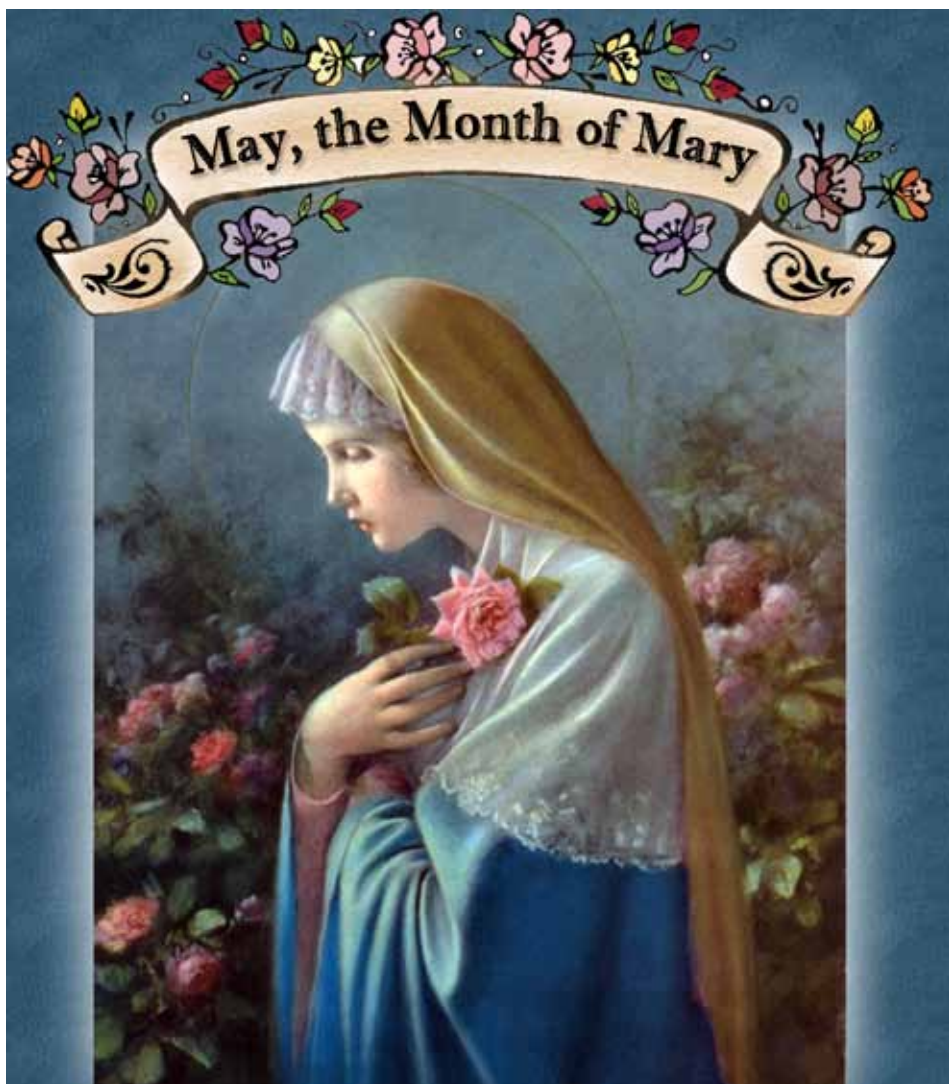




**BULLETIN OF THE ORDER OF THE FRANCISCAN MINIMS
OF THE PERPETUAL HELP OF MARY
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Our Flowers for Mary



May is still the month of Mary. Inspite of the errors of Protestantism, the decrease in devotion to Her and the hatred of pagans. . . Mary is still our Mother and this is Her month. And if all these spiritual orphans don't offer Her anything but thorns or anything at all, it is our desire to offer Her the May flowers we have always offered since we were children.

How many thorns enter the Immaculate Heart of Mary! Throughout the world there are images of Our Lady that cry, and some even cry blood! They are a tourist attraction and the people say: "But why does she cry?" If devotion to Mary is considered old-

fashioned, a fad of the last century and only for those who follow after the message of Fatima, isn't that enough reason for Her to cry?

