

as some spiritual hymns. The humble sempstress, without much education, writes of the Blessed Eucharist, in these manuscripts with the unction of St. Thomas or of St. Bonaventure. One would say on reading them that a seraphim must have dwelt within her heart, which was indeed a furnace of love and an ocean of fire for her Sacramental Lord, so fervent and so exalted are the sentiments expressed therein.

The most remarkable characteristic of Marie Eustelle's piety was her devotion to frequent Communion. She loved to receive the Blessed Eucharist herself and to lead others to share in the same inestimable privilege. She was born on April 19, 1814, and was sent to school at the age of five, but her parents were very poor people, she was obliged to leave it when she had attained her tenth year, as it was necessary for her to work. We are told that she possessed an excellent memory and acquired knowledge easily. She was endowed with a lively, bright disposition and a tender, compassionate heart. She describes herself in her own simple words as being fond of pleasure, and that during her early years, she had been addicted to childish faults, disobedience, want of submission, anger and impatience. As Marie Eustelle grew into girlhood, she lived an ordinary Christian life, and owing to the Jansenistic spirit of the age, she communicated only on rare occasions. The example of a young friend who was a frequent communicant caused her reproach on this subject, and she consequently began to ask herself why she could not do the same. "My friend loves Jesus," she would say, "and is happy in her love." Soon Marie Eustelle resolved to rise early each morning for daily Mass, to visit the Blessed Sacrament every morning, and never to omit the recitation of the Rosary nor her spiritual reading, and to receive Holy Communion frequently. She wrote, "The more frequently I go to Communion, the more the desire to receive again fills my heart."

Eustelle's neighbors were inclined to jeer at the young girl's change of life, and one of these, noticing her frequent Communions, remarked to her. "You believe that you will go straight to Heaven... I know people who are better than you, who do not go to Communion as