



Chapter Instruction of November 18, 1888

Anniversary of the first Mass said at the Assumption

My dear sisters,

I would like to talk about the words that the festival of Dedication has so often brought to our eyes and our lips. Our Lord said to Zacchaeus: Today I must stay in your house.

This Dedication Festival is the anniversary of the first Mass said at the Assumption and a fond memory for us. Therefore, when our Lord took possession of this little tabernacle, it was a great joy for us, and the Congregation has never forgotten to celebrate the anniversary of November 9 together with the first Mass said in an Assumption chapel.

Since that moment, our Lord has never left us, my sisters! However, I now take it from a different perspective; when you come from the world and enter a house where our Lord lives, when you go to live under his roof, should you not experience immense joy, awaken your faith and say to yourself: "If I would have had the happiness of being received in Nazareth, of spending a night under the roof of this blessed house where our Lord lived, would I not have been filled with the thought that Jesus was so close to me?" Faith and love should make you feel this way when you enter the house of God, and you should try to keep it all your life; because to live like this under the roof of our Lord is a grace that none of you deserved and for which you should be grateful.

Should obedience send us to one house or another, Jesus is always there to welcome us; let us rejoice, my sisters, over the good things being done to us, to live under the same roof as our Master. As faithful servants let us surround this beloved Master with our love, and let us always be ready to obey all his commandments.

I have sometimes been concerned, seeing you obliged to get into the chapel, that it is not done with enough respect. There are some very young sisters who make a lot of noise; that you are not to be heard. Go gently, respectfully, and show inner adoration by the outward dress and respect as you walk into the chapel. Just as we become accustomed to these goods that the presence of our Lord brings us, in the same way, we are no longer sufficiently touched by the habit. In an atmosphere full of graces like ours, we must constantly fight against the routine that makes us no longer have a feeling of God's gifts that is lively enough, grateful enough, respectful enough to say to our Lord: "How is it that you, the Lord of all things, who have honored only a part of the earth with your presence during your mortal life, deign to dwell in the house where I am, and that I, miserable me, be allowed into your society, to be able to follow the prayers that the Church makes and to be able to obtain all that I ask in your name? »





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We obtain everything we ask for, if God judges it, good for us, such as an increase in God's love, strength in the fight against the passions, renunciation of ourselves, enlightenment to know our faults and fight against them: these are the prayers that God preferably answers. However, as we see in the Gospel, we can ask our Father for bread and other goods that the heavenly Father holds in his hand; there is nothing that we cannot ask for in the temporal order of things, as long as it is not contrary to the service of God, such as asking for health for a person we love, for success in a firm.

By asking this, I would advise you to always ask for supernatural graces, such as an immense regret for the mistakes made, a great horror of imperfect dispositions through which one can fall back into other sins, an enhancement of love, the spirit of prayer, and I would add today a great spirit of faith which makes us understand the happiness of having our Lord in our home that fills us with respect, modesty, and thoughtfulness when we are in His presence.