If Catholics who have been lead to forget and even deny, not only Her powerful intercession





rist and the disrespect of all things holy, isn't that enough reason to cry?

Why does Mary cry? Because in spite of all She has done for us, all She has suffered for our salvation, all the prayers She has offered to God to obtain for us forgiveness, we forget to invoke Her, we refuse to imitate Her and are careless in giving Her thanks for Her motherly love.

During this month of May and of Mary, our flowers

before God and Her role in the work of Redemption, but publicly speak against Her, is that not reason enough to cry?

If Her continuous supplications have been ignored and mankind hastens to its own ruin, victim of the forces of Hell and the devil's instruments to destroy Christianity, isn't that reason enough to cry?

If inspite of all She suffered at the Crucifixion of Her Divine Son on Calvary, Her own Passion increases daily, due to the sacrileges that are committed against Him in the Blessed Eucha-





must be daisies of sincerity, lilies of generosity, violets of gratitude and roses of love. We must not permit Our Lady to cry any more...let us dry Her tears with a sincere devotion and the promise

to behave as Her true children.

May our flowers for Mary be fragrant and numerous, in such a way that in Heaven we will offer Her a bouquet that will dry Her tears forever.



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What and Where is Love?



Love is a word so misused and misunderstood! And since love has existed from all eternity, in this bulletin we will consider its source: the Holy Spirit. But who is this Divine Person, so hidden and unknown by many Catholics? Is He by chance the founder of charismatic movements or the inspirer of the most fervent yoga teachers or the author of all the “apparitions” which supposedly take place so frequently throughout the world? By no means!

The definition of the Holy Spirit, and His role in the Most Blessed Trinity is: the love of the Father and of the Son. His entire existence is produced by love, is nourished with it and diffuses it alone. Now... what and where is love...?

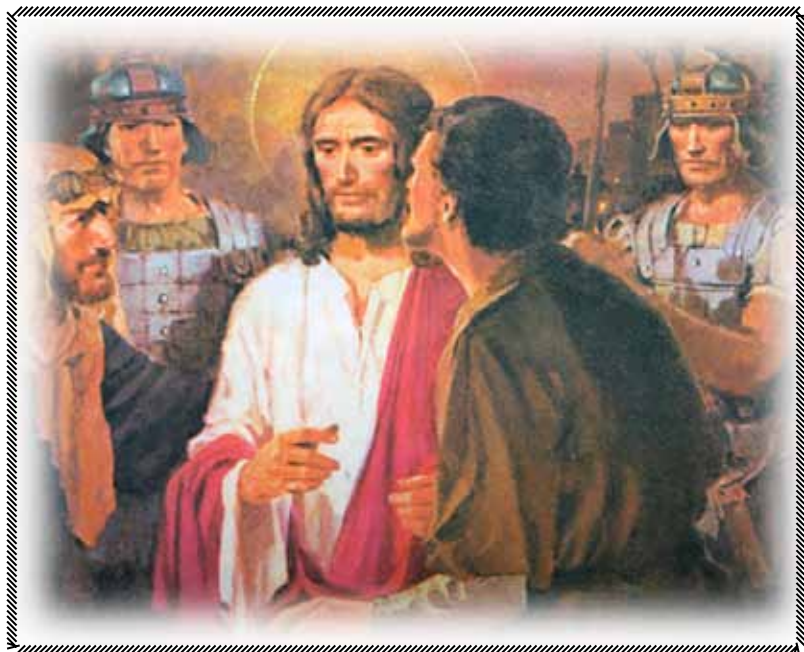
This would seem a useless

question, since it is the foundation of all sanctity and the essence of God Himself!

What is love...?

The literal definition is: “... a strong affection or predilection for someone or something”. Consequently, it is an act deriving from the virtue of charity. Its





characteristics are: fidelity, sincerity, generosity and desinterest.

received the kiss of peace from Judas, does not turn its cheek away.

