

*Obedience.* God manifests His will by the persons whom He has placed over us, whether it be to command or direct us. The associates, animated with a spirit of lively faith, will behold the person of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in that of their superiors, their Parents, their Confessors; they should obey them with that promptitude and respect that such a consideration will necessarily inspire. They should avoid murmuring at any orders given them, but be ever ready to execute them when they are not contrary to the law of God. They should entertain a profound veneration for every superior, imitating in this Mary's obedience during the time she spent in the temple.

*Zeal.* If the associates are faithful to observe their rules, if they endeavor to practise the virtues therein explained, and if their whole deportment in imitation of that of Mary, bears the impress of piety and