

gence and of our heart, so that we conceive of Him as Man incarnate, visible upon earth, and invested with all our sympathies, and with the love of His Sacred Heart full of compassion for us. These two conceptions are, I may say, within the range of nature. They come to us at once. But the Holy Ghost, a Spirit that has never been seen, has never been incarnate, inscrutable, present everywhere, never manifest except by the operations of His power—this is a reality, like the motion of the earth, which we know in our reason, but cannot detect by any sense; or it is like the circulation of the blood, which we know as a fact, but never perceive all the day long. So the indwelling and the work of the Holy Ghost in the soul is a divine truth, so altogether inscrutable, so impalpable, so insensible, that we pass it by. Therefore we do not so often adore the Author and Giver of all grace with a special worship."

All this, no doubt, is true, and points a reason for the abstention of many from invoking the Holy Ghost daily and hourly as they do both the Father and the Son. But the Sovereign Pontiff, in the encyclical quoted above, warns the faithful of another danger, and draws attention to the prudence of the Church while dealing with matters concerning the greatest of mysteries: "'When speaking,' says the Angelic Doctor, 'of the Holy Trinity, prudence and discretion are necessary, for as St. Augustine warns us, there is no matter in which a lapse from truth is more pernicious, nor any wherein investigation is more arduous or the truths found more productive of fruit' (Summ. Th. I. q. xxxi, a. 2. De Trin. I. I. c. 3). There is danger for both faith and worship in confounding the divine persons, as there is in introducing diversity into the oneness of their nature; for it is of Catholic faith that we should worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in the unity. Wherefore Innocent XII., our predecessor, refused to sanction the institution of certain ceremonies in honour of the Father for which authorization had been asked. If certain festivals are kept