he might still be lost, because he might not persevere to the end. Every morning he used to say to Jesus: "O my Jesus, take care of me this day, and do not leave me to myself, for if Thou dost not watch over me, I may, like another Judas, betray Thee by falling into sin."

Again, he would frequently say: "O my Jesus, the wound in Thy Sacred Side was, indeed, very large, yet, if Thou leavest me to myself, I may make it still larger. If Thou dost not hold me up by Thy grace, I shall most certainly fall into sin."

St. Philip persevered unto the end, because he was always watching and praying; so it is only by constant watching and prayer, my child, that you will overcome temptation and obtain the grace of final perseverance.

St. Rose of Lima's Fears

One day St. Rose was full of sadness as she thought that she might not persevere to the end, and that one day she might be condemned to Hell forever.

In her distress Jesus appeared to her, and said: "Rose, My daughter, what makes you so sad, and why do you allow these thoughts to trouble you? Do you not know that I will never condemn to Hell any but those who wish to be condemned?" as if He had said: "If a person is condemned it is his own fault, for if he had only asked Me for perseverance he would have obtained it."

"God is Faithful"

When St. Jane de Chantal was troubled by thoughts of despair, she used to put them away at once. "God is faithful," she would say, "and He has promised to give me the grace of perseverance if I only ask Him. It is my daily prayer to Him: why, then, should I be afraid?"

O my child, may God grant you the grace of perseverance, that, like His Saints who have persevered to the end, you may receive the crown of life.

The Catechism in Examples by Rev. D. Chisholm

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Community in grace.

Communion Thanksgiving: Jesus sits in our soul as on a throne of grace. St. Alphonsus di Liguori

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... in His Presence

Holy Communion Obtains for us Perseverance in Divine Grace

When Jesus comes to the soul in Holy Communion, He brings to it every grace, and especially the grace of **holy perseverance**. The principal effect of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar is to:

- 1. **nourish the soul** that receives It with this food of life, and
- 2. give it great strength to advance unto perfection, and
- 3. resist those enemies who desire our death.

Hence Jesus calls Himself in this Sacrament heavenly bread: *I am the living Bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this Bread, he shall* live *forever.* (John, vi. 51)

Even as earthly bread sustains the life of the body, so this heavenly bread sustains the life of the soul, by making it persevere in the grace of God.

Therefore the Council of Trent teaches that Holy Communion is that remedy which delivers us from daily faults and preserves us from mortal sins.

Innocent III. writes that Jesus Christ by His

Please take and keep this letter and reflect on its contents during the month in your visits to the Blessed Sacrament and see that your heart and mind will open to His grace into knowledge and love of God, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Passion delivers us from sins committed, and by the Holy Eucharist from sins which we might commit.

Therefore St. Bonaventure says that sinners must not keep away from Communion because they have been sinners; on the contrary, for this very reason they ought to receive it more frequently; because the more infirm a person feels himself, the more he is in want of a physician."

Affections:

Forgive me, O my Jesus, all the offences I have committed against Thee, of which I repent with my whole heart. I resolve rather to die than ever to offend Thee again; and I trust, in Thy Passion, that Thou wilt give me Thy help to persevere in Thy grace to the end of my life: In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; I shall not be confounded forever. (Ps. xxx. 2)

And with **St. Bonaventure** I will say the same to thee, O Mary, my Mother: "In thee, O Lady, have I hoped; I shall not be confounded forever."

Meditations for the Octave of Corpus Christi by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

The Purity of Soul for Holy Communion

When I receive Holy Communion, my heart must be enlarged by love, so that it will be wide open for the coming of Jesus, and ready to let itself be penetrated and transformed by Him. In addition to the physical presence of Jesus, and because of this presence, each Communion brings me a new increase of grace and, charity, but even this increase will be in proportion to my capacity for receiving it. If heart closed by selfishness and pride, if it is bound by attachment to creatures, or is too much engrossed by worldly affections and affairs, it will be unable to make room for an increase off' divine love, and Jesus will be, so to speak, forced to lessen the outpouring, of His charity and to diminish His gifts.

Divine Intimacy by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen

Purity: What is there to say about the great purity of soul with which the Saints approached to receive the Bread of Angels? We know that they had a great delicacy of conscience which was truly angelic. Aware of their own misery, they tried to present themselves to Jesus "holy and immaculate," (Eph. 1:4) repeating with the Publican, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13), and having recourse with great care to the cleansing of Confession.

Respect: "Approach the Sacred Banquet," said St. John Baptist de La Salle, "with the same dispositions that you would desire to have in order to enter Heaven. One should not have less respect in receiving Jesus than in being received by Him."

Humility: When **St. Jerome** was brought Holy Viaticum at the end of his life, the Saint prostrated himself on the ground in adoration and he was heard to repeat with profound humility the words of **St. Elizabeth** and those of St. Peter, "How is this that my Lord should come to me?" "Depart from me, for 1 am a sinful man, O Lord" (Luke 5:8). And how many times was the angelic and seraphic **St. Gemma** tempted to not receive Holy Communion, holding herself to be nothing else than a vile "dunghill?"

Jesus Our Eucharist Love by Fr. Stefano M. Manelli, F.F.I.

Wonders of Divine Mysteries

<u>Mystery of Divine Love:</u> At the feet of the Lord. Hidden Jesus, Eternal Love, our Source of Life, Divine Madman, in that You forget yourself and see only us.

Before creating heaven and earth, You carried us in the depths of Your Heart. O Love, O depth of Your abasement, O mystery of happiness, why do so few people know You? Why is Your love not returned? O Divine Love, why do You hide Your beauty? O Infinite One beyond all understanding, the more I know You the less I comprehend You; but because I cannot comprehend You, I better comprehend Your greatness.

Eucharist: I do not envy the Seraphim their fire, for I have a greater gift deposited in my heart. They admire You in rapture, but Your Blood mingles with mine.

<u>Mysteries Unveiled in Love:</u> Love is heaven given us already here on earth. Oh, why do You hide in faith?

Love tears away the veil. There is no veil before the eye of my soul, for You yourself have drawn me into the bosom of secret love forever. Praise and glory be to You, O Indivisible Trinity, One God, unto ages of ages!

Diary #278 - St. Maria "Faustina" Kolwaska

Be Like A Beggar

Act like a beggar who does not back away when he gets more alms [than he asked for], but offers thanks the more fervently.

You too should not back away and say that you are not worthy of receiving greater graces when I give them to you.

I know you are unworthy, but rejoice all the more and take as many treasures from My Heart as you can carry, for then you will please Me more.

Encourage Others To Trust In The Mercy of God

And I will tell you one more thing: Take these graces not only for yourself, but also for others; that is, encourage the souls with whom you come in contact to trust in My infinite mercy.

Oh, how I love those souls who have complete confidence in Me. I will do everything for them.

Diary #294 - Our Lord speaks to St. Maria "Faustina" Kolwaska

St. Philip Neri's Words To Jesus

St. Philip Neri was not only a good Christian, but a great Saint. Every day of his life he tried to please God; and every day, too, by his good works, he was heaping up for himself great treasures for Heaven. Yet there was one thought that was always upper most in his mind day and night. He thought that