

months he wandered about the country, looking for some place where he might live unknown. But when his flight was discovered, search was made for him, and although he often changed his hiding- place, he was sometimes nearly found again.

He then crossed over the borders into England, but even there he was in danger of falling into the hands of those who were in search of him. So he finally left Britain altogether, and went over into Germany.

On his arrival there, he met a rich gentleman who possessed immense flocks of sheep. He requested him to take him into his service.

The gentleman asked him what wages he wanted.

"I will serve you for nothing," said **Wendelin**, "if you will only give me some food to eat, and some little clothing to cover me."

This offer was at once accepted, and **Wendelin** was sent to tend his master's flocks.

Now he was at the height of his joy. He would have leisure to pray and meditate as long as he wished, and no one would ever dream of looking for him there.

Sometimes when the remembrance of his former greatness would come into his mind, and he began to think of what he might have been had he remained at home, he would call to mind the example of his Divine Master.

"If Jesus Christ calls Himself the Good Shepherd, surely I need not complain in trying to be humble like Him."

He took as much care of his sheep as if Jesus Christ Himself had confided them to him. He brought them to the best pasture-lands and guarded them from

every danger, and while his eyes were on his flock his mind was with God. So fervent was he at times that people used to think he was engaged in a familiar conversation with God.

Thus did the holy man live during his long life on earth, and when God took him to see Himself face to face in His glory, people found out who he was, and how he had chosen to serve God in a humble life, rather than to sit on the high throne of a kingdom and they called him **Wendelin the Pious**. *Life of St. Wendelin.*

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

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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**

*Love is the Virtue  
which gives us Strength*

**Love: Greatest Strength:**

*Love is strong as death.* As there is no created strength that can resist death, so there is no difficulty for a loving soul that love cannot overcome. When there is question of pleasing its beloved, love conquers all, --- losses, contempt, and sorrow: "Nothing is so hard, but that the fire of love can conquer it."

**Embrace All Sufferings:**

This is the most certain mark whereby to know if a soul really loves God, if it is as faithful in love when things are adverse as when they are prosperous. **St. Francis de Sales** said, that "*God is quite as amiable when He chastises as when He consoles us, because He does all for love.*" Indeed, when He strikes us most in this life, then it is that He loves us most. **St. John Chrysostom** esteemed **St. Paul** in chains more fortunate than **St. Paul** rapt up into the third heaven.

*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.*

### Suffer For His Love:

Hence the holy martyrs, in the midst of their torments, rejoiced and thanked the Lord, as for the greatest favor that could fall to their lot --- that of having to suffer for His love.

And other saints, where there were wanting tyrants to afflict them, became their own executioners, by the penances which they inflicted upon themselves in order to please God.

St. Augustine says, that "For that which men love, either no labor is felt, or the labor itself is loved."

*Novena to the Holy Spirit by St. Alphonsus di Liguori*

### Affections and Prayers

#### Holy Spirit: Help In Suffering:

O God of my soul, I say that I love Thee; and yet what do I do for Thy love? Nothing. This shows, therefore, that either I do not love Thee, or I love Thee too little. Send me therefore, O my Jesus, Thy Holy Spirit that He may come and give me strength to suffer for Thy love, and to do something for the love of Thee before death overtakes me.

#### Strength to Love:

O my beloved Redeemer, let me not die cold and ungrateful as I have hitherto been to Thee. Grant me strength to love suffering, after so many sins whereby I have deserved hell.

#### Come Totally in My Heart:

O my God, who art all goodness and love, Thou desirest to dwell in my heart from which I have so often expelled Thee; come, then, dwell within it, take possession of it, and make it entirely Thine.

#### Already In Me - Charity:

I love Thee, O my Lord; and if I love Thee, Thou art already with me, as St. John

assures me: *He that abideth in charity abideth in God, and God in him.* (1 John, 4,16)

#### Just You O Lord:

Since, therefore, Thou art with me, increase the flames, increase the chains, so that I may neither seek nor love anything else but Thee; and thus bound, may never be separated from Thy love. I desire to be Thine, O my Jesus, and entirely Thine.

#### O Mary - My Mother:

O Mary, my Queen and Advocate, obtain for me love and perseverance!

*Novena to the Holy Spirit - by St. Alphonsus de Liguori*

### *Tancred's Choice*

In the reign of the Emperor Frederic I., there lived at his Court a pious youth named Tancred, who was a great favorite of the Emperor. This young man, reflecting on the danger to which he was there exposed of losing his soul, earnestly besought the most holy Mother of God to make known to him the state of life he should choose in order to obtain more surely his salvation, being resolved to embrace the one which she would indicate to him.

After many days spent in persevering prayer and great fervor, the Mother of God herself appeared to him, and said: "Tancred, you have asked me to show you the state of life in which you will most easily gain Heaven and escape the eternal torments of Hell. Go, then, enter my Order." Saying these words she disappeared.

Tancred was at a loss to know what Order the Divine Mother referred to. But while he was thinking on this he fell asleep, and in his sleep he imagined he saw two religious of the Order of St. Dominic approaching him, the elder of whom thus addressed him: "You have asked of God through the

intercession of His most Blessed Mother, to show you the surest way of saving your soul. Rise, therefore, at once, for you must spend the remainder of your days with us."

In the morning, as he was going to hear Mass, he met on his way the Prior of the Dominican Convent of Bologna, and recognized in him the person whom he had seen in his dream, and who had spoken to him. Filled with surprise, he went up to him and told him what had happened. Then, no longer doubting what God wanted him to do, he renounced the world and entered the Order of St. Dominic, where he lived and died a Saint.

### *Gift of The Holy Ghost -- Piety*

One of the gift of the Holy Ghost is Piety. By this gift we are enabled to live a pious and devout life, and always keep in mind God's holy presence.

### *St. Wendelin The Pious*

Long ago, when Scotland first received the true Faith, there lived in that country a holy young man of the name of Wendelin.

He was the son of one of the Kings who at that time governed the country. His father had embraced the true Faith as soon as it had been preached in his kingdom, and his family as well as himself were fervent Christians.

The more Wendelin thought of God and the life to come, the more earnestly did he wish to go to some place far away from the abodes of men that he might think of nothing else.

The honors of the world, and the dignity which belonged to him by birth, had no attraction for him, because he saw how vain and empty they all were. One day he secretly left his father's house. For many