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Dear Sisters in Christ,

Lent 2022 is going to be upon us by the time you read these words. I think that my favorite season in the Church year is Lent. It is during Lent that our Church gives us this time to retreat with Jesus for forty days in order to come to Easter Sunday, where we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord, to renew our baptismal promises. We made these promises on our baptismal day, or your parents made them for you if you were baptized as an infant. These promises are to RENOUNCE SATAN, AND ALL HIS EVIL WORKS, AND ALL HIS EMPTY SHOW.

I want to encourage you ladies during these Lenten Days to reflect upon these promises and to ask Jesus to show you where there may be areas in which you need to repent and do better in. Confess these sins and be freed, so that at Easter you can renew your baptismal promises with a clean slate in order to bring our resurrected Lord into the world at Eastertime and beyond.

I mentioned in my last article that I would be speaking about a particular Saint that we will encounter during a particular month. This March I would like to mention briefly a Saint that we just spent the last year giving a little more attention to and that is of course St. Joseph. On the 19 th of March we celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

There are two celebration that take place during our Lenten Days that give us a reprieve from our Lenten practices, this day honoring St. Joseph and then on March 25 th we celebrate Mary and her Annunciation.

St. Joseph is a great intercessor to turn to pray for the men in your life. Your husbands, your sons and grandsons, your priest and bishop, all the men that you know both living here and those that are in heaven. Joseph is mostly silently to us, just as many of our men are. Joseph carried a great task upon his soldiers, as do our men today. I would encourage all of you ladies to pray for the men you know and even those that you do not know. They need your prayers more than ever.

Have a blessed and fruitful Lent!!

In Unity and Charity,

Fr. James