

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT.

Creator merciful, O hear,—In tender pity bow Thine ear:
Accept the tearful prayer we raise,—In this our fast of forty days.
Each heart is manifest to Thee;—Repentant now we seek Thy face;
Bestow on us Thy pard'ning grace.

Our sins are great and numberless,—But spare us who our sins confess,
And for Thine own Name's sake make whole—The sick and heavy laden soul.
Each heart is manifest to Thee;—Repentant now we seek Thy face;
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Grant us to mortify each sense—By use of outward abstinence,
That free from ev'ry stain of sin,—The soul may keep her fast within.
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words: "If any man say, 'I love God,' and hateth his neighbor, he is a liar . . . And this commandment we have from God, that he, who loveth God, love also his brother." (I. IV, 20, 21).

II.

You see, Our Very dear Brethren, God's order is formal; and we must conclude that nothing is more Christian than fraternal charity; and let us add, that nothing is more reasonable.

In fact, in the natural order, all men form in a certain true sense one and the same family. They have all descended from the same father, the same blood flows in their veins; the same duties await them; the same destiny is reserved for them. Providence in placing them on earth, made them sociable; they demand and need mutual aid, and there is no one who does not, some day or other, require the succor of his brethren. Isolation would mean helplessness, ruin, finally death. Therefore does necessity instinctively create love in our innermost heart. We wish to be known, esteemed and—let us say it—loved by our brethren, and we feel the necessity of treating them as we desire to be treated ourselves.

But if we rise to the supernatural order, this union appears to us more imperative still, and even necessary. The community of grace in fact, made of us a body, of which Jesus Christ is the Head and we the members. This is the affiliation of St. Paul. (Rom. XII, 5).

As soon as one member suffers, says he, (I Cor. XII, 26, 27.), all the others suffer with it. "You are the body of Jesus Christ, the members of member." Consequently you should suffer with those who suffer, and rejoice with those who rejoice. It is thus that hearts remain united. Charity unites all men, even as the soul is united to the body, and as the members of the body are united among one another. In man's body, there are several members; each one has its functions, each its aptitude, not one works for itself alone; they lend one another mutual assistance, because they belong to one and the same body. Each one is contented with its functions, and none of them has any other. The lowliest envies not the most noble; the hand is not jealous of the eye; the feet ask not to fulfill the work of the head; but a perpetual union exists among all. They remain in peace, suffer together and help one another. Love of neighbor produces similar effects in society, resulting from a common necessity. The Apostle St. Paul exhorts us to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. "One body and one spirit as you are called in one hope of your calling." (Ephes. IV, 3, 4.).

The same merciful intention in fact, has called us all to life; the same baptism has made us children of the Church; the same doctrine has illuminated our souls; the same Sacrament nourishes us with the divine Manna, and transfigures us for eternal life; the same society welcome us here below for a time, and prepares us for the life of heaven. In a word, we are intimately united to Jesus Christ, and all by the same right are called to share His heritage; and thus it is that we contract, one toward the other, a closer fraternity than that which results from our being descendants of the same father according to the flesh.

III.

The practice of the love of our neighbor, Our Very dear Brethren, seems therefore, necessary and obligatory. But it becomes truly attractive if one considers the precious advantages which result therefrom.

Since it is the virtue of predilection of Our Lord, and since it emanates, one might say, from His divine Heart, we cannot doubt that it renders us infinitely agreeable in His eyes; that it draws upon us His most abundant benedictions and graces, and that for it we shall one day be munificently rewarded in heaven.

But there are other fruits which charity produces in the supernatural order, and which should help to make it dear to you.

The first fruit is peace. Charity in uniting the hearts, banishes the causes of those dissensions and animosities which embitter souls and give rise to trouble and dispute. Let charity reign among men, and all will be beautiful at once; discord will disappear and give way to the most perfect harmony.

But we have said that man cannot live in isolation, and charity is the means to fill up this solitude, and afford him the sympathy necessary to his heart. Sojourning on this earth, so aptly called "a valley of tears," he encounters at every step, difficulties, sorrows, illusions misunderstandings, abandonment, hostility and the painful trials of sickness and death. In great sorrow our first need is to pour forth our heart into a heart united to ours, and to diminish the anguish of our soul by sharing it with another. "A brother that is helped by his brother is like a strong city." (Prov. XVIII, 19). But let us not forget that if, as it is said, sympathy is refused only to those who do not inspire it, one is more inclined to show kindness to those whose hearts are compassionate towards the sorrows of others. St. Chrysostom commenting on the words of Jesus Christ: "Do unto others, as you would that they should do unto you," says very well: Do you wish to receive benefits? Be beneficent. Do you wish to be praised? Praise your neighbor. Do you desire to be loved? Love. Do you wish to occupy the first place? Offer it to another." (Hom. XIII to the people). This is also the commentary of that word of the Divine Master: "With the same measure you meet, it shall be measured to you again." (Matth. VII, 2.).

Fraternal charity moreover, renders the accomplishment of the duties which we must fulfill, one towards the other, sweeter and easier. "Where there is love," says St. Augustine, "there is no pain." When people love mutually, the sacrifices which

the social virtues require, cost nothing; they are submissive without repugnance towards superiors, kind towards inferiors; meek, pleasant and helpful towards equals; they feel capable of every self-sacrifice. On every page of the history of the Church, we see what degree of heroism the saints attained when there was question of relieving their brethren. Man, in fact, derives from love, a strength which renders him superior to all obstacles.

