

once or twice, he dropped a few words which might lead to this opinion. When one lives with another, he himself has said when speaking of his own communication with Our Lord, one ends by finding out all that he thinks. It was by such remarks that he betrayed himself so to say. Speaking once of the pilgrimages to Laus which he had made during his childhood, he said: "One kisses the ground the moment this venerable church comes in view." "And why?" "Because there the Blessed Virgin is so kind. There—there one can *see* her!" Then he blushed, appeared annoyed and became silent. Again, these words escaped him: "Oh! at Laus, there one *sees* the Blessed Virgin!" and immediately added: "Ah! I have said too much." All this naturally betrayed his secret. It was at this time he had special need of Mary's maternal protection to lead him to the priesthood, for multiplied obstacles were then confronting him. His father constantly opposed the boy's desires and vocation, and refused him the means of making the necessary studies. His only idea was to secure the assistance of his son and, later on to behold him taking his own place as a cutler and oil-presser. But He who had snatched David from the midst of his father's sheep to place him over his people, drew to His Heart this youth to make him the Apostle of Eucharistic love.

Love triumphs over all obstacles. With his little savings, Pierre purchased an old Latin grammar, and from it learned the rudiments of the language. From time to time, he would ask an explanation from some or other of the seminarians who were spending their vacation in his neighborhood. Meanwhile, he continued his work at the oil-press, though studying in secret. But he found his progress unsatisfactory, so he humbled himself so far as to ask admission into a boarding-school as a poor scholar, and this he obtained. There he received some little instruction, for which he paid by domestic services.

Shortly after he entered the home of a priest of Grenoble where, in consideration of his services, he received lessons in Latin. In about two years, he returned to La Mure. There he continued his studies, though without