

which will ever be the column and support thereof. He who follows it will never walk in the darkness. When He returns to Heaven, He will send the Spirit who will keep His doctrine pure and free from all alloy. That Spirit will remain with Peter and all his successors. He will lead the Doctors, Bishops and priests, in a word, all pastors of souls. He will enlighten the most simple of the faithful as well as the brightest genius. Still more, He will show a marked preference for those who are humble and we shall see poor men, ignorant of human science astonishing by their knowledge of divine things men who have passed all their lives in meditating the Holy Books.

Jesus comes to re-establish truth in our minds. He comes above all to re-establish purity in our hearts. His grace transforms them and raises them to heights previously unknown. *Holiness* is a characteristic of His Church. All the virtues shine in it with the purest brilliancy. Love of God obtains without difficulty the greatest sacrifices and we see souls whom that love cannot restrain within ordinary limits. Precepts are insufficient, they require counsel. They follow this to the letter and crucify in themselves even to the last vestiges of depraved instincts; they seem to have returned to the state of innocence.

O Holy Infant Jesus, O love of our souls! Yes indeed you have renewed the face of the earth! It was an arid soil and you watered it; it was quite sterile and you have made it fertile. Ah! during these days, come once more into our souls! Enlighten our minds and, above all, touch our hearts! Docile to your voice, may we on earth advance from virtue to virtue in order that one day we may sing with the Angels: *Glory to the Lord our God,*

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