

This happy pilgrim, as may be inferred from his letter, is now full of zeal for the propagation of the devotion to St Anne in his parish and the neighborhood.

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## THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

(Feast on June 8.)

REPARATION IS DUE TO THE ADORABLE HEART OF  
OUR LORD.

To Christ our atoning vows ! To Christ ! but why to His Sacred Heart ?—Because, were we innocent, we might appeal to Divine Justice ; guilty as we are, we have no other refuge than in love ; love alone can save us. Moreover, the Christian vocation, to which we have been unfaithful, is a work of love ; it begins by love ; it is sustained by love ; it is consummated through love. Now, the Heart of Jesus Christ is the symbol, nay, more than that, the instrument of His love. Does not the Heart, in the human organism, beat time to great sentiments and strong emotions ? Does it not regulate the sacred music of our speech when it would express the sorrows and joys of love ? Whether love wounds or flatters us, it is in the heart that we feel its blows or it caresses. We say : “ My heart suffers ”, or “ my heart rejoices ”, and these words are very true.

Sacred harp of love, the heart is also a spring whence love draws the rich waves of blood. Blood ! supreme eloquence of him who loveth ! When all has been said and all been done to prove one's love, nothing is left but to shed one's blood until the heart can no more hold a single drop. Then, all is over ! the soul, already wrapped in the shadows of death, sees no more what is going on here below ; but the heart with its last throbs still says : I love ! I love !