

Sacred Humanity, set it before the eyes of men, bade them fix their gaze upon it, and consider the immense love of which it is the organ and symbol. He demanded in return an entire consecration, showing itself in zeal for His interests, in gratitude and reparation. Thus, the love is old, the heart is old, but the manifestation is new, and it has sent through the Church the thrill of a new life in the form of a devotion which has its widest development in the Holy League.

Listen to our reigning Leo XIII, who, if anything, is an intellectual Pope, not much given to pious exaggerations: "We desire with all the ardor of our soul that the devotion to the Sacred Heart may be propagated and diffused over all the earth. Knowing in truth how salutary and profitable it is to souls, we entertain a sweet and firm hope that great graces will be derived without fail from the Sacred Heart to be the efficacious remedy of the evils which afflict the world. Our confidence is further increased, when we reflect that the manifestation of this devotion is a new and gracious pledge of the charity of Jesus Christ, who has wished thereby to call back to Himself the world which has gone astray, that it may make its peace with God and enjoy the plentiful fruits of redemption."

One word before parting. Do not be too hard on the faults of devout people, especially of your own family. All of us here below have our faults. Even the just man falls seven times a day, and before setting yourself to remove the mote from your neighbor's eye, be sure there is not a beam in your own.

So now, my dear Catholic man, no more objections; but give your name for the Men's League, and show you are in earnest by subscribing to the *Messenger*.