



Particular Practice for the Month of July.

The Fitness of Children and Young People for Communion.



ALTHOUGH children and young people have so great need of Communion, yet are they fit for it? Can they bring to it the dispositions, whether of necessity or propriety, that the reception of this Sacrament calls for?

To this query we may answer by a single word, by an expression dear to modern economists: "The need creates the means." If the soul of the child needs the Divine Bread for the support of its supernatural life, the Father in heaven has to provide it with the dispositions proper for procuring It, just as He has given to all creatures, along with the instinct of self-preservation, the means of securing it.

To state the case precisely, we must say that, if the dispositions demanded of children are to be judged according to prevailing ideas and commonly received usages, very few children, very few young people, will be thought capable of weekly, not to speak of more frequent Communion. No allowance is made for the conditions belonging to their age, and, above all, of that excessive restlessness which manifests itself exteriorly by the necessity for action, noise, talk, and amusement, and in their interior,