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"O come and let us worship Christ, of all nations Lord,
Alleluia!"—*Invitatory, Office of Corpus Christi.*

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"For He must reign." (1 Cor. xv. 25.)



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TO
THE LOVING MEMORY OF
MY MOTHER
WHO FIRST TAUGHT ME
TO KNOW, LOVE, ADORE
THE DIVINE KING AND SOVEREIGN
OF OUR HEARTS
I. D.

TO OUR BELOVED SON
ALEXIS MARY LEPICIER
PRIOR GENERAL OF THE ORDER
OF SERVANTS OF MARY
BENEDICT XV POPE

Beloved Son: Health and Apostolic Blessing.

With sentiments of deep pleasure We have received that work of yours of small proportions but profound in ideas, in which with easy and clear reasoning and with arguments drawn from theological sources you show that Jesus Christ is King of all mankind. What gives Us particular satisfaction is that, in developing and illustrating the nature of His kingdom, which He has by virtue of divine right, you have established the duty incumbent on each of us, on the family, and on society at large of consecrating themselves to His most Sacred Heart. And you easily persuade all who read your book to do so, such is the sweet odor of piety which it breathes forth.

Whilst, then, We give you thanks for the volume you have offered Us, We bestow Our full approval on the act which We hear you are about to accomplish; viz., to consecrate the entire Order, of which you are the Superior, to the divine Heart of Jesus Christ. It is, in fact, most fitting that those chiefly who profess a special devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows, should devote themselves in a particular manner to the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ Who has suffered so much for us, for nothing is dearer to Mary, the Sorrowful Mother, than that her clients should faithfully serve her Son.

8 *LETTER OF APPROBATION*

Nor can We doubt but that this solemn manifestation of tender homage to the Sacred Heart, Fount of life and holiness, will bring a great increase of virtue to the Religious of your Order. As a token of this wish and an expression of Our fatherly benevolence toward you, We impart to you, and to all the Religious of your illustrious Order, Our Apostolic Blessing.

Given at St. Peter's, Rome, on the second of February, Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the year of grace 1920, the sixth of Our Pontificate.

(Signed) **BENEDICT XV, POPE.**