

When a man has acquired a reputation for sanctity his prayers are eagerly sought after ; and if the Blessed Virgin still lived on earth, her home would always be full of people soliciting her powerful intercession.

And behold our Lord Jesus is there in the Church, His earthly home, waiting until we disclose to Him the favours we wish to obtain from God, and yet His temple is almost deserted.

Let us realize the truth of those words of St Francis of Sales addressed to Saint Chantal : " My child it is much more profitable for you to assist at Mass every day, than to omit it under pretext of attending to your meditation ; because the corporeal presence and immolation of the Saviour, cannot be replaced by His spiritual presence."

However fervent our prayers offered in private may be, whatever power our supplications may possess, never will they attain to the sublimity or efficacy of the prayer of Jesus at Holy Mass.

Assistance at the Holy Sacrifice obtains for us more numerous graces. All Christians know that Mass, being the reproduction of the Sacrifice of the Cross, is the source of all grace in the Church. A cause acts with as much more power as it directly reaches the object on which it operates. The sun renders the plant coming under its rays more beautiful and vigorous, than that which grows in the shade.

When a king invests large sums for the improvement of his states, he works, undoubtedly, for the benefit of all his subjects ; nevertheless how much more favored are those who surround the prince himself and can thus directly address him concerning their wants.

Holy Mass is the application of the merits of the Passion, the solemn distribution of the infinite treasures of Redemption ; happy then, are the Christians who assist at those effusions of the goodness and mercy of Jesus, and who draw abundantly from the superabundant riches of His Heart.

When chivalry reigned in France : Fathers addressing their sons about to take up arms gave them this important advice : " My dear Son, be faithful in assisting at Mass every day." And M. Leo Gauthier who has