

dable in a still higher degree, specially when it expands into a sublime necessity of offering loving reparation to God, His Son, His blessed Mother, and thus making amends for the neglect and insults that are heaped on them by public prints, by individuals, by whole communities and, alas ! by entire nations.

Orders, Institutions and Confraternities that further practices of Reparation have now become an absolute necessity to fervent Catholics and, praise be to God ! opportunities are not wanting to enable all of us to give due expression to the loving sympathy and adoration with which our hearts are, or ought to be, filled.

It is well known that towards the end of the 17th century, the acceptability of a special devotion to the Sacred Heart was revealed to Blessed Mother Margaret Alacoque, a Visitation nun, and this devotion is specially one of reparation.

The communion of Reparation (a branch of the Apostolate of Prayer,) the work of Nocturnal Adoration, the work of Reparatory Adoration (by means of a weekly half-hour spent before the Blessed Sacrament in a spirit of Adoration and Expiation,) the Work of Universal Expiation, the Mass of Reparation (established by Sister Rose, a Norbertine nun,) the work of Perpetual Intercession for the Church and Sovereign Pontiff, the Devotion to the Holy Face, all these are outcomes of that same spirit of Expiation and Reparation which, as I have said, has become a part of every true hearted Catholic.

But of all devotions that have Reparation and Expiation for their chief end, none can claim to be so ancient and so effectual as that of Devotion to the Precious Blood. There is no offense against God so heinous but that it may be washed clean by the application of the Blood. There can be no offering so acceptable to God as that of His dearly beloved Son's Blood.

The spirit of evil is perpetually inspiring fresh ways of offending and blaspheming God ; the seven Blood sheddings are perpetually being applied by the Adorers of the Precious Blood to repair the insults and injuries offered to Him.

From the beginning blood was offered as a homage to God, and the blood of the victims shed on the altars of