

is the initiator of our life and of our actions. It is, then, only natural that to Him should return the glory.

"There is nothing new in this idea. It is not we who have originated it. It is the *vivo, jam non ego* of Saint Paul. The saints realized it in their daily life; we wish simply to make of it the ordinary virtue of a religious Society."

This rule was one of those to which the venerable Founder had the habit of frequently reverting. "To serve," he used to say, "not only by one's labor, but by one's self, costs. And yet, we must reach the point of being all for Jesus, of doing all things by Him and for Him. That is going far, it is giving the tree as well as its fruits, it is accepting every sacrifice, both spiritual and corporal. Ah!" he used to say, with deep emotion, "remember that you have given yourselves entirely to Jesus, and that for Him you have abandoned everything. Take nothing back from the Master, neither of your soul nor of your body. Give Him your understanding. Let all your studies be for Him. You should have but one single knowledge, the knowledge of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Do all your thoughts turn to it? Your whole heart should belong to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Love nothing outside of your service, nothing that is opposed to it. Furthermore, you have no longer any right to esteem, to love. And should some one attach himself to you, were it even for good, even to draw nearer to Jesus, he is deceiving himself. Beware lest they recall your personality, for you have renounced it! Your body, also, should belong to your Master, and whenever you possess more than Jesus Christ, you are failing in your promise. It ought to suffice the servant to be like his Master."

Père Eymard carried this renunciation to its extreme consequences. Jesus Christ gives us all. He has, then, a right to demand all from us. To offer Him one's thoughts and actions, one's life and natural qualities is something, but yet not all. We must leave to Him the free disposal of our supernatural merits, we must absolutely forget self, and in laboring think not of