

the Sacred chalice filled with the Blood of Jesus, to the fountain of His heart pierced on Calvary and near which stands our Immaculate Mother as the refuge of repentant sinners.

Cardinal Pie speaking at Lourdes said : " There are many excellent practices of devotion by which we can honor the Blessed Virgin, but the most excellent among them all — the one which brings us closest to Mary — is Holy Communion."

Mary desires us to be pure in order to eat the Blessed Bread prepared by her, she desires us to be humble also in order perfectly to fulfil our duties towards her divine Son so annihilated in the Blessed Sacrament. May she give us the grace to understand her words and follow her example : " Grace came to me and I preferred it to kingdoms and thrones, I valued innocence far above riches, I did not liken it to precious stones, for gold is but as dust in comparison, I prized it above health or beauty."

In conclusion, let us take the firm resolution to be very pure and very humble and thus we shall honor our Immaculate Mother and help to advance her greatest desire, that of seeing Jesus growing in us.

### **Prayer to Mary Immaculate.**

Immaculate Virgin, sanctuary of the august Trinity, mirror of angels, my most tender Mother, prostrate at thy feet, I venerate with the deepest respect thy stainless Conception, and I confess with great joy that thou art the Daughter of the Father, the Mother of the divine Word, and the Spouse of the Holy Ghost. Thou art also the treasurer and distributor of the divine mercies ; thy heart is filled with charity, with sweetness, with tenderness for thy children. With great confidence, I present myself to thee, O Immaculate Mother, and implore thee with confidence. Despise not my petitions, but in thy clemency hear and answer me. Amen.

