

Opinion: Reflection: When Buying Seeds...

by Sarah Dixon Young

While the rest of the world is posting about daffodils, we here in the Dakotas are still discussing inches of snow, below zero, and blizzard warnings.

This is just the time of year that Jung Seed sends out its second catalog as a reminder that spring will indeed come, even in the Dakotas.

So, while it snowed ducks and geese out my window, I shopped for



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garden seeds.

Pink popcorn, huge pumpkins, and mild cabbages appealed to my

kids this year, and I read descriptions carefully, trying to avoid the seed mistakes I've made in the past.

My family laughs about the year I bought into "Lemon Cucumbers," thinking that might mean more of a tangy flavor.

Wrong. If I had read the description, I would have known that they would be small, seedy, round, yellow cucumbers that never did no good for nobody.

Then, there was the time I bought pole beans instead of bush beans. Or the time I bought spaghetti squash seeds instead of summer squash.

Lesson: If you don't read the description, you are easily fooled.

After King David died, the Kingdom of Israel was torn in two, and the people were easily fooled into an old mistake.

Jeroboam, who took over the ten tribes of

Israel, was afraid that careful reading and observance of the Law would lead the people back to unity with Judah. So, he used an old trick to keep their business: "You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough! Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt."

He constructed two golden calves, very like the one they had made in the desert, and he set one to the north and one

to the south.

Because they were experiencing proverbial winter in the form of political upheaval, the people were just anxious to buy into anything that promised spring. They didn't bother to read the description. They didn't bother to remember that the One, True, Living God is bigger and more real than both winter or seeds, political upheaval or idols.

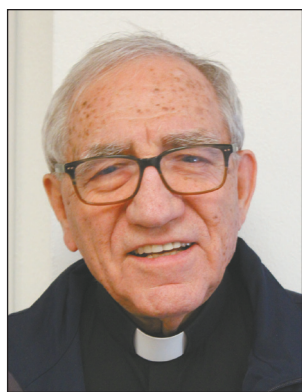
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Reflection/Opinion: "St. Patrick and St. Joseph, Pray for us!"

by Fr. Bernard Pfau, Devils Lake, ND

Two very popular saints are being honored this week, St. Patrick, March 17 and St. Joseph, March 19. They are honored by Christians and our society because of their great influence on the culture and customs of our time. I would like to share with you how they are so different and yet how they are so much alike. Their feast days are observed two days from each other in the Christian Calendar and during the same week. St. Patrick and



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St. Joseph are two of the most popular and beloved saints in the history of the Church.

St. Patrick is a legend in America because of numerous people from

Ireland who migrated to this Country and were very influential in religious, political and economical matters over the last few centuries. Patrick lived as a slave in Ireland most of his youthful years, until he escaped and returned to his homeland in England, where he was ordained as a priest and then later as Bishop. He felt called to return to Ireland and preach the Gospel of Christ effectively to the people who had formally enslaved him. His life and ministry as a missionary demonstrates the power of God's love

over hate and resentment that changed a pagan nation to a civilized and Christian people. Many churches in America are named after St. Patrick as a tribute to the Christian Faith he instilled in the hearts of many immigrants who fled to this Country for a better life.

St. Joseph, the Spouse of Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the most beloved of all saints, and has grown even more popular in the last few centuries. Joseph was known as a carpenter, but he is also highly honored as a model of purity and the guardian of

Jesus. As the head of the Holy Family he is highly sought after by Christians everywhere for guidance and protection in their own families. The phrase, in Latin, "ITE AD JOSEPH!", "Go to Joseph!", says it all. The Catholic Church and Catholic School in Devils Lake look to Joseph as their Patron Saint over more than a hundred years. Today, March 19, is the Patronal Feast of the Parish and School, a day of great rejoicing for the spiritual and pastoral care of St. Joseph over these many years.

Both St. Patrick and

St. Joseph stand out as servants who obeyed God in very difficult situations and contributed to building up the Kingdom of God on earth. These humble men stand out as living witnesses of the power of Christ's love for all humanity which we celebrate this Lent and during the upcoming Easter. Putting God's Will before our own will continues to be the greatest challenge of our faith. May Joseph and Patrick intercede for us and pray for us to be worthy servants to bring Christ's love to the world!

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