Fidelity

It is easy for us to say that we love someone, but that is not sufficient. If we love just for one day, for one year or now and then, our love is weak, lukewarm and destined to die. True love, like the love God has for us, is always fervent, always prompt to overcome difficulties, and ever increasing. In spite of our ingratitude, He never fails us, especially in times of need. Sometimes He seems to hide, but it is in order for us to desire and call on Him so much the more. True love never betrays the loved one, and like Our Lord Who

Sincerity

True love is always sealed with sincerity. A heart which is sincere has no room for deceit, for falsehood or disguise. It is crystal clear and possesses no complications or conflicts. Always spontaneous and generous, a sincere love is like to that of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, that in spite of so many offenses, is always determined to forgive, to absolve and to forget.

Generosity

True love, as The Imitation of Christ says: "...is an excellent thing, a great good indeed, which



alone maketh light all that is burdensome and equally bears all that is unequal. For it carries a burden without being burdened and makes all that which is bitter sweet". Love always tends upwards and is not ever to be detained by earthly things. It knows no limits and is always ready to

give most generously without measure.

Desinterest

True love does not seek its own benefit and is not entangled by any temporal interest. It does not seek any reward for itself, but offers a pure inten-

tion to God alone. Our Savior, who was denied and abandoned during His Passion by His own Apostles, did not reproach them on the day of His glorious Resurrection. He was compassionate with their weaknesses.

Where is love?

Where can we find all these characteristics of true love? We can find them with total perfection in Heaven, partially in Purgatory and imperfectly on earth.



Love in Heaven

Heaven is the homeland of eternal Love. If the essence of God is love, He cannot admit in His company a soul that is not totally united to Him by perfect love. The vision of God will be our occupation forever and will eternally be nourished by love.

Love in Purgatory

Since the suffering souls do not yet enjoy the beatific vision, their longing for God may be perfect, but not their love for



Him. This stage of purification cleanses their souls little by little and they gradually grow in love in the same measure as they are cleansed from the stains of sin. They understand that this purification is an act of God's divine mercy and they accept it with holy resignation.

Love on earth

The poor children of Eve in this vale of tears are chained to human weakness, due to the wounds of original sin, and this impedes their acquisition of perfect love in this life. Human love is always mixed with self-love, human respect, vanity, etc. It is very difficult to live on earth with their eyes lifted to Heaven, since the enemies of the soul are always on guard to

turn every act of love into envy, hatred, vengeance and jealousy.



In the Broadway musical "Oliver" the young boy sings: "Where is love? Does it fall from skies above?" This is the answer to our question: the only true love is Divine Love, that which "only falls" from Heaven, from our Eternal Father Who sent us His only Son and the Holy Spirit to teach us how, where and when to love.

May it be for the glory of God!



The Franciscan Minims of the Perpetual Help of Mary “... the best part”

Very frequently when we go out on errands people ask us: “What Order do you belong to?” We always answer that we are Franciscans. But since our habit is maroon colored and our head veil is green, they surprisingly look at us and say: “But Franciscans always dress in brown!” The colors of our habit are a replica of the clothing of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, our Patroness. “And what are you dedicated to?” is the next question. “We are a contemplative Congregation, dedicated to prayer and sacrifice,” we answer. At times it seems very hard for people to believe this: that we are dedicated to prayer and sacrifice, two things totally contrary to the spirit of the modern world.



Contemplation is a word very rarely heard nowadays, and the worst is that it is also very unknown in our activist society. And when a young girl thinks about a religious vocation, the first thing that comes to her mind is to become a teacher, a missionary or a nurse. Her ideal is to work in a school, a hospital, an orphanage or an old folks home; her desire is to live in a foreign land distributing food to the poor, teaching catechism to pagans or attending to war victims. All this is necessary, but there is another side to the story, another chapter to the book and another side of the mirror.

When Our Lord arrived one day at Bethany to visit His good friends Lazarus, Martha and



This is our way of thinking... But let us attend to the words of Our Lord: “Martha, Martha, you are careful and are troubled about many things: but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the best part, which shall not be taken away

Mary, the entire family rejoiced at His visit. Martha went to work in the preparations for the meals and lodging, since Jesus did not come alone, but accompanied by His Apostles. That was indeed a handful of work, but Martha was very competent for such a chore. However Mary, from the moment Jesus showed up did nothing else but attend to Him personally and listen to His divine doctrine. On seeing that Mary had no intention to help out with the housework, Martha became upset and approached Our Lord to accuse Mary and ask Him to tell her to help out with the preparations.

