

entertaining bad thoughts against anyone, for as St. Francis de Sales says: "An action can have a hundred different sides, and the charitable will always consider the fairest side." They shall finally seek to maintain and foster peace in their families, so that the God of peace may dwell amongst them.

Anyone aware of any dissension existing between persons of the Third Order should as soon as possible inform the Superior or Director, that he by his prudence and wisdom may re-establish peace and harmony.

CHAPTER XIV.

Of the Conferences and Meetings.

At least once a month, on a feast day appointed by the Father Director, all the Tertiary Brothers shall meet in the church or chapel selected for that purpose, to assist in a body at the holy sacrifice of the Mass and to receive Holy Communion; and then a short sermon shall be preached by the Father Director concerning their obligations. If these meetings cannot be held in the morning then they shall take place at another hour of the day, according to regulation; and it would be very praiseworthy if it could be made convenient to recite or chant the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin, especially on her feasts.

The Tertiary Sisters shall also meet in a separate chapel or in the one destined for the brothers, but on another day or hour.

In these meetings, before the moral sermon they shall say some prayers, which are given in another portion of this Manual, being prescribed for such occasions; some penance will be assigned for faults committed; some virtue to be practised; some Saint selected for a special Patron and a particular topic of prayer proposed.

In these meetings the names of the departed brothers and sisters shall

be announced so that the suffrages for their souls may be offered up; and the particular fasts of the Order shall be brought to mind that they may be commuted into other practices of piety.

Lastly, as our Third Order has no income, each one at these meetings shall give some voluntary alms or offering, as their own devotion may suggest and their means permit; which offering shall be entered accurately in a book, which the Director shall keep. The offerings shall be used for the purchase of wax torches and candles, for the support of the sick and indigent brothers or sisters, and for necessary expenses. From these offerings must also be taken alms for the nine masses to be said during the year for the so-called Ternary suffrages and also for another mass to be celebrated in November for all the departed brothers and sisters.

On the solemn feast-days, to wit, Easter Sunday, Christmas, and the solemn Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, or on the days following, the general Absolution is usually given to the Tertiary Brothers and Sisters; and twice in the year the Papal Benediction is likewise given, as described in its proper place in this manual. Therefore, the Father Director will take care to notify the brothers or the sisters in the preceding meeting, and that they may receive the holy sacraments on these days, they shall engage to be present to receive the just-mentioned Absolution or Benediction and fulfil any penance that may be imposed on them.

Wherever that pious custom obtains, the Tertiary Brothers and Sisters shall join, with lighted tapers, in the procession which is made with the image or relic of the Blessed Virgin, on the third Sunday of each month, by the Religious of the First Order. They should know that, besides other spiritual advantages, Paul V. has attached thereto a Plenary Indulgence.