

to me all resplendent with glory with his five wounds shining like five suns, and from that sacred humanity shot forth flames from all parts but especially from his adorable breast which resembled a furnace ; it was open and showed me his most loving and lovable Heart which was the living source of those flames.

In this second apparition the Savior revealed to his servant that the devotion to his Heart was to be of the nature of an honorable atonement and be a worship of reparation for the numberless outrages to which it is constantly subjected by sinners. He added that he relied on her for that work of loving reparation : « You at least, » he said, « must give me the consolation of atoning as much as possible for their ingratitude. »

The Blessed Marguerite even at that moment very little suspected to what her Celestial Friend wished to lead her and what extraordinary mission he was about to confide to her. It was only in the following year, in a third revelation, still clearer than the previous ones, that she was warned of it. It was therefore in 1675, in the month of June during the Octave of the Blessed Sacrament. Marguerite was kneeling before the grating of the choir with her eyes riveted on the Tabernacle. Suddenly Our Lord appeared to her on the altar and uncovering his heart he said to her : « This is the heart which has so loved mankind that it has spared nothing even to exhausting and consuming itself to manifest his love for them ; and in return I receive from the majority nothing but ingratitude through their irreverent acts and sacrileges and the coldness and scorn that they have for me in this Sacrament of Love. And what is more painful to me, he added, is that they are hearts consecrated to me. »

Thereupon Jesus positively charged her with her mission : « It is for this, he continued, that I ask thee that the first Friday after the Octave of the Blessed Sacrament be dedicated as a special feast to honor my heart by receiving communion on that day and by making honorable reparation by honorable atonement for the indignities it has received. And I promise thee that my heart shall dilate to shed abundantly the influ-