

To Love Jesus And To Make Him Loved.

The Fraternity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Circular Letter for the Month of May
Year of Our Lord 2008.

Most dear Brothers and Sisters of Penance, the Lord give you peace!

It is the month of May and the feast of the Sacred Heart approaches. A month of mercy, where an abundance of grace is available for all of our Tertiaries, if only we will toil in preparing the earth of our souls for the coming of the Divine Sower!

Most of us are familiar with the promises Our Lord Jesus Christ has left us in His message to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, charged with the task of revealing to the world the message of the Sacred Heart in the late 1600's. Many perhaps have been familiar with the Apostle of the Sacred Heart, Fr. Mateo Crawley-Boevey, who through the Providence of God, put the wonderful message of the Heart of Jesus into a practical program for the multitude. It was he, who, after being miraculously healed in Paray Le-Monial at the site of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary, founded the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the home. It was he who founded the Night Adoration in the home. It was this splendid idea, inspired by Almighty God that was to lead to many miracles of grace. Fr. Mateo knew that each family is a little society, and that the whole of society consists of families. Therefore, if the King of Love could only be established as the Center of each family, then like a good leaven, all of society could work towards the reign of Jesus Christ the King, and thus His Kingdom could come on Earth as it is in Heaven!

“Every one of you that shall confess me before men, I will also confess before my Father who is in Heaven.” (Matt. 10. 32.)

Our Lord promised that He would pour out into the hearts of those who would expose publicly the image of His Sacred Heart and honour it, *“all the gifts with which It is filled, and everywhere this image is exposed and honoured, it would draw down all kinds of blessings.”* (1) The Enthronement of the image of the Sacred Heart in our homes is not a sentimental or superficial act. This ceremony is the public acknowledgment of Jesus as King. Not only this, but with this action of the Enthronement comes the King of Love Himself, into your midst, into your very homes in a spiritual manner. Fr. Couture, SSPX has said that the Enthronement is the next best thing to having a tabernacle in one's own home! Many have testified to the power of the Enthronement, and it would be a pity if all of the sons and daughters of St. Francis failed to show publicly that they stand for God, for Christ the King of Love Who shed all of His Blood for us, by Enthroning the image of the Sacred Heart in their homes, places of business, or residences.

“What? Could you not watch one hour with me?” (Matt. 26. 40.)

It is true that there are souls who seem to need to be frightened out of their skin before they will serve the good God. There are some who may look upon God as an exacting, terrifying, and harsh judge. But this is not the good God, the true God of Love Who assures us that, *“the very hairs of our heads are all numbered.”* (Matt.10. 30.)The King of Glory and Mercy Who, *“came not to call the just, but sinners.* (Luke. 5. 32.) He Who *“is compassionate and merciful:longsuffering and plenteous In mercy.”* Who *“as a father hath compassion on his children., who knoweth our frame and Who remembereth that we are dust.”* (Psalm 102 I,II.) It is with love that the good God wishes to be served by His creation. At a time when the pernicious error of Jansenism was afflicting the Church, terrifying souls, making devout Christian life and the hope of glory in Heaven seem almost impossible and for only a select few who were perfect; the Sacred Heart

revealed Himself. The God of the only true religion revealed to us His Heart, and with words which are enough to melt the coldest and unfeeling of souls, Jesus, the Rex Amoris, with sorrow in His glorious eyes proclaimed:

“Behold this Heart which has so much loved men, that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to give them testimony of its love, and in return I mostly receive only ingratitude, through their irreverence and sacrilege, and through the coldness and scorn that they have for Me in this Sacrament of love. What causes Me most sorrow is that there are hearts consecrated to Me who treat Me thus. Therefore I ask of you that the first Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi be set apart for a special feast in honour of My Heart, by communicating on that day, and by making it solemn reparation and honourable amends to make good the insults that it receives during the time when it is exposed on the altars. I promise you also that My Heart will expand, so as to shed abundantly the influence of its Divine love upon those who render it this honour and induce others to render it.”

Our holy Father Francis knew this Heart, imitated this Heart, and was transformed into this Heart which was consuming Itself to testify Its love for men! St. Francis of Assisi so burned with love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus that he is termed to this day Seraphic, which is Hebrew for the meaning ‘to burn.’ This love so consumed our Holy Father, that he was termed another Christ. He was so much like Jesus and so loved Him that Our Lord signed him with the marks of our redemption, the sacred stigmata. He was so much like Jesus, that Christ Himself gave him as a special patron to St. Margaret Mary in her mission to make known and loved the Sacred Heart!

