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REV. CO-LABORERS AND VERY DEAR BRETHREN

We are still orphans, Divine Providence has not as yet sent us our new Father. Hence we must redouble our prayers that the time of trial may be shortened. Yes, let us pray earnestly in order that our dear diocese may soon be entrusted to more experienced hands than ours, and that under the guidance of this new Shepherd it may experience a new life in the expansion of the prolific works of which our highly esteemed and deeply mourned Msgr. A. Pascal, O. M. I., has planted the seed, watered with the sweat of his brow. and sometimes also with his tears.

We realize more and more how important it is for a diocese to have an hierarchical head invested with the plenitude of the priesthood. Without him our works languish, and progress is hardly perceptible; it becomes more and more apparent that true fecundity can come only through the bishop who, clothed with all the fullness of the priesthood of Jesus Christ, is also the foundation on which rests the particular Church, called the diocese. From him the diocese proceeds and has its entire constitution. The bishop is for his particular Church what the Pope is for the universal Church. Jesus Christ works through him, and the bishop is himself the Christ given to that particular Church, in order to instill into it the

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to which our dear diocese is dedicated, hear our sighs and soon give us this Father, this Pastor who will govern us according to his Divine Heart in true wisdom and true doctrine. (Jerem. III. 15).

We had hoped that by Lent we would hear for the first time the voice of our new bishop. Divine Providence has decided otherwise and we see ourselves obliged to supply the voice of the bishop, always so paternal and so encouraging to his diocesans. However, it is very consoling to us to be able to let you hear to-day the most potent voice that can exist on this earth, we mean the authoritative voice of our great Pontiff, Benedict XV, who in his "Motu proprio" Ronum sane calls the attention of entire Christianity to the glorious Patronage of St. Joseph, under whose protection the Catholic Church placed herself fifty years ago, and of which, therefore, we celebrate the Jubilee this year.

Read again this very important document of the Sovereign Pontiff. In order that we may conform to the instructions it contains, we establish the program of these jubilee feasts.

"Motu proprio"

of the Patronage of St. Joseph.

It was indeed good and wholesome for the Christian people Devotion to St. Joseph and Solemnities prescribed for the Jubilee. that Our predecessor Pius IX, of immortal memory, declared St. jubilee with great solemnity in the whole world.

Need of Greater Devotion toward St. Joseph.

what things were still needed for the restoring of general order and Agonizing". tranquility after the great world war had come to an end.

Today We must draw attention to another source of great unfortunate war spread over the world at a time when naturalism, that plague of the century had infected the nations of the world. Wherever this plague prevails, it enervates the desire for heavenly gifts, quenches the flames of the love of God; withdraws man from the healing and elevating grace of Christ, and thus depriving men of the light of faith, it finally hands them over to the weak and corrupt force of unregenerated nature and makes them the prey of their unbridled passions. Too many men had their minds and hearts turned only toward the perishable things of this world and bitter The long and cruel war extended and intensified this class hatred as follows: especially when, on the one hand, it gave rise to an intolerable cost of living for the masses of the people and, on the other hand, it put immense fortunes in the hands of a few.

To make the calamity complete, the sacredness of conjugal fidelity and the respect of parental authority were greatly impaired by the war. The separation of husband and wife relaxed the bond of conjugal duties and the want of proper vigilance, especially in the case of girls, led to their taking improper liberties. Hence We note with deep sorrow that public manners are far more depraved and corrupt than they were before and that, for this reason, the so-called social question has increased in gravity so far as to threaten irreparable ruin. For there has matured in the desires and expectations of all the seditious-minded the rise of some sort of universal republic, founded on the absolute equality of men and the community of possessions, in which there is to be no distinction of nationality and in which no authority is to be recognized of father over children, of ruler over citizen, of God over the collective body of men. If these things would be brought about, terrible social convulsions would necessarily follow, such as are desolating at this moment no small part of Europe. And we note that attempts are being made by a few fanatics who stir up the masses, to spread these evils over the rest of the world and that serious uprisings

St. Joseph, the Model and Patron of the Laboring Classes.

Being deeply concerned about this course of affairs, We have on various occasions reminded the children of the Church of their duty, to wit, in Our recent letter to the Bishop of Bergamo and in another to the bishops of Venetia. Now, in like manner, wishing

CIRCULAR LETTER AND LENTEN REGULATIONS that Our numerous children all over the world, who make their live ing by the work of their hands, remain faithful to their duty, and OF THE VICAR CAPITULAR OF PRINCE ALBERT wishing to preserve them from the contagion of socialism, which is the bitterest enemy of the principles of Christianity, We place TO THE CLERGY AND THE FAITHFUL OF THE St. Joseph before them, urging them to follow him as their guide and honor him as their patron.

