

alone are Great, you alone are Holy, you alone are the Lord and the Most High God!

*At the Collects and Epistle.*

O glorious Saints! ye blessed of your Heavenly Father, whose merits and triumph are this day celebrated by the whole Church, obtain for me the same Divine assistance by which you were sanctified.

O God! Eternal Truth! you who speak to me by your Prophets and the writings of your Apostles, grant me a docile heart and a submissive spirit to all those holy laws, which you have proposed for my observance.

*The Gospel.*

But, as I have the happiness to hear yourself, O Word of the Father, Word of God, living and vivifying Truth, may your words penetrate my inmost soul.

Divine Gospel of Jesus Christ, you shall be henceforth the object of my reverence and attention, the subject of my meditations, and the entire rule of my conduct. Love of the cross, hatred of myself, holy simplicity, true humility, persevering repentance, and ardent charity—these are the maxims of the Gospel, and I desire, O Lord, by the assistance of your grace, that they may become the virtues of my entire life.

*Credo.*

As I have had the happiness, O Lord, to be called to the bosom of your Church, I believe in all its dogmas, as I respect all its laws. You have spoken to us by the Church, and I will always listen to her, as to truth itself. I will always sacrifice to her my reason, my prejudices, my passions, my interests, and, if necessary, my life.

THE OFFERING OF THE SYMBOLS OF THE SACRIFICE.

*Suscipe Sancte Pater.*

Behold, Great God! who it is that approaches—the adorable Victim for the sins of the world.

O Holy Father, eternal and all-powerful God, behold every thing that can excite your regard, and your mercy.

Already, in the symbols which we present you, in the bread which we offer you, the matter of the sacrifice is prepared, the victim draws nigh.

It is no longer Abraham arranging the pile, on which his son is to be consumed, and taking the knife into his hands. Figures and shadows have passed away.

Behold the true, the only sacrifice that is worthy of your acceptance. Receive it, O adorable Trinity, unto the odour of sweetness, or rather, as you cannot reject it, grant us, through its merits, the abundance of your heavenly graces. Come, O sanctifying Spirit! Descend, O incarnate Love! Come, O divine Fire, and consume the Victim!

This is your grand, your glorious work, the incarnation of the word renewed. Bless, therefore, your own work, in the sacrifice which we offer you. We offer you ourselves, with open hearts, and beseech you to enkindle in them this divine fire, which will enable us to love without end, on earth and in heaven, a God who is here about to display one of the greatest miracles of his power, in order to shew us the prodigious extent of his love.

*Lavabo.*

Angels of Heaven! who are about to assist the divine victim, that is going to be immolated for us, with what sentiments do you look upon sinners who come to this holy sacrifice, covered over with the leprosy of sin!