

*(From Mo. Marguerite Guillot Conferences to the Novices)*

## **ON OUR VOCATION – April 1885**

Our Venerated Father often told us no one can understand our vocation, and that he himself did not know how to describe it, because this Eucharistic vocation is so great, so beautiful that we will understand it only in heaven. Thank our Lord, then for having led you into this dear Society, and become ever more attached to the Monstrance.

Here, my dear daughters, it is love of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament which is the inspiration of our whole life. It is for Jesus alone that we do everything; it is not for ourselves, for our own satisfaction, or for our own gain. We have come to serve our Lord in His mystery of love and that is enough for us. We must not become unconcerned about the salvation of our souls, nor of the souls of others, but we must seek first of all the glory of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and when we shall be completely given to this glory by the practice of the sacrifices and virtues that our Lord expects of us, we shall obtain all that we need as well as what we ask for other souls.

Our Father has indicated to us what our life must be, what we should seek before all else by these words: *“Nothing for me; all for Jesus.”* A Servant of the Blessed Sacrament who understands that, lives only to serve our Lord out of love; she does not think of herself but of her Divine King, so she is always in peace and joy. Even though she may sometimes suffer very much, she draws a profound peace from the close union of her will with our Lord’s and she always praises Him whatever cross He may send her. She is continually dependent on the grace which urges her to do all that pleases her Master; she lets no act of virtue, no sacrifice, no act of self-denial pass by without accomplishing it, when grace demands it of her.

What fidelity is necessary in order not to lose any of these inspirations! Is there truly a single soul who profits in this way from all the graces that are given to her? Only the Blessed Virgin, the Virgin most faithful, never let a single grace pass by without corresponding to it.

But we must at least try to do the best we can. See where you stand, my daughters, with regard to this fidelity to grace; how do you correspond to all the movements that this grace arouses in you, to these interior movements, to these incessant pursuits? Do you not have to reproach yourselves for much infidelity, perhaps even for formal resistance? And why? Is it not because you have stepped back before the sacrifices which were requested of you, because you did not embrace the spirit of sacrifice which alone will place you in the spirit of your vocation and lead you to union with our Lord?

However, it is necessary for you to understand that you must immolate yourselves, you must continually deny yourselves, for our Lord expects of you. How many times have you

promised this to Him, how many times have you taken the resolution to work to die to yourselves exteriorly and interiorly, but also how many times, unfortunately, before the slightest act of self-denial, before the smallest immolation, you have hesitated, stepped back; you forgot your resolutions and failed in your promises?

What pain you then cause our Lord, for his Divine Heart is more sensitive to the inconstancy, the negligence, and the thoughtlessness of your souls, than to the sins committed by the people in the world who have received less than you. Remember all His graces, all the gifts of His love from the time of your infancy to the call to your vocation, and all the favors which flow from this call; what suffering you cause our Lord when you refuse to respond to His love on the path of sacrifice.

The monthly retreat is approaching. On that day, consider at the feet of the Divine Master, what you must do for him; seek out the ways in which you wound His heart and afflict His love, and take a firm resolution to be more generous, more energetic, more given to our Lord, from now on in order to become each day more truly Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, adorers in spirit and in truth, and children of our Father.

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