



MARY MAGDALEN.



T. MARY MAGDALEN was the privileged friend of Jesus. She served Him with her wealth, she accompanied Him everywhere. She honored His Humanity magnificently by her presents. She loved to pray at His feet in the silence of contemplation. By all these titles, she is the patroness and the model of the life of adoration, and of the service of Jesus in the

Sacrament of His love. Let us study St. Mary Magdalen. Her life is full of the best lessons.

Jesus loved Martha, Mary her sister, and Lazarus, but Mary more than all. No doubt He loved all three, but He had a special predilection for Magdalen.

Although Our Lord loves us all, nevertheless He has His friends of preference, and He permits us, also, to have our special preferences in God. Nature, yes, even grace, has need of them. All the saints have had their intimate friends, and themselves were the most devoted in their friendships.

Magdalen was, before her conversion, a public sinner. She possessed all the qualities of mind and body, all the gifts of fortune that could lead to the greatest excesses. And she allowed herself to be so led. The Gospel degrades her even to calling her a public sinner. This woman had fallen so low that Simon the Pharisee regarded it as a