

PROMOTERS' PAGE.

Now that all are back from country and seaside we expect renewed earnestness. There is one practice commended by Our Lord himself, which all ought to take to heart and promote: the keeping of the first Friday of the month as a day of particular devotion. The Saviour chose Friday for His passion and death, on which to give us the greatest mark of love, so He has appointed and blessed it as the day of special devotion to His Divine Heart. Every year it is the Friday following the Octave of the Blessed Sacrament which, at His own request, is celebrated as the Feast of the Sacred Heart. *I demand of thee that the first Friday after the Octave of the Blessed Sacrament may be dedicated to a particular Feast in order to honour My Heart.*

In another revelation no less explicit, He asked for a Communion on the first Friday of each month. We know that a particular exercise of devotion asked by Our Lord in an authentic revelation of this kind is always rewarded by an extraordinary outflow of grace. "*And I promise thee that My Heart shall expand itself to shed with abundance the influence of its grace on all those who render it this honor,*" said He of the Feast, and we may apply the same to the first Friday of the month. Where is the church or chapel keeping it by particular devotions that cannot count numbers of graces received on that day, striking conversions, lasting resolutions, special lights and aids, to say nothing of temporal favors? Who that attends these devotions cannot recall such graces?

Let Promoters induce all to keep the first Friday especially by their good example, going to Communion with the badge on and attending the evening devotions. The general Communion on the first Sunday will be all the more fervent. They who cannot go on the first Friday may gain the Indulgences on the following Sunday, but they cannot count on the *special* favors.