In short, Our Very dear Brethren, charity faithfully practiced, casts an inexpressible charm over our relations to life and all its details. That which causes the happiness of the elect in heaven, after the perfect possession of God, is the charity which unites them all. Now, what charity does in heaven, it also does on earth. In practicing it, we are learning for paradise, and we have a foretaste of the society of the Blessed. The Psalmist predicted this sweetness when he said: "How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Ps. CXXXII, 1.). Just as coldness and animosity divide and darken life, even so is the practice of charity, even on this earth, the source of the purest joys.

IV.

But, Our Very dear Brethren, charity must possess certain characteristics, according to the description given us by St. Paul (I Cor. XIII, 4-7). "Charity," says the Apostle, "is patient;" it bears without fatigue, contradictions, imperfections of the neighbor; it remembers its own defects and forgets those of others.

"Charity is kind," it never harbors anger or bitterness against anyone, and is always ready to oblige and do good; charity ignores antipathy, grudges, coldness and indifference.

"Charity envieth not;" it abhors vile and low jealousy which tends to render us sad on account of the good of others.

"Charity seeketh not honors," and forgets its own interests in order to promote those of others. It fears not to impose upon self painful sacrifices for one's brethren, and puts the happiness of others above one's own.

Finally, charity "is not provoked to anger," over the injuries it may receive. When it is humiliated or wounded, it gives not way to temper, to outbursts of anger, or to desire of revenge.

How beautiful would society be, if it would realize the noble program of the Apostle St. Paul; and how happy it would be!

V.

If these general recommendations appear to you to be too lofty a perfection for your weakness, allow us, Our Very dear Brethren, to trace a program for you, which though more simple in its expression, is, however, none the less complete; Injure neither others nor yourselves, and strive to give pleasure.

Injure none of those with whom you deal. Regulate your conduct and your proceedings in such a manner, that no one who sees you, may be offended thereby. Avoid all that is against propriety. Remember that the Bible agrees with the popular maxim, that we know a man by looking at him. Act therefore so, that all who see you, will be favorably impressed by you. Watch your words. Do not speak too much. Talkative people are bores. Say nothing disagreeable; consequently do not expose either the failings or the misdeeds of your neighbor. Neither criticize nor deride them. In a word, do not humiliate your neighbors, or hurt their feelings. Indelicate proceedings will wound them to the quick. Eliminate, therefore, that forgetfulness which is a mockery, and that disdain which is an insult.

Let there be no awkward situations, no unreasonable remarks, no angry words, whose peril cannot be calculated; and no inopportune proceedings. Take it to heart, and resolve never to be a burden to anyone, and you will have found the secret to avoid wounding your neighbor.

But it is not sufficient not to injure others. Virtue becomes even more meritorious when it suppresses sensitiveness and observes the second rule—do yourself no injury.

In life you will meet with rough and troublesome characters. They are often found in daily life, and the more refined you are, the more you will feel the asperity of these people. Hence, to live in an environment which goes against you, will be your portion. To remain there unscathed will be the triumph of your charity and the proof of your virtue. Be above awkward language, indelicate behavior and incomprehensible slights. Is there not for the soul true pleasure in feeling that one has become master of himself and independent in regard to his neighbor? Is it not far sweeter to feel that one has practiced detachment and humility, even in a small degree?

First of all be not offended if you are slighted, and take no revenge. Be not troubled by words, little flattering and sometimes insulting and even abusive, which may be addressed or written to you. We know that in the world there is a law which binds us to "take up the gauntlet." But is it worth the while? Which will serve us best, silence or a reply? Does not truth infallibly come to light? Apart from the fact that the support of injuries and discourteous conduct is inscribed among the first of the evangelical virtues, is it not also the most beautiful growth of the moral virtues accessible to reason? Give not way therefore, to anger; smile amiably when you are hurt. Return not injury and you will appear more sociable and more humane—let us say it—more Christian, than in desiring retaliation.

Give pleasure. This is the third precept of charity, and how happy we should be, Our Very dear Brethren, if we saw it practiced in our Christian families.

When the virtue of charity really penetrates the heart, it is ingenious in making others happy, distributing daily the alms of happiness to everyone. To give a cent made of copper to a poor man is within the reach of all, but to give a penny's worth of joy to one who suffers, can be done only by a good heart. It is to this point, however, that the inspiration of fraternal charity must tend. Charity says pleasing things, not through deceit or flattery, but in truth; for there is no one so bereft of good qualities and of merits, that discreet compliments, agreeable and pleasing words cannot be addressed to him. Bear in mind the proverb: If my friend is one-eyed, I glance only at his profile." Charity anticipates likings, antipathies, desires and expressions of sentiments. Some people are even miserly with their salutations; one would say they lost something in raising their hat. They do this to no one, and wish to do so to none, unless in return for a similar act. It is not thus that a charitable man acts. He is amiable and polite; it would pain him to have to return a salute, for he is too happy to be the first to make such an advance.

You see, Our Very dear Brethren, how many things are contained in these two words: "Give pleasure." We wish that they would become the motto of all the Christian families of our beautiful diocese; and above all, the motto of our dear chil-

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