

ereign Chief, Jesus Christ, girds you with His strength and covers you with the mantle of His virtue.

Well beloved Sons, turn to the Divine Heart with a fervent confidence, and fervent prayers. You will find there all the strength necessary to conquer the fear of the world. There is one word which rings through the centuries, always living and always full of consolation. "Have confidence, I have conquered the world."

May you find, besides, some consolation in Our blessing which on this day consecrated to the triumphant memory of the Apostles, We are happy to accord you in all its plenitude; to each one of you, to all of you and to each one of your families who are most true to Us in the Lord.

Given at Rome, near to St. Peter's, on the 29th of June, in the year 1901, the 24th of Our Pontificate.

A Little Crown for *The* Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

By *Enfant de Marie*, St. Clare's.

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS—First Friday, September, 1901.

How beautiful this autumnal month, like the calm evening of the year, when over golden corn-fields, and luxuriant vineyards, and the varied beauties of woodland foliage a soft shadow steals of compassion for Mary's sorrows.

It seems a suitable way of honoring them to unite ourselves with her dispositions to seek her aid, when we receive Holy Communion to obtain the Precious graces promised to those who do so for nine consecutive first Fridays.

Thousands of all classes surround the Altar of God, since our Divine Lord assured us of coming as Viaticum in reward of our fidelity to this devotion. And not only for this inestimable grace, but in countless other needs of life His Sacred Heart has poured forth treasures on all who receive Him for light, and love, and strength—in a word for every intention they desire.

Let us remember that if we would have the inevitable close of life

peaceful, and holy, Mary must be its evening star—must watch over our deathbed as she watched on Calvary, must pray for us not only now but "at the hour of death." It is said that after her Assumption, she appeared with her Divine Son to St. John the Evangelist and most consoling promises were made in favor of all who should be devoted to her dolours. These were: true contrition, protection in all sorrows, remembrance of the Passion on earth, and its reward in Heaven, and, finally, that these souls should be in her hands to dispose of, and that she might lavish on them special graces. Let these promises encourage us and increase our love; we cannot be in unison with Jesus' Heart, unless the inward chords of our own vibrate with plaintive melodies when contemplating the mourning Mother. May she obtain for us grace to do so, and hereafter we will exclaim with gratitude and exultation, "According to the multitude of sorrows in my heart, thy consolations have filled my soul."