

have amiss on this point ! They sometimes show more opposition to the divine will than they who live outside the Faith.

Jesus repairs, also, for the tardiness, the unreasonable delay, the rash trials to which parents, in their so-called prudence, subject the vocation of their children. Under pretext of proving it, they make them drink immoderately of the pleasures of the world, they expose them to the most dangerous seductions, even at the risk of compromising the salvation of their precious souls. Ah, truly, many lose in this foolish experience piety and innocence, as well as vocation. O loving souls, repair ! Compassionate Our Lord, who beholds Himself thus postponed, who sees snatched from Him the souls upon whom He has long cast looks of predilection.

Another disorder in this matter is the interference of the civil powers in questions of religious vocation. Repair for the crime of society committed against Almighty God by encroaching upon the rights, the liberty, the very existence of the religious congregations. Ah ! that is touching God in the apple of His eye, wounding Him in the Heart.

Offer in reparation the merits of Jesus' offering and the tears of Mary.

If Divine Providence gives you the means, repair by helping on vocations by your counsel and assistance. If you have the happiness of living in the religious state, offer in reparation for all baffled vocations, for all attempts prepared, or already perpetrated, against religious, the homage of fidelity more exact, more generous, more devoted. Lastly, and above all, powerless as you are to offer any adequate reparation, approach the Tabernacle, and in spirit draw near to all the Tabernacles in the world ; then offer to the sanctity, to the justice of God, to repair the sins daily committed against His will, against His rights, against the choice and the calls of His love, all the Hosts that Jesus has multiplied to infinity, and in which He immolates Himself as a true religious of His Father instead of those that have not responded to His call. Offer all these Hosts in which He chants incessantly the canticle of His glory instead of all the voices that are wanting in the concert which religious, those angels of earth, should send up to Him night and day. Offer to the Father all those Hosts with their adoration, their love, and fidelity.

IV. — Prayer.

Remember, Lord, Thy Congregations, which in Thy love Thou hast Thyself founded.

Christian prayer is essentially catholic — that is, universal. It is not we alone who pray, nor do we pray by our own strength ; nor is it of our own indigence that we have to give. It is Jesus who prays in us ; it is by His infinite merits that we pray ; it is of