

IN ALL THINGS SEEK GOD'S GLORY  
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My dear Daughters,

When I spoke to you the other day about fervour, a thing I did not say was this: the best way to be fervent and the true mark of fervour is - to seek God's glory, and to seek it in everything in all our actions, and never to have any other aim.

God made everything for His glory. Human beings left to their own resources could never have procured it: there is no proportion between them and God who is infinite. But in His unbounded kindness and love God gave His only Son to the world, and thanks to Him those of His human creatures who are united to Him by grace can render God a glory that is not only of infinite value but is in proportion with His Divine Majesty. It is a fact that everything that comes through Christ Our Lord is infinite value and it depends on us to have constant union with Him, and by that, union and by imitating Him, to become in some measure like Him. By doing this we can become other Christus and thus by our thoughts, words, acts and feelings to be able to give God immeasurable glory. Everything you do can glorify God: you say the Office, and over and over, again you repeat: "Per dominum nostrum Jesum Christum" which means that our Office passes through Him and gives immense glory to God.

Our Lord used to recite all the psalms. On the Cross, as you know, He said: "Deus, Deus, meus, quare me dereliquisti?" (Ps. 21: 2). And the whole of this psalm which is in a special way the psalm of the Passion. We may be sure that the psalms were the habitual prayers of Our Lord and His Apostles, so when we repeat these very same words that were

so often on Our Lord's lips we ought to do so in union with Him, with the intention of carrying out His holy will. And if we unite our heart and mind and will with the Church we are sure to procure God's glory.

In all the actions of your daily life cultivate this intention of giving glory to God; and first and foremost in the Action of Actions, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Of all the actions the one that gives most glory to God is the Mass, because it renews Our Lord's sacrifice. In it He offers Himself to the Father, He Himself, by the mouth of the priest says the words of Consecration and in doing so gives sovereign glory to His Father.

In all our thoughts and actions, in all our work, by conforming ourselves to Our Lord and uniting ourselves with Him we can give ceaseless glory to God. I see no higher motives, no thoughts so consoling or so calculated to detach us from self, no principle of action or feeling that can sanctify us more or make us more fervent in our whole life, that this zeal for God's glory.

I wanted to say all this to you, because one cannot speak about fervour without speaking of God's glory. Last time I spoke more about the antidotes to tepidity. Today, I ask you to stir up and revive in your heart an ardent desire to glorify God by all you do and all you are.

Cultivate a great devotion to the Holy Mass so as to offer yourself by it to Our Lord and unite yourselves with Him. And cultivate too a great devotion to the Blessed Eucharist that remain on our altars for our adoration, and by this mystery make yourself one with Our Lord's immolation and silence and prayer. Then throughout the day whether you

pray or act or work for souls and carry out your various duties, strive to be one with Him who gives infinite value to your actions and continual glory to God.

The imitation says that God does not look so much at what we do as the motive for which we do it. So make God's glory the motive in all your actions, even the smallest and least important. Our Lady did not do important things. Her actions were quite ordinary, sewing, cooking simple meals for Our Lord and St. Joseph, and later on she did the same in St. John's house. But what prayer, what love, what union with her Divine Son she put into all she did! And what infinite merit she enriched her most commonplace tasks! That was what made her the holiest of creatures and what gave God more glory than any other creature ever gave Him.

You are her Daughters; so for the end of this month take the resolution to give glory to God by your most ordinary actions, by regular observance, by obedience, by simplicity of heart and union with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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