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"She had the right to place herself among those virgins who were consecrated to God, because she was the most excellent of them all. But then these would have said: How can you dare to place yourself amongst us, seeing that you have a husband and child?

"She went, therefore, and sat down among the poor, whom the world has always despised. Then was fulfilled the prophecy of the Book of Canticles: As the lily among the thorns, so is my Beloved amongst the daughters of Israel.

"Then she gave to the world a second proof of her humility by kneeling at the feet of the priest, and making the offering which the law ordained, saying: Behold my oblation, and offer for me a sacrifice unto God, that He may purify me from my sins. The priest received her offering, gave her his benediction, and then she retired.

"She then offered him before her departure two turtle-doves and two young pigeons, asking him to pray for her. Oh, what profound humility!" exclaims the Saint in meditating on this mystery. "The most holy one of all God's creation beseeches a sinner to pray for her! The priest knew not who she was; but the prophet Isaias knew her, when he prophesied of her: Behold a Virgin shall

conceive and bring forth a Son, and His name shall be Emmanuel.

My child, since the virtue of humility was so dear to Our Lady, and so much recommended by her beloved Son Jesus, the more you endeavor to practice it, the dearer you will become to them.

The Catechism in Examples by Rev. D. Chisholm

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Marvin Cunningham (died: 2 / 2021)
Christ the King – Kansas City, KS

Blanche Jussaume (died: 2 / 2 / 2022)
Holy Trinity – Lowell, MA

Ethel Kenney (died: 12 / 26 / 2021)
Holy Trinity – Lowell, MA

Patricia Martinez
Holy Family Church – Pueblo, CO

Rose & Al Nolan SST
Shrine of St. Therese – Pueblo, CO

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Holy Family Church – Pueblo, CO

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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

The Love of Jesus for Us in His Crucifixion

Drawn to Jesus Crucified:

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to Myself. But this He said, signifying what death He should die. (John, xii. 32.) Jesus Christ said that when He should have been lifted up upon the cross, He would, by His merits, by His example, and by the power of His love, have drawn towards Himself the affection of all souls: "He drew all the nations of the world to His love, by the merit of His blood, by His example, and by His love." Such is the commentary of Cornelius à Lapide.

St. Peter Damian tells us the same: "The Lord, as soon as He was suspended upon the cross, drew all men to Himself through a loving desire."

Return Love for Love:

And who is there, Cornelius goes on to say, that will not love Jesus, who dies for love of us? "For who will not reciprocate the love of Christ, who dies out of love for us?"

Behold, O redeemed souls (as Holy Church exhorts us), behold your Redeemer upon that

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.

cross, where His whole form breathes love, and invites you to love Him:

His **head bent downwards** to give us the kiss of peace,

His **arms stretched out** to embrace us,

His **heart open** to love us: "

"His whole figure" (as **St. Augustine** says) "breathes love, and challenges us to love him in return: his head bent downwards to kiss us, his hands stretched out to embrace us, his bosom open to love us."

Reflections & Affections

Please Lord, Teach Me Your Love:

Ah, my beloved Jesus, how could my soul have been so dear in Thy sight, beholding, as Thou didst, the wrongs that Thou wouldst have to receive at my hands! Thou, in order to captivate my affections, wert willing to give me the extremest proofs of love.

Teacher Through Suffering:

Come, ye scourges, ye thorns, nails, and cross, which tortured the sacred flesh of my Lord, come ye, and wound my heart; be ever reminding me that all the good that I have received, and all that I hope for, comes to me through the merits of His Passion.

Supplication:

O Thou master of love, others teach by word of mouth, but Thou upon this bed of death dost teach by suffering; others teach from interested motives, Thou from affection, asking no recompense excepting my salvation. Save me, O My love, and let my salvation be the bestowal of the grace ever to love and please Thee; the love of Thee is my salvation.

The Passion and the Death of Jesus Christ by St. Alphonsus

Love Jesus Christ Crucified:

St. Leo tells us that he who looks with confidence upon Jesus dead upon the cross is healed of the wounds caused by his sins. "They who with faith beheld the death of

Christ are healed from the wounds of sin."

Every Christian, therefore, should keep Jesus crucified always before his eyes, and say with **St. Paul**, *I judged not myself to know anything among you, but Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.* (I Cor. ii. 2) In short, the Apostle says, that he did not desire any other knowledge in this world than that of knowing how to love Jesus Christ crucified.

Spiritual treatises by St. Alphonsus

Saints On Humility

St. Augustine: "Humility is the foundation of all other virtues; there is no virtue more powerful than this one for obtaining God's choicest favors."

It was this virtue of humility that the youthful **St. Aloysius** endeavored to gain with all the eagerness of his soul. Every day he prayed with fervor to the holy angels to obtain it for him by their intercession, since it had been for them the cause of their victory on the day of trial, and of their present glory and happiness in the Kingdom of Heaven.

A certain holy religious was often heard to say: "would willingly and with the greatest pleasure give my two eyes to acquire true humility."

St. Thomas of Villanova often said: "Humility is the mother of many virtues: of it are born obedience, the fear of God, patience, modesty, and peace."

St. Jane Frances de Chantal had so great a love for humility that she watched with the greatest attention never to allow to pass by any opportunity of practicing that virtue. Writing to **St. Francis de Sales** on one occasion, she used these words: "O my dearest Father, I beg of you, for the love of God, to help me to humble myself daily more and more!"

St. Francis of Paul continually inculcated humility saying "The most powerful weapon for overcoming Satan is humility,"

St. Philip Neri advised all those whom he directed in Confession to say to themselves, when they had fallen into any fault: "Had I only been humble, I never would have committed this sin."

The Catechism in Examples by Rev. D. Chisholm

Venerable Sister Paola of Foligno was privileged to see in an ecstasy how great the humility of the Blessed Virgin was. Giving an account of it to her confessor, she was so filled with astonishment that she could only say: "Father, you can never understand how great the humility of the Blessed Virgin was! There is no humility in the world comparable to the humility of Mary."

Glories of Mary by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

The Humility Of Jesus And Mary In The Temple.

We read in the holy Gospel of St. Luke, after the narration of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, that Our Lady fulfilled all the things that were prescribed by the law. **St. Vincent Ferrer** writes as follows on this pious subject:

"There was a custom in the Temple," he says "and this custom at the present day exists among the Jews that there was a place in the Temple set aside for noble and rich women, to come thither and present their children, and another for those who were of a humbler condition, besides the third, which was entirely reserved for the virgins who were spending their early years in the House of God.

"On entering the Temple, Our Lady looked from one group to the other, considering to which one she would attach herself. On the one hand, she belonged to the highest family in the land, being the direct descendant of David; but she was poor and simply attired, for she had already bestowed upon the needy all the riches she had received from the wise men, as she desired in her humility to possess nothing but what she procured by the work of her hands. She thought, therefore, that if she sat amidst those who were endowed with the splendors of the world, they would say to her: "On entering the Temple, Our Lady looked from one group to the other, considering to