

Sacred Heart already in use, and approved of by the Church, are quite sufficient to foster the piety of the faithful, seeing that the cult of the Sacred Heart in the Eucharist is neither more perfect than the cult of the Eucharist itself, nor different from the cult of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

“Moreover, the same Cardinals, Fathers of the Congregation, have decided that the mind of this same Sacred Congregation, already made clear by the ordinance of Pope Pius IX. of holy memory, dated Wednesday, January 13, 1875, should be made known, to wit:—

“That a certain class of authors, who are wont to sharpen their wits while treating of these and kindred matters—savoring of novelty, and who, under the guise of piety, strive even through the columns of the public press to bring into repute unfamiliar devotional titles, should be warned, that they may desist from any such endeavors, and seriously consider how fraught with danger it is to lead the faithful into error where there is question of the very tenets of our faith, and let them cease to give occasion to the enemies of religion calumniously to carp at pure Catholic doctrine and true piety.”*

‘R. Card. Monaco.’”

It is not likely that any of our Associates will be tempted to abandon the sure and beaten track to strike out into unknown and unauthorized paths in quest of nutriment for their piety. Devotions, however attractive in appearance, which are discountenanced by the Holy See, may tickle the fancy, but cannot be profitable to the soul. Our Associates, moreover, fully understand

*For similar reasons the title of “Friend of the Sacred Heart,” given to St. Joseph, has been found fault with by the Holy Congregation (see *Ephemerides liturg.*, Oct., 1892), and that of “Mistress of the Sacred Heart,” applied to the Blessed Virgin.