

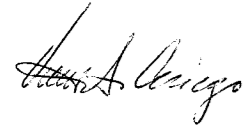
assuredly persevere in fidelity to the Sacred Heart. Thereby, may God grant us more Holy Priests to minister to the needs of the faithful, our generous benefactors. In reciprocating charity, we see God's goodness: *What hast thou that thou hast not received?* (I Cor 4:7)

May the Immaculate Virgin Mary guide us courageously to the foot of Calvary, in fidelity to the sacrifices asked from the true lovers of Christ, and there may we be forged in the crucible of the Sacred Heart, whereby we too may burn ardently in the Fire of Divine Love, as resplendent images of Christ.

As we pray to become images of Christ, we implore the Good Master of the Vineyard to send more labourers into the harvest! May the Sacred Heart find willing men to fill the gap in His pierced Heart, thus giving glory as true Christs living in the world and labouring for the salvation of souls.

*And I sought among them for a man that might set up a hedge, and stand in the gap before me in favour of the land, that I might not destroy it: and I found none.* (Ezechiel 22:30).

In Christ the King,



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#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- First Engagements and the Receiving of the Cassock – 11 July 2010
- Minor Ordinations – 15 August 2010
- Ignatian Retreats: You may request retreat information from the Seminary at [retreats@holycrossseminary.com](mailto:retreats@holycrossseminary.com)
- Men's Retreat – 3 to 8 January 2011
- Ladies' Retreat – 24 to 29 January 2011

#### RAISING FUNDS TO REPLACE OLD WINDOWS at the Seminary.

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- \$35,000.00 still needed to improve the heating efficiency in the Seminary Chapel and Refectory.
- Priests', Brothers' and Seminarians' rooms! \$1,200 each. We hope to replace thirty windows for the dormitory rooms.



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*My Heart hath expected reproach and misery: and I looked for one that would grieve together with Me, but there was none: and for one that would comfort Me, and I found none* (Offertory of the Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus).

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

The great love God has for us sinners is truly amazing. God seems to look past our unworthiness and to discern in us the perfection of Christ, which we were made to strive for and to attain by cooperation with His merciful grace. The month of June, dedicated in a special way to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is a time in which to awaken greater devotion to Our Loving God.

Psalm sixty-eight, from which the Offertory of the Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is taken, urges us to contemplate Christ's sorrow and suffering, all for the love of men, despite our rebellious behaviour. This mournful critique of our love for God, our appreciation of Our Lord's Passion, is a call to greater love and generosity in our devotion, our fidelity to living the example Christ has given us.



*Sacred Heart of Jesus with Saint Ignatius of Loyola and Saint Louis Gonzaga, c. 1770, by José de Páez*

### **Do we love as Christ loved? A critique of our love of God.**

God wonderfully manifests His great love for us because He expects our conversion, our repentance, and our sanctification. The Lamentations of Jeremias or the prophecies of Isaias and the warnings of Ezechiel aptly portray God's justice in punishing sinners as well as His mercy, calling sinners to return to His love. This "cryptic" manifestation of God's merciful love in the Old Testament is beautifully revealed in the New Testament by the life of Christ, and especially in His Sacred Heart.

Wounded by love refused, the Heart of Christ yearns for the repentance of sinners and the increase of holiness in God's children. Our Lord's "consolation" is in our reciprocation of the love God shares with us. This love is humble – as God seems to wait, to ask, to hope for a return... Rightly we are humbled in light of our miserliness. As we ponder what it is that God sees in such rebellious or lazy creatures, we are further humbled at His generosity. Only divine love and infinite wisdom could await with such tender patience our conversion and endure our lethargy while seeking and desiring to bring about the transformation of a sinner to a saint.

### **The price of our Redemption and its wonderful Rewards. Do we appreciate Our Lord's Passion?**

To be like Christ requires the grace of God, merited by Our Lord's Passion and Death, without which we are certainly lost. Our Lord suffered in love for us, taking on the burden of the Cross and the agony of the Crucifixion for our sins (our Redemption and Sanctification). Although this terrible anguish cost Him much, He persevered in joy, knowing that His Sacrifice would win souls otherwise lost forever to Hell. *Alleluia, alleluia. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, because I am meek and humble of Heart: and you shall find rest to your souls. Alleluia* (Alleluia from the Mass of the Sacred Heart, Mt 11:29).

