

you wish to go to heaven by a way of flowers? . . . No! the disciple is not above the master, and the dry wood cannot expect better treatment than the green. They who amuse themselves thoughtlessly, who are scandalized at suffering and reject life's thorns in order to crown themselves with flowers, Jesus Himself calls fools. Of the unfortunate, on the contrary, He says: "Blessed are they who weep, *Come to Me, you who suffer, come to Mass, come to Communion, come to My Tabernacle! I will console you.*" "

"I have prayed much, but those consolations of which you speak to me I have never tasted. I now understand your language. One must do violence to self and suffer in order to merit heaven. But to suffer alone, without consolation! That is hard, that is impossible! I know not what to do that life may not be a burden."

"Have you communicated often."

"I communicate three or four times a year."

"*And you are astonished at suffering without consolation when you so rarely approach the Source of consolation! Communicate often, often, then you will have consolation, even joy in your trials. He who laughs on Friday will weep on Sunday... Leave fools to indulge in their foolish laughter during this life, which is a time of suffering and trial. They will weep when for you the radiant Sunday of a blessed eternity will dawn. He who weeps on Friday, will laugh on Sunday, and that is what I want to do. Jesus Himself declares: 'The world will give itself up to pastimes while you - you will be sad. But your sadness will be changed to joy. I will wipe away all tears from My elect. Blessed are you who weep, because hereafter you will laugh!'* *The saints sowed in tears, but they will reap in joy and gladness. But in order to have like them the courage to support life's miseries, like them communicate often, yes, every day. Jesus Christ does not say that you shall find consolation, it matters not where nor from whom. No, He says: 'Come to Me, it is I who will console you, because it is I who am the joy and the eternal repose of souls.'*" "

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