It would seem that Martha was right, that is wasn't fair for Mary to remain idle and leave her alone with all the work, that is was her duty to help her sister.

from her.” (*Luke X, 41, 42*)

Does this mean, then, that the active religious life of missionaries and teachers, is useless or unimportant to the life of the Church? Of course not! But it means that all religious, before anything else, must keep their eyes fixed on Our Lord to hear His divine word. Contemplation is not meant only for cloistered nuns, but for all consecrated souls. However, when Our Lord said that Mary had chosen the best part, He referred to the souls who are dedicated exclusively to remain at His feet and keep Him company in His mystical victimhood in the Blessed Eucharist.

This is precisely the goal of the Minim Sisters: to adore Our Lord day and night and console



His most Sacred Heart, so offended by the sins of men. Our vocation as “Marys” is to make Holy Mass and Perpetual Adoration the center of our lives. We pray continuously and for all the intentions of Holy Mother Church. Our petitions are universal, that is, that we pray for everyone from the Pope to the last pagan hidden in foreign countries. We are spiritual missionaries, praying for the conversion and sanctification of all souls; we are spiritual nurses, taking every interest in the spiritual health of souls, praying to Our Lord to cure the wounds of mankind. Our penances and sacrifices are offered to the Almighty to appease His Divine Justice and obtain for the

world forgiveness and mercy.

Ours is a hidden life, unnoticed by all and only for God. Just like Jesus in the Eucharist, we are like the sanctuary lamp, always lit near the altar to give testimony of His True Presence.

Indeed, we have been chosen by God to enjoy “the best part,” and we have the divine guarantee that it will never be taken away from us.

Your sister in Christ, the last of the Minims,

Sister Mary of the Holy Spirit of P.H.f.m.

***May it be for the glory
of God!***

It's Just a Matter of Common Sense

Last October the Church “celebrated” the 40th Anniversary of the beginning of Vatican Coun-

not give good fruit, and that by their fruits we shall know them, what can be said of the “fruits” of



These are priests!

cil II. Forty years have gone by, and it seems that the great goals the modernists dreamt of have never become a reality. If Our

Vatican II?

We can say that these fruits do not pertain to our Holy Catholic Church which is good in every



Are these priests?

Lord said that a good tree cannot give bad fruit, that a bad tree can-

sense of the word. The only true Church, founded by Jesus Christ



What a Mass!



What?... a Mass?

cannot give bad fruits. So then, all the changes which have taken place in the last four decades have nothing to do with the sanctity of the Catholic Church, and those people who proclaim that the Novus Ordo Mass, the liturgical disorders and the scandalous behavior of the priests who dress up like clowns or like Superman to celebrate “Mass” are not true members of the Church of Christ.

Those of us who conserve the old traditions of the Church, starting with the Latin Mass, are considered today as rebellious and as members of a new sect.

If we have not strayed from the path of twenty centuries of Catholicism, how can we be called a sect?

It’s a matter of common sense... We don’t have to be theologians to see that the bad fruits derive from the changes made in the last forty years; to see that the massive loss of religious vocations are the fruits of modernism; that the secularization of priests derives from the loss of faith caused by all the liturgical disorders.

If the Catholic Church is universal, why does every priest celebrate the Mass differently?

Masses for youngsters with rock music, masses for children with clowns, nuptial masses with the couple standing behind the altar with the priest and “participating” in the Lord’s supper... Everywhere the masses are differ-

And we who assist at the Latin Tridentine Mass of all times, celebrated identically in every traditional church throughout the entire world, are considered rebels of another sect!



What a nun!



What a shame!

ent: some priests preach about politics, others about sports, others about the last financial news. Some give Communion standing up, others in the hand and others in both species. There is nothing universal about all of this.

It’s just a matter of common sense... See for yourself, dear reader, and decide for yourself who is Catholic and who is not.

May it be for the glory of God!

God will reward you!

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