

in the eyes of the world, the former are hunted from their homes; their property seized and confiscated; themselves reviled by hooting mobs, and left without rights apparently that anyone is bound to respect. There is hardly a country on this globe where the Religious Orders have not had to suffer at the hands of the enemies of God. Here they are starved; there calumniated; elsewhere their influence for good undermined by slander. In this treatment, at least, they drink of the chalice of Christ; herein they imitate the sufferings of the Saviour, and herein they make their profit for eternity. But woe to them by whom such scandals come!

May the Heart of Jesus, source of patience, zeal and abnegation, strengthen the Religious Orders of the Church in these virtues. The world is not slow to discover their demerits; it will soon see whether these distinguishing marks on the apostle be wanting or not. Examples of abnegation will move hearts; the eloquence of zeal is irresistible. Without these no Order can claim to have the true spirit of the Church. How, then, can it claim the love and respect of those who have God's interests at heart? While we implore the Heart of Jesus to multiply the number of the soldiers of Christ, let us pray even more fervently for their sanctification.

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Daily prayer during this month.

Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the prayers, good works and sufferings of this day, in reparation for our sins, and according to all the intentions for which thou sacrificest Thyself continually on the altar. I offer them, in particular, for Religious Orders, so that men may give them the respect and love which is their due.