

prayer offered in a spirit of Reparation for the conversion of perishing sinners. The members should, out of love, zeal and fervor, keep to the original intentions regarding the Confraternity which is meant to be exclusively an Association of Prayer offered in the name, and through the merits of the Precious Blood. No committees or collectors are required. No external works of benevolence are to be grafted on it. For all these praiseworthy ends there are already societies and confraternities; all of which may God abundantly bless and prosper ! We are to keep to prayer - a comparatively rarely used weapon, but the one which God has placed in our hands with which to fight the enemy of souls. We are to have an entirely spiritual end and are required jealously to exclude all other ends, lest they encroach upon, and at last destroy our all absorbing and dearly cherished practice of intercessory prayer. The introduction of other exercises into the Confraternity, instead of increasing its usefulness, would prove prejudicial by setting aside the primitive object in view.

We should value nothing so much in the Confraternity as its simplicity, its undivided attention to the spirit of prayer and intercession. Thus, all trespassing on the ground already occupied by other holy confraternities shall be avoided, and the members will merit to receive and profit by the blessings bestowed on the Association. Let us be faithful in paying our tribute of love and gratitude to the Redeeming Blood and in praying for the conversion of sinners. This is our work, our specialty, our life and our power.

It is a commendable practice to choose bad or non-practical catholics, heretics and unbelievers as the special objects of our prayers. Let us, night and day, implore God's mercy on these unhappy mortals, not desisting till He has granted our petitions, bringing the former back to the bosom of the Church and bestowing the light of faith on the latter. If, by reason of our sins or in His secret judgments, God should delay answering us, let us not become discouraged or intermit our prayers for the living and the dead. In offering our petitions for the latter, we may surely count upon relieving them and even releasing them entirely from their sufferings, for they, the true