

then my heart burned within me, emotion overcame me, my eyes filled with tears, and I cried: "My Lord and my God I am saved!"

From that time everything has appeared new to me; the same Christian truths which, until then, I thought I possessed, were like beautiful images, suddenly endued with life and motion. The gospel, Christ, heaven, God, became realities to me. I felt in my heart as though a Divine guest explained to me the Word of God, making it easy to me to do right, while that which was so difficult and distasteful to me, now became sweet. In short, I am like a person transported to a new world where ideas, feelings, indeed everything differs from the former world; and this world appeared new to me from the day that I truly felt that I was completely and freely saved by Jesus Christ.

And as for yourself, dear brother, will you not pursue the route you have half traversed? After having put the Virgin in her place will you not put our Lord and Saviour in His place also? Oh, believe me, there is no true peace, no true joy besides.

Take the Bible again (not the same, for I am keeping it for myself). Accept the one I now send you; read it daily, imploring the gift of the Holy Spirit; and be assured that you will soon find a better mediator than Mary—You will meet with Jesus, our God and Saviour.

Your sister in Christ,

MARIA DE ST. ROMAN.