

to us If any man wishes to become my Disciple, let him deny himself, and take up his Cross and follow me" We should follow him, because in walking after him, we can never go astray. We should follow him, because he will guide us to the refreshing pastures of eternal life. We should follow him because in his blessed company we shall be always secure, and because without him, we shall be ever miserable, ever exposed to danger.

O Divine Jesus! Bishop and Shepherd of our Souls. May we know thee, and listen to thy Sweet voice, and follow thy heavenly commandments. If we know thee we must love thee, and if we love thee, we will follow thee.

To day if you shall hear his voice, harden not your hearts. I have wandered, like a sheep that has perished. Seek thy Servant, because I have not forgotten thy commandments:

Come let us adore, and fall down before God. For he is the Lord our God, and we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Psalms.

The little Testament of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist

Containing an Admonition, Pious aspiration, and Practice for each day of the Month, by a Catholic Priest.

Jesus having loved his own, who were in the world, loved them to the end - St John.

PREFACE.

THE holy and adorable mystery of the Eucharist is one of the most extraordinary proofs of God's love for man, and an abridgement, as it were, of all the wonders he has wrought in his favour. If such feelings could find a resting place in the courts above, surely the angels of heaven would envy us the possession of so inestimable a gift as that which we enjoy in this sacrament of love. Nothing can confer a greater dignity on the children of the true faith than the legacy of this supersubstantial bread with which their heavenly Father is pleased to nourish them. In this mystery the faithful soul is wedded to its heavenly spouse by a most intimate and inconceivable union; heaven is united to earth, and God to man. In it the soul is bathed in unutterable tenderness, and drinks the deepest draughts of holy joy amidst all the bitterness of this life. This is the inexhaustible source of life and health, of consolation and peace—the oil of exultation in which the wounded spirit is appointed and healed—the bread of angels which contains the germ of immortal life—the goodly and inebriating chalice of a wine that buddeth forth virgins, and preserveth the soul from the contagion of impurity. It is bread from heaven filled with all delight, and having the sweetness of every taste. What wonder then if all mankind should with one accord, in return for this transcendent gift daily pour forth their expressions of gratitude, praise and love? Though nothing could be more rational, nothing more just, the greater part of mankind, nay, of the domestics of faith, seem utterly insensible of the goodness of their God, who has in this sublime mystery poured out for them all the riches of his love.