

example the Rosary. Alms to the poor is another powerful means. "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy."

There is another means which our ancestors loved—to educate a student for the priesthood. St. Monica rejoiced at her death-bed that she had a son to remember her every day at the altar. If you have not a son you can adopt one or subscribe according to your means towards the Students Fund.

It is the custom in many places—and we wish that it should be introduced where it is not to receive the offerings of the people on All Soul's day, or the Sunday previous or subsequent and the proceeds to be computed and Masses offered up accordingly.

We attach the indulgences of the way of the Cross on certain crucifixes and thus enable persons, who cannot conveniently visit the Church to make the Stations there to gain the indulgences of the Stations by reciting fourteen Our Fathers and Hail Mary; with a Glory to the Father, etc., for each Station and five Our Father's and Hail Mary's in honor of the five Adorable Wounds, with one for the intentions of the Pope for the conversion of sinners.

There are religious congregations and pious associations especially devoted to the relief of the souls in Purgatory. St. Vincent de Paul ordered the priests of his congregation never to go to meals without first saying the De-profundis for the souls in Purgatory. The Church ends all the prayers of the divine office with "May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace." One may turn away with a sad thought, from a tomb on which is not engraved "May he rest in peace," or on which a cross—the emblem of our hope in God and in a happy resurrection—does not figure.

We exhort you, beloved children in Christ, to entertain an earnest charity towards the souls in Purgatory. You loved