



St. Marie Eugenie of Jesus

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Passion Sunday

On the principle of the sufferings of Jesus Christ, which is the love He has for us, which led Him to abandon all the holiest, most just, and most due goods of His Being, to come and draw us, by His example, to abandon false and unjust goods that taint us with some stain, even when they are the most innocent. "Draw me, and we will run to the fragrance of your perfumes¹."

The sufferings of deprivation of Jesus Christ begin with His life, and it is indeed with a sacrifice of deprivation of the satisfactions of this world that we must begin to imitate Him. What will we not willingly sacrifice if we cast our eyes upon Him? Is there anything—friends, relatives, satisfaction, amusement, freedom, thoughts, studies, knowledge, etc.—that can be compared to the blessedness, to being with His Father, to His legitimate glory, that He gives up for us etc.?

To establish the incompatibility of the goods of this world, or at least of their affection, with the grace of Jesus stripped bare; to establish² it by the defilement and impurity of the goods of this world, then by the injustice found in us, sinners, who owe God penance, being in possession of the goods that Jesus Christ did not want, could not, nor should have had³ when He came to be our victim. Let us therefore try to allow ourselves to be drawn into His love and to strip ourselves of all the things of the earth in the meditation of His sufferings⁴.

Let us each seek what we hold dear and not let this time of the Passion pass without having left for Jesus the attachment of honor, friendship, comfort, etc., which may remain to us.

+ The goods of which Jesus stripped Himself for us and which are not only holy but the consummation of all holiness, or rather infinitely above all created holiness, are those to which He wants to attract us by detaching us from the false goods of this world⁵.

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² To establish: in addition

³ 1st throw: "could not"; "wanted, nor should": in addition.

⁴ Of all the things of the earth": in addition

⁵ This paragraph has been on the margin and indicated by a cross