

Yourselves: "What does He desire?" "What does He ask for?" Harken to His voice, listen to His pleading: "Sto ad ostium et pulso"—"I stand at the door and knock" "Fili, praebe cor tuum mihi"—"My son, give Me that heart which thou hast so often promised to give Me, that heart which I have so often replenished with graces, wherein I made My abode and whence thou hast banished Me to welcome therein My eternal enemy.

"I know that in order to make this offering unreservedly thou wilt have to make sacrifices; thou wilt have to struggle against the wayward course of an imagination which causes thee to lose all the fruits received in prayer; thou must needs break away from certain friendships, and keep aloof from amusements which are occasions of sin for thee; thou must renounce forever those pleasures which, when passion has been satisfied, leave shame after them—a blush, a stain, upon thy brow and death in thy soul. Thou must practice the Christian virtues, especially charity which is the very essence of Christian life. Thou must do all these things, but I Myself shall be thy reward exceeding great. "Ego ero merces tua magna nimis."



MODERN TEACHERS and DAILY COMMUNION.



Modern teachers must begin with the children to inculcate the habit of regular Communion. Children who have once passed their First Communion should be encouraged to daily Communion, according to an express decision of His Holiness the Pope. This method should be established in all the boarding-schools and convents where young children are being taught.