

We Must Know The Love of Christ, Which Exceeds All Knowledge

From the letters of Saint Margaret Maria Alacoque, virgin

I think that our Lord's greatest desire to have His Sacred Heart honored with our most special devotion is directed toward renewing the effects of Redemption in our souls.

The Sacred Heart, in effect, is an inextinguishable source, a fount that desires nothing else than it be poured into the hearts of the humble, so that they may be free and well-disposed to spend their own lives according to the pleasure of the Sacred Heart.

From this Divine Heart flow without ceasing THREE STREAMS:

the FIRST is Mercy for sinners, over which it pours the spirit of contrition and penitence;

the SECOND is Charity, for the utility of all those beset by any necessity and, principally, for those who aspire to perfection, so that they find the help needed to overcome their difficulties;

from the THIRD stream emanates love and light for His now perfected friends, those who the Lord's Sacred Heart wants to unite them with Himself so as to communicate His wisdom and precepts, with the end that they, in turn, each in their own way, be completely dedicated and committed to promoting His glory.

This Divine Heart is an abyss of all assets in which the poor need to submerge their indigence; it is an abyss of bliss, in which we must submerge all of our sadness; it is an abyss of humility against our own ineptitude; it is an abyss of mercy for the downtrodden and unfortunate; and it is an abyss of love, in which our own indigence must be submerged.

It is in our own interest, therefore, that we unite to the Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ at the beginning of our conversion, so as to reach the needed availability of our soul, with the goal that we carry our conversion to term.

Do you not gain from prayer?

If so, it will suffice with you offering to God the pleadings that the Savior utters for our sake in the sacramental altar, offering His fervor in reparation for our tepidness; and, when you are disposed to do something, pray like this:

"My God, I do or suffer - such and such - in the Heart of Your Son and according to His Holy designs, and I offer them in reparation for all the bad or imperfect there is in my own works."

Do so, likewise, in all the circumstances in life. And every time that something horrible, afflictive, injurious happens, say to yourselves:

"I accept what the Sacred Heart of Jesus sends me so as to unite myself with It."

Above all, conserve your peace of heart, as it is the greatest treasure.

To conserve it, nothing helps as much as to renounce one's own will and to put the Will of the Divine Heart in place of our own, in such a manner that said Divine Will is the one that does on our behalf everything that contributes to His glory; and that we, full of bliss, willingly subject ourselves to Him and confide in Him completely.

PRAYER

Infuse, Lord, in our hearts the same spirit with which You enriched Saint Margaret Maria Alacoque, so that we come to a profound knowledge of the incomparable mystery of the love of Christ and we attain our own plenitude in accordance to the total plenitude of God. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit and is God, for ever and ever. Amen

