

My dear Daughters,

I am glad that this point of the Rule mentioning the apostolic Man sees what is external, *But God sees the activities that can be undertaken by the Congregation* has been read and I wanted to draw your attention to this: we are for the salvation of souls by the means enumerated, such as

retreats, boarding schools, orphanages, etc. But it would be a mistake to think that we could do all that at the same time. One or the other house, according to circumstances, can do work of these different kinds, but to overburden ourselves is not in keeping with our spirit. The thing of first importance for us is to have enough time to devote to God and our interior life. We are too often influenced by what Father Faber calls the great fault of our times, the agitation, the sort of fever of wishing to undertake everything. There are souls who, from zeal, multiply their occupations and burden themselves with a heap of activities and do not reserve enough time for the most necessary thing of all, caring for their interior life, their spiritual progress, their union with God.

The basis of our life must be the service of God by our sanctification, by directing our intention towards Him, always with the firm purpose of complete submission to His holy will, in a spirit of silence, obedience, humility, of prayer and recollection, and in a state of total gift of self and constant union with Our Lord.

There may be people who in the midst of zealous absorbing tasks or activities even to the point of agitation, can keep themselves in a state of perfection and spiritual progress. But, believe me, my dear Sisters, there are few such souls and 98% need a certain degree of

acts of virtues. This must not surprise you nor must expect it till the end of your life. Always, and in others, we shall have to put up with imperfections be obvious, without however making us guilty in

Scriptures says (I Kings 16. 7). He sees us through and judges our intention. He looks at our state

Thus it is necessary for us to attend to our interior right, using the right means: prayer and recollection be the foundation of our life on which everything

up. One cannot build on shaky ground as people in a rush and scatter their energies on external things their best to catch up with their meditation and all the exercises of the interior life

lately external happenings have created hindrances, breaking up communities and scattering directions. But now there is nothing to prevent more care for our interior life again. We can do

here because we do not have urgencies. We have than before, since our apostolic activities are less school is very small.

It would be a good thing to renew yourselves in silence... I also recommend obedience and dependence several things have been done without permission Daughters, that ought not to be. Why is there a

the house as well as the Superior General? Precious for you to practice obedience. So from a careful to ask all the necessary permissions, and constantly practising humility and patience and

