

The Eucharist, the Aim of Everything¹

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Education is not a way of being; it is a preparation for arriving at a way of being. All our studies are necessary means for arriving at the state to which we aspire. Likewise, my Sisters, the practice of the virtues, of prayer, penance, and charity are not your state, your center; they are but means, preparations for becoming Eucharistic servants. Therefore, all that you do must be done in view of the Eucharist, for love of the Eucharist. Nothing must occupy you outside of the divine Eucharist, it is your form, your clothing. And as the guests of the family's father were not received unless wearing the nuptial robe (Mt 22:11), the same applies to the practice of the virtues, your sacrifices, etc. They are the vestments necessary for you to be presentable before Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Everything must become Eucharistic for you, otherwise you are no longer in your vocation, and the sacrifices it demands from you would become impossible. You cannot always be on Calvary; nature would weaken and give in. Place your sacrifices in the love of Jesus Eucharistic, in this way the bitterness of the chalice will immediately disappear, because *love is stronger than death* (Sg 8:6). A Eucharistic soul finds all in the Eucharist, and at the feet of the tabernacle it finds strength, light and life. A soul that does nothing but remain silently at the feet of the divine Eucharist will soon become perfect. How can a tepid soul not warm itself before the Eucharist? How can a cold soul not see the ice of its heart melt before this consuming fire?

My Sisters, **if there is so little piety,** it is because there is fear of the Eucharist. Satan drives away as many souls as it can from Holy Communion and even from churches. There are sinners who, not only do they not want to enter a church, but when they pass in front, pronounce words of blasphemy... This is because the devil knows the power of the Eucharist.



Points for reflection:

The Eucharist especially transforms our way of conceiving reality. Even the bitterness of suffering can be transformed. That which is tepid can be rekindled. Have you noticed how the Eucharist can transform indifference of heart into fervor and devotion? The bitterness of suffering into a love strong as death? What is your experience?

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