

A great purity for Communion, such should be for us the fruit of the Immaculate Conception ; without purity all our virtues are nothing ; Jesus will only come to us reluctantly, our hearts will only be a prison for Him : Ah, shall He complain to His minister: "Where are you taking Me? To a heart that does not belong to Me! To a heart that my enemy occupies ! Leave Me, leave Me in my Tabernacle."

O Mary, conceived without sin, lend us your mantle of purity, clothe us with the whiteness, the splendor of your Immaculate Conception. It is a mother's privilege to prepare her child for Great Days, prepared by you, O Mary, Jesus will look favorably on us, will come to us with pleasure, and seeing you in us, His delight will be to dwell in our hearts.

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THE GOSPEL

The Gospel is God's book written for human souls. Therein souls are trained in the divine science of their Lord and Saviour Jesus-Christ ; there they will find Life, true Life, Life unending, Life daily widening and increasing in perfection unto Life everlasting : "Father," said the Incarnate Word, "Father, this is eternal Life, that they may know Thee and Jesus-Christ whom Thou hast sent.

No book written by man, however beautiful and holy, can be compared with God's own Book. St. Augustine does not hesitate to say as much veneration is due to the "Word of God present in the Gospel, as to the Word made flesh in the Holy Eucharist, and he adds that it is as criminal to neglect one single Word of the Gospel as to let fall the Sacred Host Itself. In the Gospel as in the Holy Eucharist, we have God with us, in us and for us.

The Gospel, read as it should be, will be truly to us the Bread of Life. Its reading will insensibly pour divine Life in every fibre of our souls, and soon, according to St. Paul's saying, we shall have no other feelings but those of Christ : no other life but His Life. Then our name of Christians will receive its full and glorious signification : "We shall be other Christs ! Christianus alter Christus."

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