St. Joseph lived a life like theirs, hence Christ, though He was God and the only begotten Son of the eternal Father, wished to be called the "son of a carpenter". But with how many glorious virtues did St. Joseph adorn his humble condition, virtues, indeed, which it was meet should shine in the Spouse of Mary Immaculate, the reputed father of Jesus, our Lord. Therefore let all learn from Joseph to look upon the fleeting things of the present in the light of the eternal things to come, let all learn from him to seek consolation for the hardships of human life in the hope of celestial blessings, and to aspire to these latter gifts by carrying out the will of God, that is, by living a life of renouncement, piety and justice. As regards the laboring classes in particular, We take pleasure in quoting the words which our predecessor Leo XIII of happy memory used when writing on the same question, they fit so well that it seems impossible to find anything more appropriate: "These considerations should give courage and equanimity to the needy and to all those who make their living by the work of their hands; it is lawful for them to emerge from their poverty and arrive at a more comfortable condition of life by means which are legitimate, but neither reason nor justice permits them to subvert the order established by Divine Providence. Besides, recourse to violence and all attempts at sedition and revolt are imprudent measures that often bring greater evils than those which they were intended to alleviate. If the laboring classes are wise, let them not trust the promises of the seditious-minded, let them rather place their confidence in the example and patronage of St. Joseph and in the maternal love of the Church whose watchful care over their condition increases day by day."

The Holy Family the model of Christian Families.

If the faithful manifest a greater devotion towards St. Joseph. it is only natural that they will also manifest a greater devotion toward the Holy Family of Nazareth, whose august head he was for the one buds forth spontaneously from the other. From Joseph we are drawn straightway to Mary and, through Mary, to Jesus, the source of all sanctity, who consecrated the domestic virtues by Repairs on all kinds of Machinery his own submission to Joseph and Mary. We wish to see all Christ-satisfactorily done. Also have ian families remodeled in conformity with these beautiful examples | Oxy-Acetylene Welding Plant of virtues. The whole human race is built on the foundation of the family; as soon, therefore, as the family acquires greater stability, as soon as conjugal purity, concord and fidelity are held more sacred, a new vigor and, as it were, a new blood will course through all the arteries of human society. The virtue of Christ will penetrate every member and there will result not only a regeneration prescribing the celebration of the fiftieth Anniversary of private morality but also a complete restoration of public life and manners.

Placing, therefore, all our trust in the patronage of him to Joseph, the chaste Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God and the whose watchful care God entrusted His only begotten Son, the In-Foster Father of the Incarnate Word, as the Patron of the Catholic carnate Word, and His Virgin Mother, We admonish all the bishops let us know, we pay highest prices Church. Next December it will be fifty years since this auspicious of the Catholic world to exhort the faithful at this critical period event took place and We think it most useful to commemorate the of Christendom to implore the aid of St. Joseph with all possible fervor.

The Apostolic See having already approved several practices of devotion toward St. Joseph, especially for every Wednesday and Glancing over the span of the past fifty years, we behold an for the entire month which is dedicated to his honor, We now desire uninterrupted series of pious institutions, which bear witness to the that all these devotions be urged upon the faithful by the Ordinaries ever increasing devotion among the faithful toward the most holy and put in practice as far as possible in every diocese. Since St. Jo-Patriarch. But looking upon the great misery that has befallen the seph, who died in the presence of Jesus himself and of Mary, is human race at the present time, it seems to Us that this devotion rightly honored as the most powerful patron of the dying, it is the ought to become still more intensified and widely spread among the duty of Our Venerable Brethren to give all the support and favor nations. In Our recent encyclical "On the Christian Restoration of of their authority to those pious associations whose object it is to Peace", where We considered chiefly the political side of the repray to St. Joseph for the dying, such as the associations "of a lations between nations as well as individuals We pointed out Good Death", "of the Passing of St. Joseph" and "for the

Moreover, in memory of the pontifical Decree to which We re-The great World War has increased the Ravages of Naturalism. ferred above, We order and decree that during the year beginning on December 8, solemn prayers be offered up in honor of St. Joseph, the Spouse of B. V. M. and the Patron of the Catholic Church at rest, one that is even more to be feared, because it penetrates to the time and in the manner prescribed by each bishop. To all who the very flesh and bone of human society. The fact is that the untake part in these prayers We grant a plenary indulgence of their Delicious Sausages our Speciality. at all prices and on the terms

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With this in mind, and the Holy Name of God having been invoked and the advice of the esteemed members of our diocesan envy and hatred existed between the proletariat and the capitalists. Counsel having been obtained, we have resolved and do decide

- 1. In all the churches and chapels of the diocese some solemnities shall be held in honor of St. Joseph.
- 2. These solemnities shall be held during the month of March of this year. However, for reasons of which the Rev. past- Schaeffer-Ecker Co. ors and chaplains shall be the judge, we permit to have them coincide with the feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, which is celebrated this year on the 23rd of April.
- 3. Wherever possible, these solemnities shall consist in a Triduum, during which an instruction or a reading on St. Joseph shall be made to the faithful every day. At the Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament which is to be given every day of the Triduum, a hymn of the Blessed Virgin is sung, then the hymn of the Vespers of St. Joseph, fellowed by the versicle of the second Vespers and the oration of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. This oration will be followed by the prayer composed by Leo XIII. in honor of St. Joseph and prescribed after the recitation of the Rosary and the Litanies during the month of October. Then follows the Tantum ergo, etc.
- 4. In those churches or chapels, in which it will not be possible to hold the Triduum, these ceremonies ought at least to take place on the 19th of March or on a Sunday in the month of
- 5. We authorize for this year, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with the Ostensorium during the entire month of March, although according to the diocesan regulations this Benediction ought to be given with the ciborium during Lent. auf diese Zeitung Sigarren und Zigaretten. Benediction ought to be given with the ciborium during Lent.

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