A Man Of Control

Don't think you are the only pebble on the beach with problems. There is a young man who has suffered worse crosses than yours, and he shouldered his burdens without a complaint.

The girl to whom he was engaged two-timed him, to all appearances. Then when he got that matter settled (it was a mistake, she was faithful, perfectly so) and had married the girl and was waiting for their baby to be born, he was evicted temporarily from his home, in effect, by a state law that demanded of couples return to their home city for a census checkup.

Things went from bad to worse with him. After a long trip to his hometown with his wife, he found that there was no hotel space available. The situation could not have been more serious, because the baby was about to be born. He finally ended up in an old shack outside the city. This he was forced to look upon as hospital, nursery and home.

More troubles followed. The State wanted the baby boy that was born. It was discovered that the lad had royal blood in him and had the right to supplant the present Governor, who was going to prevent such a move by foul play. A get-away had to be made in the middle of the night, and the place where this young man was forced to go was miles from friends, relatives and old business associates.

Trials like these have risen in the lives of others, and they met them with a curse and a complete loss of temper. But not this young father in question. He may have wanted to tell a hotel manager a thing or two, and he may have felt an urge to exchange blows with that scheming Governor. But he kept his patience. Men got to know him later. They got to know about his endless patience, and so they called him "Mirror of Patience".

He's a good man for you to imitate when people step on your toes or fail you and especially when things go wrong at your studies or your work. Joseph is his name. He has a whole list of virtues besides patience. Why not recite his Litany daily during March? He will hear your prayers and help you control your tongue and angry thoughts.

A New Hymn At Benediction.

During Lent the "Laudate Dominum, omnes Gentes," sung after Benediction is replaced by the "Parce, Domine." From praising God (Laudate) we turn to beg mercy (Parce) from him. After the new hymn the Cor Mariae Immaculatum (Immaculate Heart of Mary) is sung, as usual, three times. Try to remember the translation of the hymn when you sing it.

Parce, Domine  Parce, Domine
Parce, populo tuo.  Parce, populo tuo.
Ne in Aeternum  Ne in Aeternum
Irascaris nobis.  Irascaris nobis.

Parce, O Lord,  Parce, O Lord,
Spare, Thy people.  Spare, Thy people.
Do not be angry  Do not be angry
With us forever.  With us forever.

PRAYERS: (deceased) William Thomas Walsh (Laetare Medalist); mother of Bernard Hartz, '37 and relative of Dick Rosengarten (Al); Mary Innlo. (ill) Mrs. Joseph Billard, grandmother of Ken Bayly; George Bilger, Sr., friend of Pat Coughlin (How).