the obedience of a Son. He was our Lord's father, because to him were entrusted, and by him were faithfully fulfilled, the duties of a father, in protecting Him, giving Him a home, sustaining and rearing Him, and providing Him with a trade.

Holy Joseph – Intimate companion of Jesus and Mary

He is Holy Joseph, because according to the opinion of a great number of doctors, he, as well as St John the Baptist, was sanctified even before he was born. He is Holy Joseph, because his office, of being spouse and protector of Mary, specially demanded sanctity. He is Holy Joseph, because no other saint but he lived in such and so long intimacy and familiarity with the source of all holiness, Jesus, God Incarnate, and Mary, the holiest of creatures.

***Blessed be the name of Joseph henceforth and forever.
Amen.***

Please read Ecclesiasticus 51:11 for the Holy Spirit's words which may well have been spoken by Joseph

***“Glory be to God who has given me Wisdom.
In Purity I have found Her”***

2 Ecclesiasticus 51:17, 20

INDULGENCES of the CHURCH

Popes Gregory XVI and Pius IX granted the following indulgences to all the faithful who say the devotion of the Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys on any seven consecutive Sundays of the year:

- ◆ 5 years indulgence on each of these Sundays
- ◆ A Plenary indulgence on the seventh, after Confession, Communion, and prayers for the Pope.
- ◆ A Plenary indulgence on any of the seven Sundays kept as above in honor of the holy Patriarch Saint Joseph, at any time in the year whatever, provided only they be kept consecutively, and provided also the usual conditions are observed of Confession, Communion, visit to a church, and prayer according to the mind of the Holy Father. The same indulgence is also granted to the poor and illiterate, wherever this devotion is not publicly practiced, provided only they say seven Our Fathers, seven Hail Mary's, and seven Glory Be's, instead of the prayers above, and provided also they fulfill the other prescribed conditions. We recommend adding to Mary's Ave, Joseph's Ave in this rosary of meditations to deepen our love for and intercession to Saint Joseph in our regard and for the sake of the Church. For example pray three Ave Maria's and seven Joseph's Aves using our usual rosary beads. In this manner we are praying to Mary to help us know Saint Joseph better and praying to him to help us know Jesus and Mary better.

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