

us promise our Lord to lead a life like His : a life of prayer in union with the hours spent in contemplation as He wandered over the hills of Galilee, and in union with His lonely vigil in so many churches and chapels, where He is rarely visited; a life of work, for we are told that He labored as a carpenter, to bless those who are obliged to toil; and a life of obedience, mindful of the least wish of His heavenly Father and of His parents, who had their authority from God.

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## PIOUS UNION

### FOR THE COMMUNION OF CHILDREN.

IN the allocution pronounced by the Holy Father at last year's consistory we especially remarked the stress laid upon the movement actually taking place and which is bearing Catholic souls towards the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Pope thus expressed himself: "While the enemy's forces are pressing on toward the ruin of individuals and nations by destroying Christian morals and institutions, . . . we have to admire the goodness of the God of mercy, who, by enkindling a new fire of charity, as it were, invites the wanderer to re-enter the safe way. Truly, we can not despair of general salvation when we behold in all countries Catholics so inflamed with love for the Most Holy Eucharist. Innumerable, in effect, not only among adults, but still more among young people and children, are the Christians of each sex who surround the Most Blessed Sacrament with their unwearying homage and their pious love, and who communicate frequently and not without great profit in the exercise of faith and the other virtues. To this result marvellously concur the Eucharistic Congresses which Catholics, assembled from all countries, are accustomed to celebrate every year. . . ."

In a discourse pronounced two days after, the Holy Father reverted to the radiant vision of young people and little children pressing around the Eucharistic altar. Various reasons permit us to hope that "the people who made an alliance with God at the Baptismal fonts of Rheims will return repentant to their first vocation." Lastly, Pius X. said: "And, above all, the pleadings of so many little children who before the tabernacles pour forth their soul in expressions that God Himself puts on their lips, will certainly call upon that nation the divine mercies."

The touching allusion on two solemn occasions to the piety and the prayer of children shows clearly how the Sovereign Pontiff earnestly follows the labors of those last years to bring those little souls to the Divine Master living in the tabernacle.

A new pledge of the paternal solicitude of the Vicar of Jesus Christ for the Eucharistic education of children has come