

under the appearance of bread and wine? Yes, they who once lived under the same dark cloud of error, know how to bear with the often slow perception of others of this astonishing mystery, because they know how slow they were themselves to feel its reality. The new convert to Catholic truth cannot comprehend in the infancy of his new perceptions, the extent of his heavenly Father's love, any more than an infant can comprehend the excessive love of its natural mother. Yet in the same way as an infant clings to its mother, and finds no joy with any other, but only loneliness and sadness; so the Roman Catholic convert clings to God in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar, quietly awaiting from day to day, for grace to perceive more and more clearly his blessings therein given.

To be continued.

INDULGENCES TO BE OBTAINED BY THE FAITHFUL

WHO SHALL WEAR OR POSSESS CROWNS, BEADS, CRUCIFIXES, SMALL STATUES, AND MEDALS, BLESSED BY THE POPE, OR BY SOME ONE DELEGATED BY HIM.

To gain these Indulgences, it is necessary to have the Blessed Cross, Medal, &c. about our person, or if we do not wear it, to place it in our room, or some decent part of our house, and to recite the respective Prayers before it.

Pictures, whether engraved or painted, cannot receive this Benediction: neither can Crosses, Crucifixes, small Statues or Medals which are made of Iron, Tin, Lead, or of any other fragile material which may be easily destroyed.

The Images, or representatives of Saints, &c., must represent either those that are already canonized, or those that are marked in the Roman Martyrology.

Here follow the Indulgences, and the conditions on which they are to be obtained.

Whosoever once a week shall recite the Crown of our Lord, or of the Blessed Virgin, or the Rosary, or the third part thereof, or the Divine Office, or the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin, or the Office of the Dead, or the Seven Penitential Psalms, or the Gradual Psalms; or shall be accustomed to give instructions in the rudiments of Faith, or to visit prisoners, or the sick in any hospital, or to relieve the poor, or to hear Mass, or if he be a Priest, to celebrate Mass, if being truly penitent and having confessed his sins to an approved Priest, shall receive the most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist on any of the following days, viz.:—Christmas-day, the Epiphany, the Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi: the Purification, Annunciation, Assumption and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the

Baptist, of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, Philip and James, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude, Matthias, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and All Saint's Day, and shall offer up devout prayers to God, for the correction of Heresy and Schism, the Propagation of the Catholic Faith, for Peace and Concord between Christian Princes, and the other necessities of the Roman Catholic Church will obtain ON EACH OF THE ABOVE DAYS A PLENARY INDULGENCE.

Whosoever shall perform the same on the other Festivals of our Lord or the Blessed Virgin, will receive an Indulgence of Seven Years, and 280 Days. Whosoever shall do so on any Sunday or other Festival of the Year, will receive an Indulgence of Five Years, and 200 Days. Whosoever, in fine, shall perform them on any day of the year will obtain 100 Days Indulgence.

Whosoever shall be accustomed to recite, at least once in the week, the Crown, or Rosary, or Office of the Blessed Virgin, or Office of the Dead, or the Vespers, or one, at least, of the Nocturns and Lauds, or the Seven Penitential Psalms, with the Litanies and Prayers, will obtain, on the day, he does so, an Indulgence of 100 Days.

Whosoever shall devoutly commend his soul to God in the article of death, and being prepared to receive his death with a resigned and willing mind from the hand of the Lord, and being truly penitent shall confess and receive Communion if he be able, or otherwise, shall contritely invoke the name of *Jesus*, (interiorly, if he be not able to pronounce it,) will obtain a Plenary Indulgence.

Whosoever shall make some devout preparation before the celebration of Mass, or before Communion or the Divine Office, or the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin, will obtain each time 50 Days Indulgence. Whosoever shall visit those confined in prison, or the sick in the hospitals, and assist them by any good work, or shall teach the Christian Doctrine in the Church, or shall instruct his children in it at home, or his relatives or domestics, will obtain each time an Indulgence of 200 Days.

Whosoever, at the sound of any Church Bell in the morning, noon, or evening, shall say the usual prayers, *The Angel of the Lord*, &c., or if he does not know them shall recite, one *Our Father*, and *Hail Mary*; or when the signal is given at night to pray for the dead, shall recite the Psalm, *De Profundis*, *From the Depths*, &c., or if he be ignorant of this, the *Lord's Prayer* and *Hail Mary*, will obtain each time an Indulgence of 100 Days.

Whosoever on Friday shall devoutly think on the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and recite the *Lord's Prayer* and *Hail Mary* three times, will obtain the same Indulgence.

Whosoever, with true sorrow, shall firmly resolve to amend his life, and shall examine his