Can we, as sons and daughters of this Seraphic Patriarch not imitate him in our own little way in our love for the good God? And how will we do this? The Night Adoration, the watching in prayer in union with Christ in the Garden of Olives, watching in reparation for your own sins, and those of the entire world. Watching with a heart full of compassion for the suffering Heart of Jesus, making amends, doing penance for a world that turns away from such a good God. Your hearts, made to love God, have the capability of bringing an infinite multitude of poor souls with them into the presence of God during the holy hour. You may indeed have family and friends who are in need of conversion. Or you may be burdened with the crushing weight of this time of apostasy in the Church. Your heart may yearn to aid souls who are poor and suffering. Souls who are buffeted by temptations. It may wish to aid missionaries in distant lands, or your own parish priest. Without leaving your home you may bring all of these intentions, all of these souls and place them in the Wound of the Heart of Jesus during your holy hour!

Become little saviors in union with the Almighty Redeemer, make a holy hour once a week or once a month at least for the love of the All Merciful God! He will not fail to make you burn with love for God and neighbour. He will not fail. If you are not flammable, it is impossible for Him not to make you so! It is impossible that one who draws close to this Furnace of Divine Love, not to catch aflame, and it will be you dear Tertiary who will be a flame thrower in your daily interaction with men for the glory of the Heart of Jesus. *“He will penetrate the most unfeeling hearts by the words of His preachers and faithful friends. He will take care to sanctify and glorify us before the Heavenly Father in the measure in which we exert ourselves to procure glory for Him,”*(3) promised Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary.

May we, as apostles of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary under the banner of the Franciscan Third Order of Penance, love, honour and glorify the Sacred Heart of Jesus for those who do not! Console His Heart, for It has done nothing but good and thinks of you personally every moment of the day! Jesus, Love Itself, is not loved in this age, and how can we allow our lives to pass without loving Him, and striving to win souls and hearts for Him, that they may love Him for all eternity? The Blessed Virgin, if you were to ask Her

today, would tell you, please love my Son! Console Him and listen to Him as He complains that He is not loved. He complains that He is ever blessing, providing for and giving all that is good to mankind, and in return He receives ingratitude, neglect, and coldness. Our Heavenly Queen would say, perhaps, imitate My Immaculate Heart, adore, love and serve My Son, for all the days of My life were spent in adoration, humble service and work, constant prayer and stringent penance, all done out of love for My Son and for your souls. Imitate Me for I will show you the Way, the Truth and the Life, which is devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May this same Blessed Queen be praised along side the Heart of Her Son, for it is of Her very flesh that we have the Heart of Jesus that beats eternally in the bosom of Christ the King. It is of Her very flesh that at this moment the Sacred Heart lives in the most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Let us spend this feast of the Sacred Heart with Mary our good Mother, and let us make or renew our resolutions to honour the Heart of Her Son by making a holy hour and Enthroning His Heart in our homes.

To aid us in knowing what kind of Heart resides in our tabernacles dear Brothers and Sisters, let us meditate on these words of St. Therese of Lisieux, for she knew this Heart which has so loved men: . *“Set your mind at rest: He whom you have chosen as your Spouse possesses certainly every perfection that can be desired; but, if I may dare to say it, He has at the same time one great infirmity: He is blind! And there is a science which He knows not, that of calculation. These two points which would be most lamentable deficiencies in an earthly spouse, renders ours infinitely lovable. Were He to consider our sins and reckon with them, do you not think that in the face of all these sins He would cast us back into nothingness? But no, His love for us makes Him absolutely blind!” “See for yourself: if the greatest sinner on earth, at the hour of death repent of his transgressions and expire in an act of love, immediately, without calculating on the one hand the numerous graces abused by this unhappy man, nor on the other, all his crimes, Jesus sees nothing, counts nothing, but the penitent’s last prayer, and delays not to receive him into the arms of His Mercy. But to render Him thus blind, to hinder Him from doing the least little bit of reckoning, we must know how to lay seige to His Heart; at that point He is defenseless.”*

We close with the wonderful news of Ms. Christine Camidge preparing herself for her clothing into the Order on June 8th, and we ask that all pray especially for her, and that her novitiate is one which bears much fruit until her profession date a year later God willing. Also, we await the entrance of Joshua Papania into the Archconfraternity of the Cord of St. Francis on the same day, and pray that with all the other Cord bearers, that they may be led by the Seraphic Father into the T.O.S.F. when they reach the appropriate age.

Your servant in Il Poverello, Br. Pio-Francis. Min. Prefect.

Br. Pio-Francis

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