

(From Mo. Marguerite Guillot Conferences to the Novices)

ADVICE TO SEVERAL SISTERS WHO ARE LEAVING ON FOUNDATION (1884)

I have assembled you, my dear daughters, to let you know who are those leaving for our little Cenacle in Paris. Leave joyfully, my children, and once there, be the joy of the Heart of Jesus, the edification of your Sisters, as well as of the public who will see you in our little chapel. In this way you will contribute toward leading souls to surround our Lord with their homage and their love.

You will leave Thursday. You made your sacrifice generously, that consoles me very much. Renew your gift of self by saying to the Divine Master: *"O Lord, I am entirely Yours, only Yours, uniquely Yours: do with me what You wish. I want only one thing: to work for You and for Your glory in the Blessed Sacrament."*

And then, my children, you will be one in heart and life with the Mother House for you will do in Paris exactly what you were doing in Angers, and the local houses have only one heart with the Mother-House; one sincere affection attaches us one to another, because we love each other in Our Lord and for our Lord.

Be full of respect and submission toward your local Superior and open your heart to her. A Superior is a mother whose heart should always be open to her children, so go without fear to your Mother. Go to her with confidence and simplicity, but avoid all familiarity or flattery. I have recommended that you avoid these faults with your Mother Mistress; I warn you again to guard against them with your Superior. In your relations with her, seek only God, the good of your soul and nothing more. Do not allow yourselves to be too free, or adulations that cast out the religious spirit-never swerve. Love your Superior but with a totally supernatural affection, and it will be that way if you see in her only Our Lord whose representative she is.

Never act independently of your Superior, who should know all that you do, and obey her always promptly and joyously. Ah, my daughters understand well the beauty, the grandeur, the necessity of obedience and the loss that is yours when you act independently. This path of obedience is the royal road, the sure path, the holy path; walk within courageously and you will see how your hearts will be peaceful and happy.

Then, my dear daughters, edify your Sisters in Paris by your generosity in the Service of Our Lord, your regularity, your devotedness. Be attentive to the practice of charity toward your Sisters, be kind, anticipate their needs, and always be ready to cover their defects and to excuse their faults. Be gentle and patient with everyone. Charity should be practiced among us more perfectly than anywhere else, for we belong to the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, that

is to say, to the Congregation of the God of charity and it is not possible that, living so near to Him and under His loving gaze, we would not receive some share of His infinite charity for souls.

Finally, my dear daughters, be very silent, for no recollection is possible without silence and consequently no union is possible with Our Lord. Be very careful then, about this point and do not be afraid, if a Sister forgets herself and speak to you unnecessarily, to remind her of the silence by not responding or even by putting a finger on your lips. You will thus please Our Lord and that should be your only concern.

Leave happy to do the will of the Divine Master and you will come back again for your Perpetual Profession, to strengthen yourselves anew in the cradle of your religious lives.
