

"God grants these marks of grace to all those who invoke Him through Saint Joseph. All the children of Holy Church should venerate him and they will experience all this in themselves if only they invoke him earnestly. I would exhort all to serve this glorious Saint, because I know from experience that he obtains much from God. I have never known anyone who really venerated and served him with special zeal who did not make rapid strides in virtue, for he bestows extraordinary assistance upon those souls who have recourse to him.

"For a number of years I have asked him a favor on his feast day, and my request has always been granted. If I might, I would gladly enumerate all the graces which this glorious Saint has obtained for me and for others."

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### The Sacrament of Love.

We should consider the excessive tenderness of the love of Jesus in the institution of the Holy Eucharist, first by reason of the gift itself, in which under the sacramental species He bestows on us His soul, and His Divinity, with all its untold treasures: and in such a manner, too, that in giving us this morsel, He gives us all that He has that is precious in the treasures of His divinity. And perhaps we do not even take the trouble of thanking Him for so great a gift, nor feel ourselves constrained to love Him in return for such boundless love? Any trifling token of love that we receive from a fellow-creature touches our hearts, and moves us to love him in return; and can it be that a God Who gives His whole Self in the excess of His love, cannot succeed in winning our hearts, and move us to love Him in return? We should blush at the thought of our meanness in the scanty return we have hitherto made for the prodigal liberality of Our God.

Perhaps we shall be moved more deeply if we think of the wonderful tenderness of Jesus' love as shown in the manner in which He gives us Himself, coming down from the bosom of His Eternal Father to clothe Himself with the sacramental species, in order to enter into our breasts, and become one with us after the fashion of food, thus linking, as it were, together, His own most holy body