



Lay Carmelite Order

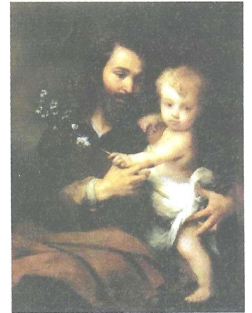
Our Lady Star of The Sea Chapter, North Myrtle Beach, SC



March 2025

Community Meeting
March 1st 10:00am---12:00 pm
Study- Edith Stien and Companions
Chapter 5

Formation
Phase 1 Lesson 10
Phase 2 Lesson 10



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Carmel,

The Lord has put his faithful servant in charge of his household. (Lk 12:42)

Since this is the month of our Dear Saint Joseph's Feast Day on March 19th I would like to dedicate this letter to him. Saint Joseph is our Protector for the Carmelites.

IMPRIMATUR

Santa Fe, New Mexico, February 9, 1949. I gladly give my "Imprimatur" as of today, to the new edition of the work, "The City of God" by Sister Mary of Jesus, to be reprinted from the original authorized Spanish Edition of the year 1902 without change, and already bearing the Imprimatur of His Excellency, Most Reverend H. J. Alerding, Bishop of Fort Wayne.

Edwin V. Byrne, D.D.,
Archbishop of Santa Fe.

The following is taken from the book "The City of God.

He was sanctified in the womb of his mother seven months after his conception, and the leaven of sin was destroyed in him for the whole course of his life, never having felt any impure or disorderly movement. Although he did not receive the use of his reason together with this first sanctification, which consisted principally in justification from original sin, yet his mother at the time felt a wonderful joy of the Holy Spirit. Without understanding entirely the mystery she elicited great acts of virtue and believed that her Son or whomever she bore in her womb, would be wonderful in the sight of God and men.

The holy child Joseph was born most beautiful and perfect of body and caused in his parents and in his relations an extraordinary delight, something like that caused by the birth of Saint John the Baptist, though the cause of it was more hidden. The Lord hastened in him the use of his reason, perfecting it in his third year, endowing it with infused science and augmenting his soul with new graces and virtues. From that time the child began to know God by faith, and also by natural reasoning and science, as the cause and Author of all things. He eagerly listened and understood profoundly all that was taught him in regard to God and his works. At this premature age he already practiced the highest kinds of prayer and contemplation and eagerly engaged in the exercise of the virtues proper to his youth; so that, at the time when others come to the use of reason, at the age of seven years or more, Saint Joseph was already a perfect man in the use of it and in holiness.

He was of a kind disposition, loving, affable, sincere showing inclination not only holy but angelic, growing in virtue and perfection and advancing toward his espousal with most holy Mary by an altogether irreproachable life.

Saint Joseph suffered eight years with severe violent headaches and very painful rheumatisms. He had dove like patience, and was very meek, and never complained. When he was unable to work no longer, Mary gave his carpenter tools as alms, not wishing to have anything superfluous or useless in their house. Being thus at leisure, Saint Joseph occupied himself entirely in the contemplation of the mysteries of which he was guardian and in the exercise of virtues. When he was unable to do anything, Mary took over as his caretaker. She dedicated herself 24-7 to his care. When Mary espoused herself to Joseph, God commanded Her to change the order of Her meals and other exterior duties in order to accommodate Herself to Joseph's circumstances; for he was the head of the family.

The Empress of heaven served him his meals on bended knees; and when he was much disabled and suffering, She took off his shoes in the same posture. At other times She supported him in Her arms. In the last three years of his life, when his infirmities increased, our Queen attended upon him day and night. Jesus sometimes joined and assisted Her in the care of Her holy spouse whenever He was not engaged in other necessary works. When Saint Joseph was dying, Jesus gave him benediction, and at that Saint Joseph expired in Jesus' arms. Saint Joseph was sixty years and a few days old. For at the age of thirty-three he espoused the blessed Virgin and he lived with Her a little longer than twenty-seven years as Her husband. When Saint Joseph died, She had completed the half of her forty-second year: for She was espoused to Saint Joseph at the age of fourteen.

In the book "City of God", Mary requested that we advance in devotion and in hearty love toward Her spouse Saint Joseph.

Please remember we are starting our Lenten journey on March 5th Ash Wednesday with Almsgiving, Fasting and Prayer. I like to think; to Fast is to Banquet with Angels. May we all have a most Holy Prayerful Lent.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Carol Joyce 3/6
Pat Field 3/15



Please Pray For The Following:

Pope Francis
All Priests
All Carmelite Souls
Peace in our Country

Gods Blessings,

Joyce TOC