

mission for him in anything else. The just are not less called by God to these invigorating streams.

Out of the Precious Blood come martyrdom, vocations, celibacies, austerities, heroic charities, and all the magnificent graces of high sanctity. The secret nourishment of prayer is from those fountains. They purge the eye for sublime contemplation. They kindle the inward fires of self-sacrificing love. They bear a soul safely over the seeming impossibilities of perseverance. It is by the Blood of Jesus that the soul becomes ever more and more radiant. It is the secret source of all mystical transformations of the soul into the likeness of its crucified Spouse. It is "the wine which inebriates the virgins" of God. Out of it come raptures and ecstasies ; and by It the strength of faith grows even to the gift of miracles. It fills the mind with heavenly visions, and peoples the air with divine voices. All the new life of man, which is "renewed in Christ Jesus," comes from this Blood, whether it be his love of suffering, his delight in shame, his grace of prayer, his unwordly tastes, his strange humility, his shy concealment, his zeal for souls, and his firm perseverance.

Sinner, saint, and common Christian, all in their own ways, require the Precious Blood each moment of their lives ; and, as the manna in the mouth of the Israelites had the savor which each man wished it to have, so it is with the sweetness, the variety, and the fitness of the graces of the Precious Blood.

With almost piteous entreaties God invites all the wide heathen world to the Precious Blood, whether by the voice of his Church, or by the bleeding feet or wasting lives of his missionaries, or by secret pleading down in each heathen heart, grace solicited at every hour. This invitation of God to his creatures to receive a new life through the Precious Blood is the genuine expression of his redeeming love.

There is no narrowness in the divine things. There is no narrowness in the Precious Blood. It is a divine invention which partakes of the universality and immensity of God. The Precious Blood is meant for all nations. As all stand in equal need of it, so all find it just what they want. It is to each people the grace which shall