

To encourage every one to a spirit of reparation our blessed Lord added, «Upon those who will render Me this honor (reparation), or cause it to be rendered to Me, I promise thee that My Heart will expand to diffuse upon them the influence of its divine love.»

We all, even the best among us, have sufficient reason to make reparation for our own sins and ingratitude to Jesus Christ. Kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament, the soul in peace, alone with God, we shall see our sins in the light of the sanctuary: our countless sins, our coldness, our irreverences at Mass and Holy Communion, our neglect of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Here we find sufficient matter for reparation. The true reparation is to weep before Jesus over our sins, to beg of Him tears of sorrow, that He Himself may wash away our sins in His Precious Blood. The pious soul will try to make reparation to Jesus for the sins of others. The sins of a wicked world, the insults offered to the Blessed Sacrament during the last nineteen centuries would make an angel weep; all these Jesus foresaw, when for us He instituted the Sacrament of His love. Let us try to make reparation to Him for all the sacrileges ever committed — sacrileges, the greatest of all insults to His Sacred Heart. Reparation to Jesus for all the outrages, irreverences, impieties and blasphemies of heretics and infidels; to wish to make an act of faith in the Real Presence for every heretic and infidel that ever lived and for every moment of their lives; to believe in Jesus for the poor pagans who never heard His name; to love Jesus for the cold bad Catholics who believe in Jesus, but do not love Him; finally, to travel in spirit round the world, and in spirit kneel before every pyxis and tabernacle where Jesus is alone, abandoned and forgotten, and offer Him the praises of men, angels, and of the holy Mother — such is reparation: may Jesus inspire our souls with it.