

mated with sentiments of the most tender charity towards their neighbors. They should also avoid ever judging rashly or slandering their neighbor, and if perchance they find themselves in company with persons who are speaking against Charity they must defend the reputation of their neighbor, but always in a manner suitable to the age and rank of the person with whom they deal. If they cannot prevent the evil let their silence be a sufficient proof that they take no part in the conversation. In such circumstances they should reflect that charity is a mantle to cover the defects of others, or to excuse them if too evident. The most tender and cordial union should reign among the associates; considering themselves as sisters they should render to one another mutual services. If one should fall sick, the others should deem it a happiness, to visit her, to console and strengthen her by spiritual reading and pious conversation.