

29. Liturgical life as a support

All Saints' Day

"My health is good. Let us live in hope and let all our trust be in the mercies of the Lord. Let us prepare ourselves well for this great feast of all saints. It is a great consolation for us and a reason for hope to be able to count among them several whom we have known on earth and who belonged to our two families ". Letter 2a220

Christmas and New Year (see extract 30)

Lent and Holy Week (see extract 28)

"Let us celebrate in the best way, *our great feast (of the Sacred Heart)* and, if we eat bread soaked in tears, and which is not to nature's liking, let us remember that it is the bread which the Heart of Jesus has chosen for us and we will be happy to participate in it with him. Let us desire no other than that; let us always receive it gratefully from His hand. Our divine Savior sends it to us, like food, as it were, from his table. Could we desire better nourishment? When our taste is purified like his, this bread will seem delicious to us. Evil will then change itself for us into good, and suffering will take the place of happiness. Divine Love is all-powerful and is pleased to bring about such changes. He once changed water into wine; everyday He changes material bread into His own body. Let us pray that He may change our hearts into His and destroy in us any sentiment, which is not in conformity with those of his Divine heart. Let us say with a holy soul: eternity is long enough to enjoy; the present time is not too long to suffer ".

Letter 2a412, June 13, 1806.

And many other feasts...