

laid down in the new Statutes, and require that everything be done according to what is prescribed in them.

I have the greatest hope that the new Diocesan Directors, emulating the interest and devotion of the old Regional Directors, will with equal alacrity and with the same praiseworthiness, undertake this most noble work and earnestly carry it on. Let them prove in this way that this new constitution of the Apostleship is not only not inferior to the old one, but that it is far superior to it.

The directors of the magazines called MESSENGERS OF THE SACRED HEART will, as I hope and earnestly wish, not only continue to supply all those helps, which even according to the Statutes and your prescriptions, are in their power to give, and which hitherto have contributed so much to advance the glory of God and the salvation of souls; but they will be even more energetic and, through the favour and help of the new Directors, they will more readily spread the Apostleship far and wide by their magazines.

I beg of the most generous Heart of Jesus all good things for Your Reverence, that, daily more and more inflamed with that sacred fire which Jesus *came to cast upon* earth, you may endeavor with all your might to inflame the hearts of all with the same fire. Since, then, *love and devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*, as the new Statutes say, *are very proper for all Associates enrolled in the Apostleship of Prayer; for although this devotion does not constitute the end of the Association, still it is the chief and most powerful means; if once this love has penetrated and inflamed the hearts of the faithful, we cannot doubt that the Apostleship of Prayer will bear those rich fruits for which it was established, and which the Holy See can justly expect of this Pious Association.*

I recommend myself to your Holy Sacrifices.

Your Reverence's servant in Christ,

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