

willingly made the supreme sacrifice. The almost intolerable pains of her last illness were borne with truly superhuman fortitude.

In addition to bodily suffering, mental anguish had its share in the final purification of her sensitive soul. The thought of the Last Judgment filled her with apprehension. Neither the remembrance of her almsgiving, nor the thought of the meritorious life she had led, could calm her agitation or lessen her terror. Occasionally, the suggestion of God's infinite mercy and goodness towards the most miserable of His creatures would soothe her momentarily. The eve of her death, however, speaking of her uncertainty, she exclaimed: « Oh, perhaps I shall never see God! » Her nurse replied: « Do you think God will let Himself be outdone in generosity? You have built so many temples in His honor and you have done so much for His poor. » Her face brightened visibly as she answered: « Can it be true? Do you believe it? Oh, how happy I shall be to see God! » From that moment peace and tranquillity were restored. Ah! wonderful indeed, must be those works of mercy which tend, especially, to the spread of the Eucharistic Kingdom of His Divine Son, since they have the power to soothe away the fright and na-