

soul: "Lord, I seek Your divine countenance; teach me how to find it again." St. Augustine

Spiritual Diary

## The Heroic Mother

Marie Leckzinska, spouse of Louis XV. of France, had a son whom she trained in the fear of God.

When he grew up to be a young man, he had to leave his mother's home and live for a time among strangers.

During his absence word was brought to his mother that he had to spend part of his time among those who would take a pleasure in corrupting his young heart. As soon as she was informed of this, she threw herself on her knees at the foot of a crucifix, and recommended her beloved child to the protection of his Heavenly Father.

"O my God," she prayed, "take my darling boy to Thyself, rather than permit him to offend Thee by sin, or to lose the treasure of his innocence."

God heard the prayer of that good mother, and delivered him from the evil that threatened him.

When he returned home, the first question his mother asked him was if he had much to endure from the companions he had to mingle with.

Yes, my mother," he replied, "great indeed were the dangers they put around me to ruin me; but, thanks be to God, and to your prayers, I have still kept my soul pure and stainless.

Not long after this time the young Prince became suddenly very ill, and died in sentiments of great piety.

## A Holy Hermit's Temptations

St. Gregory of Tours, once related that a certain holy hermit had been for a long time tormented by remorse of conscience for the sins of his former life. Satan also tempted him with thoughts of despair, frequently

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appearing to him in the most affrighting forms, that he might harass him in his solitude.

One day as he was devoutly reciting the Lord's Prayer, and had come to the last petition, he suddenly stopped, and said it again and again with all the devotion in his power: "Deliver us from evil." The more frequently he said these words, the greater was the calm he felt in his heart, and the evil spirits who had been tormenting him fled away, crying out: "That prayer is for us a terrible torture."

*The Catechism in Examples* by Rev. D. Chisholm

### Please Pray for Our Deceased Members

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

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... in His Presence

## Oh, How Merciful is Jesus

**Jesus at the Well:** Oh, how beautiful a sight was it to behold our sweet Redeemer on that day when, fatigued by His journey, He sat down, all engaging and loving, beside the well to await the Samaritan woman, that He might convert and save her! "Jesus, therefore... was sitting at the well." (John 4: 6).

**Jesus Waits for Us – In Love for Us:** It is precisely thus that this same Lord seems sweetly to dwell with us all the day long, having come down from Heaven upon our altars, which are as so many fountains of graces, where He awaits and invites souls to keep Him company, at least for a while, that He may thus draw them to His perfect love.

**Jesus Compels Us So Much to Love Him:** From every altar on which Jesus remains in the Most Holy Sacrament He seems to address all, saying: O men! why do you not draw near to Me, Who love you so much, and who remain thus annihilated for your sake? Why do you fear? I am not now come on earth to sit in judgment, but I have hid Myself in this Sacrament of love only to do good, and to save all who have recourse to Me: "I have not come to judge the world, but to save the world." (John 12, 47.)

*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.*

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**All Mercy and Graces in Abundance:** Let us, then, understand, that as Jesus Christ, in heaven lives always to make intercession for them, so in the Sacrament of the Altar He is continually, night and day, exercising the compassionate office of advocate; **offering Himself as a victim for us to the Eternal Father**, thus to obtain for us His mercy and innumerable graces. Therefore the devout Thomas a' Kempis says that we ought to approach Jesus to converse with Him in the Blessed Sacrament without fear of chastisement, and unrestrained, as to a beloved friend, "as one who loves, speaks to his beloved, as a friend to a friend."

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**Goodness Rejected:** Since, then, Thou thus givest me permission, let me, O my hidden King and Lord, now open my heart to Thee with confidence, and say: O my Jesus! O enamored of souls, I well know the injustice that men do Thee. Thou lovest them, and art not beloved by them; Thou doest good, and receivest contempt; Thou desirest to make them hear Thy voice, and they hear Thee not; Thou offerest them Thy graces, and they refuse them.

**Conversion:** Ah, my Jesus! and is it true that I also at one time joined these ungrateful creatures in thus displeasing Thee? O God, it is but too true? But I am determined to amend, and to endeavor during the time that I still have to live, to make up for the displeasure which I have caused Thee, by doing all that I possibly can to please Thee and to give Thee pleasure.

**Resigned to the Will of God:** Tell me, Lord, what Thou askest of me, I will execute all without any reserve: **make known Thy will to me by the means of holy obedience**, and I hope to accomplish it.

**Resolution Unto Total Sacrifice:** My God, I now resolutely promise Thee that I will never, from this day forward, omit what I know to be the more pleasing to Thee,

even were it to cost me the loss of all-parents, friends, esteem, health, yea life itself.

**Total Love – All For God:** Let all perish, provided Thou art pleased. Happy loss, indeed, when all is lost and sacrificed to satisfy Thy Heart, O God of my soul! I love Thee, O sovereign good, worthy of love above every other good; and in loving Thee I unite my poor heart to all the hearts with which the Seraphim love Thee; I unite it to the heart of Mary, to the Heart of Jesus. I love Thee, and **Thee alone will I always love.**

**Ejaculation:** My God, my God! I am Thine, and Thou art mine!

### Visit to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Blessed Amadeus says that our most blessed Queen Mary is always in the divine presence, acting as our advocate, and interposing with God by her prayers, which are most powerful: "The most blessed Virgin stands before the face of her Creator, interceding with her most powerful prayers for us." For, he adds, "she well sees our miseries and our dangers, and as our most clement and sweet Lady compassionates and helps us with a mother's love."

**Ejaculation:** O Mary, my Mother, grant that I may be ever thine.

*Visits to the Blessed Sacrament # 31 by St Alphonsus de Liguori*

### Our Need to Pray

A soul arms itself by prayer for all kinds of combat. In whatever state the soul may be, it ought to pray.

A soul which is pure and beautiful must pray, or else it will lose its beauty;

a soul which is striving after this purity must pray, or else it will never attain it;

a soul which is newly converted must pray, or else it will fall again;

a sinful soul, plunged in sins, must pray so that it might rise again.

There is no soul which is not bound to pray, for every single grace comes to the soul through prayer.

*Diary # 146 by Maria "Faustina" Kolwaska*

### Prayer: Remedy Against Temptations

The most efficacious and the most necessary of all remedies against temptations, is that remedy of all remedies, namely, to pray to God for help, and to continue praying as long as the temptation continues. Almighty God will frequently have decreed success, not to the first prayer, but to the second, third, or fourth.

In short, we must be thoroughly persuaded that all our welfare depends on prayer:

our **amendment of life** depends on prayer;  
our **victory over temptations** depends on prayer;

on prayer depends our **obtaining divine love**, together with **perfection, perseverance, and eternal salvation.**

*Practice of the Love of Jesus Christ by St Alphonsus di Liguori*

### Frequent Visits to Jesus

Just as one often visits a friend, wishing him good morning at the start of the day and good night at the close, and calls on him frequently in the hours between, so should you often visit Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. In every visit offer His Most Precious Blood to the Eternal Father several times and you will find these visits marvelously increasing your love.

*St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi*

**St. Vincent de Paul** used to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as frequently as possible. The only respite he took from his pressing duties were his long vigils before the Blessed Sacrament. His demeanor when kneeling there was so humble and his whole appearance so modest and devout that it seemed he actually beheld Jesus Christ in person.

Free yourself for a little while from your many cares, and take some time to think of God and to rest in Him. Enter into your heart and banish everything except your Creator and whatever can help you find Him. Then having shut the door, say with your whole