

faithful, on account of the errors and spirit of Jansenism, The angel of darkness transformed himself into an angel of light, and, under the garb of an exaggerated reverence for God and holy things, estranged men from their Saviour, rendered them timid and fearful in approaching His temple, His altar and His sacraments. But the Divine Lover would not allow Himself to be vanquished. He opened His bosom and laid bare His wounded heart, and invited all to fix their eyes on that furnace of love, and form with Him a compact of everlasting friendship. "Such is the devotion of the Sacred Heart." It is chiefly practised and spread by means of the League of the Sacred Heart, an organization the main feature of which is a body of lay promoters, who, moving in their own sphere, by their influence, good example and zeal, draw others to the practice of the devotion. They are the recognized and accredited assistants of the priesthood carrying on the work of the Church. This is the meaning of the diploma and cross which are accompanied with special blessings and privileges. After the sermon Vicar General Marechal, administrator of the diocese, assisted by the Rev. Father Drummond, proceeded to bless the badges and confer the crosses on the new promoters who had merited this distinction. Some thirty gentlemen and ladies were decorated. This imposing ceremony was concluded by one of those solemn benedictions which have won for the Gesu a reputation more than continental. The orchestra and soloists under Professor Clerk acquitted themselves in their usual creditable manner, and all returned home pleased with the celebration.

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