If we desire to conform to the example of Christ, we are required to assess our "loving service of God." Fr. Mateo Crawley-Boevey, a great apostle of the Sacred Heart, says this from the book *Jesus King of Love*:

"The unanimous opinion of the clergy and all who deal with souls is that the spirit of sacrifice is dying out among the rising generation and the idol of self is being set up in its place. 'Self' rules supreme. This is only logical, for there is but one Master of self-abnegation, namely, Jesus Christ! The Cross is the only forge in which the metal of personality can be given a Christian shape. Either we passionately love that Master with His Cross, or we replace Him by the idol known as 'Self.' And we cannot forget Self unless we greatly love Him who alone can overcome our selfishness. Those who really love our Lord always rejoice in their suffering whatever they may be." (*Jesus King of Love*, Fr. Mateo Crawley-Boevey, SS.CC., p. 113)

Sacred Heart of Jesus, reveal to us the motives of all our actions! Were this light granted, as petitioned, a great many would be brought to their knees with the realization of the selfishness so common to our lives... and even while pursuing "religion" and "virtue." Yet, it is this medicinal light of truth Our Lord greatly desires to share with us, with His grace, so that we may, in humility, depend upon Him, our Redeemer and Saviour. This medicine will unite us to Him in Gethsemane, have us accompany Him to Calvary, and forever reside with Him in Heaven.

This is the only way. But we are weak, fearful and negligent. With our languid efforts to eradicate all that is opposed to Christ and adhere willingly in all things to God's Will, we naturally aim short of the target, and often only make a half effort at reaching it. Somehow, we must learn how to *grieve with* Christ for the offence of sin and

*to comfort* Our Lord by living virtuously. Fr. Mateo speaks of two sins that sustain our weakness, fearfulness, and negligence and are obstacles to conformity to Christ:

"First, *the revolt of pride*, which is a lofty attitude of want of submission; that '*non serviam*,' 'I will not serve,' which is so opposed to 'the obedience unto death, even unto the death of the cross' of the Son of God. Secondly, *the sin of sensuality*, which is met with in the drawing rooms of 'distinguished' people, at the seaside – and even in our churches – under the form of immodest fashions very often patronized by careless Catholic women who, by their shameless clothing (or lack of it), are real 'sowers of mortal sin,' 'ticket-sellers for Hell!' Most of the gravest sins are caused by this revolting indelicacy and these fashionable Catholics heap up for themselves a crushing weight of responsibility against the hour of justice. They sow death along their path, they will reap divine vengeance." (*Jesus King of Love*, Fr. Mateo Crawley-Boevey, SS.CC., p. 155)

What do we do to be forged in the likeness of Christ's Sacred Heart? Have we earnestly striven to know and eradicate any obstacles to our spiritual life? Is there a reason for our lack of progress and then take real, practical and possible means to advance? In these questions we test our devotion.

### **How devoted are we to God, His religion and conformity to Christ's example?**

*They shall look on Him Whom they pierced* (Gospel, Mass of the Sacred Heart, Jn 19:37). As we gaze upon the heroic Self-sacrificing love of God for wayward man, we contemplate Christ on the Cross, His pierced side, and, there for all men to behold, His Sacred Heart, open and emptied for sinners – that they may be strengthened and encouraged to draw nearer still, and to reciprocate Christ's love. We must "enter in by the narrow way" and, once in the garden of Gethsemane, we grieve with Our Lord over our sins and make amends and comfort Our Lord: *The Lord is sweet and righteous: therefore He will give a law to sinners in the way. He will guide the mild in judgement: He will teach the meek His ways* (Gradual, Mass of the Sacred Heart, Ps 24:8-9).

The Sacred Heart's call to approach and to be strengthened is the true joy of our life – to live Christ crucified and then to live Christ glorified. We must pray to live true to the example left us by the Sacred Heart.

Once again, we express our gratitude to the generous support of our friends and benefactors, with which we more



A new Crucifix, carved by Bro. Bernard, is blessed and to be hung in the Seminary Refectory