

virtues emanate, and the invisible link which unites the faithful amongst themselves, as well as with God ; and if, as has been said with reason, great thoughts spring from the heart, where shall we find elevated sentiments, sublime thoughts, if not in the Heart of Him, whose humanity is divinely exalted ?

What consolation and sweetness for the soul which studies the Heart of Jesus ; for sinners It is the treasury of compassion and mercy. If languishing in the service of God, the soul feels the ardor of this furnace of charity, and its indifference is overcome by the powerful invitations of Its love.

If animated with a happy spirit of fervor, He who is the centre of all hearts, will communicate His graces to the soul, giving it life, light, rest and happiness. St. Vincent de Paul says : " What happiness for the soul which embraces the virtues, which spring from so noble a source, the Heart of Jesus Christ ! Would you wish to know them ? They lead us to that furnace of love, to which they return as to their centre. O my God ! Why are we not wholly enamored with it ? " The humble and holy priest understood the mystery of the adorable Heart, and the sweetness which one experiences in reproducing its virtues.

Let us also endeavor to understand and partake of the abundant fruits which we may gather by comparing our interior with the interior of Jesus. The celestial bodies moving in space, according to constant laws, have a centre around which they gravitate, and which serve to maintain them in their orbits : the unique centre of all good of all graces, and of all benediction, is the Heart of Jesus. Let us then go to this living centre, remain under its influence, receiving the impressions which it wishes to communicate, and just as two lyres in perfect accord, produce the same harmonious sound, so one recognizes the sentiments of the father, in those of the child. " Let all of us who love the Heart of Jesus, and desire to advance in the path of virtue,