

sounded within her heart. Her first step was to join a sodality whose members met at stated times for prayer and good works; and her zeal and fervor soon won for her the position of President. Again love of Our Lady inspired her to seek admission first, into the Carmelite Order, then, into that of the Poor Clares. Providence allowed that both applications should be rejected.

In 1643, with her Confessor's approval, she bound herself to God's Service by the double vow of poverty and chastity. Directed and encouraged by the same good priest, Monsieur Jendret, she attempted to found in the Blessed Virgin's honor, an order for the instruction of young girls. Another failure was the only visible result. About the same time, her dear father died, cheered to the last by his daughter's devoted care. Meanwhile, the Divine Master mingled spiritual consolations with her trials. Holy Communion became a source of heavenly joys. On the feast of the As-