

## THE GREAT MISSION OF THE MONTH of the SACRED HEART



ESUS is *the true light, which enlightens every man who comes into this world; He is the way, the truth, the life; He is the divine Promulgator of that new commandment, which elevates us to God and makes us fraternize in Him. Salvation and peace, therefore, both for souls and societies, lie only in the knowledge and love of Jesus, in the observance of His precepts, and in the imitation of His virtues.* To fulfil these conditions of salvation ourselves, and to induce those around us to fulfil them, such is our supreme duty and our true good. Now, this duty is always made easy by a multitude of helps and graces, which Jesus Christ, in His goodness, sends, according to the different needs of succeeding generations. And in order to move us efficaciously by a means in harmony with the conditions and aspirations of our times, He has chosen the devotion to the Sacred Heart, in which He presents to us, under a sensible form, His own Heart..., that wounded Heart, which men still wound as often as they so unfortunately turn away from God, that Heart, which is nevertheless consumed with the inextinguishable desire of pardoning them and of giving them heaven.

This Heart, of infinite sorrow as well as of infinite love, is the object of the special devotion that Jesus Christ demands of us, who live during these *later times*: it is the means He has given us to prepare *the way towards the truth and the life.* In this Divine Heart *sinners shall find infinite mercy, tepid souls salutary fervor, the just very high perfection, everybody the graces necessary in his state of life*; this Heart *shall establish peace among the nations; It shall avert the chastisements merited by the crimes of peoples.* It is Jesus Himself, Who has promised it!