

Around you the false maxims of the world will abound in the conversation of men, and in the press ; wicked example will invite you to sin.

The sight of the triumph of vice and of virtue oppressed, godless politics and perversity of sects, the licence accorded to vile scandals for disporting themselves in broad daylight—all these will contribute to shake your constancy in the hour of temptation and struggle.

But, in such times, the fragrant balm of your First Communion will still cling about your soul for its preservation, your baptismal vows will still be graven on your hearts, and Mary Immaculate, whom you will often have gladdened with the fervour and frequency of your Communions, will continue to watch over you ; and, strengthened by the divine Eucharist, you will travel onward with head erect and heart undaunted, towards the holy mountain of God where lie the Eternal Throne and your imperishable crowns.

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(Concluded)

As we advance in life, we do not forget our early sorrows ; they awaken again at each new affliction, and form of our life a sad chain of successive griefs. Jesus calls from His Altar-throne, and says to me, "Listen, My daughter, I am with those who love me in affliction; nothing can attract Me to you more surely than your sorrow ; come to Me, and I will comfort you.

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