

## ✠ Sacrum Convivium ✠

Tell him that you love Him and by your love you wish to make some compensation for those who are indifferent; that you wish to thank Him for those who are ungrateful; to honor Him for those who despise Him; to augment the number of proofs of your fidelity for those who free themselves from His Holy Law; that you wish to be docile for those who reject His sweet Yoke; to receive Him for those who refuse to do so; to console Him for the secret and perfidious betrayals that He must endure; to make your love persevere even for those who pursue Him with hatred in their heart; that you wish to be publicly seen near Him for those who are ashamed of being there; and finally, that you wish to be generous towards Him for those who grudge the tribute of love and affection that is His due.

His hands are open; His heart is overflowing; ask for graces for yourselves and for your families. Does some member of your family suffer, say to Him with Martha "Master, he whom Thou lovest is sick; cure him". Let there be confidence and tenderness in this divine meeting. Pray for one another for the sake of that charity which should unite us all.

And in order that all these graces may be more surely granted come to the Holy Eucharistic Table, which is so different from any other.

It is true there are in the world, other feasts made attractive by friendships, others, too, made agreeable and bright by the pleasures of family life, but far above all others and transcending them by reason of the dignity of the Host, there is one we call the Holy Table, the Sacred Banquet—"Sacrum Convivium." There we may not sit but prostrate ourselves; there we must approach with joined hands and downcast eyes, and with a heart