

for this virtue, so true it is that our miserable life is full of crosses.

23.

A superior should in all his actions seek only to please God, without expecting any satisfaction from men ; he will then be certain to receive abundantly of the mercy of God.

24.

When we are under the necessity of exposing a person's faults, we should also speak of his virtues and good qualities, in order not to weaken the esteem of others for him.

25.

We should be most vigilant against jealousy, and against the smallest sentiment of envy. This vice is decidedly opposed to pure and sincere zeal for the glory of God, and is a certain mark of a secret and most refined pride.

26.

When we give up a good work, God abandons us, and raises up other persons to do the good which he at first wished to do by our means.

27.

Charity should be preferred to all the riches of the world, it is infinitely more precious than our life : it was it that induced the Son of God to lead a life of misery, and to die on

a cross. It is also the virtue which likens us most to this redeeming God.

28.

Affability induces us to bear with each other, and to listen with patience to what others may say, and whilst charity unites us like members of the same body, affability perfects this divine union.

29.

The treasures of Divine Providence are infinite ; it is indifference alone which diminishes them, and which makes their brilliancy and value disappear from our eyes.

30.

Prayers should be efficient and practical, as its only object should be the acquirement of solid virtues, and the mortification of the passions.

31.

God communicates a particular force and energy to the words of those who do his will ; he pours his special benediction on the works they undertake for him, he accompanies their holy enterprises by his grace, hence all their actions are a source of great edification to those who behold them.