

24.

Zeal for the salvation of souls is only an ardent charity, an inflamed desire of making them arrive at eternal bliss, by fidelity in the service of God.

25.

God does not require bodily strength from us, but a sincere disposition to seize on the opportunities of serving him according to his will, and his designs in our regard; he requires a real desire of suffering, even martyrdom, if it were his good pleasure.

26.

It would be better to be cast into the fire with our hands and feet tied, than to perform our actions with the design of pleasing men.

27.

In order to acquire a solid habit of any virtue, it is necessary to form good resolutions, practical resolutions on the particular acts of this virtue. It is necessary also that we be faithful in executing them; without this, no matter what delight or facility we may experience in meditation, we are not really virtuous, we are so only in imagination.

28.

He that labours for the salvation of his neighbour with pleasure, and for the glory of God alone, and who follows in this respect the example of Jesus Christ, may be assured that God will crown his labours with the happiest results.

29.

A superior should choose a suitable

moment correcting for those who abuse his patience. He should reprove them with a meekness undisturbed by any movement of passion, and exhibiting only a true zeal for the good of all in correcting those that are culpable:

30.

Condescension in evil or dangerous matters is not a virtue; it is a weakness and a disorder.

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### WISDOM OF THE CROSS.

“Jesus said to all: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his Cross daily, and follow me.” Luke ix. 23.

Admire, adore, and love Jesus on the Cross. John xix. 25. Heb. vii.

Bless the authors of your Crosses. Luke vi. 28.

Crucify your flesh, your vices, and your passions with Christ on the Cross. Gal. v. 24.

Demand of God, the science and love of the Cross, Ephes. iii. 18, 19. I Corinth. ii. 2.

Esteem those who patiently bear their Crosses. James i. 12.

Familiarize yourself with the Cross. I Peter ii. 20. 21.

Glory in keeping silence and secrecy in what regards your Crosses. Matt. xxvii. 14.

Have in view, when you clothe your-