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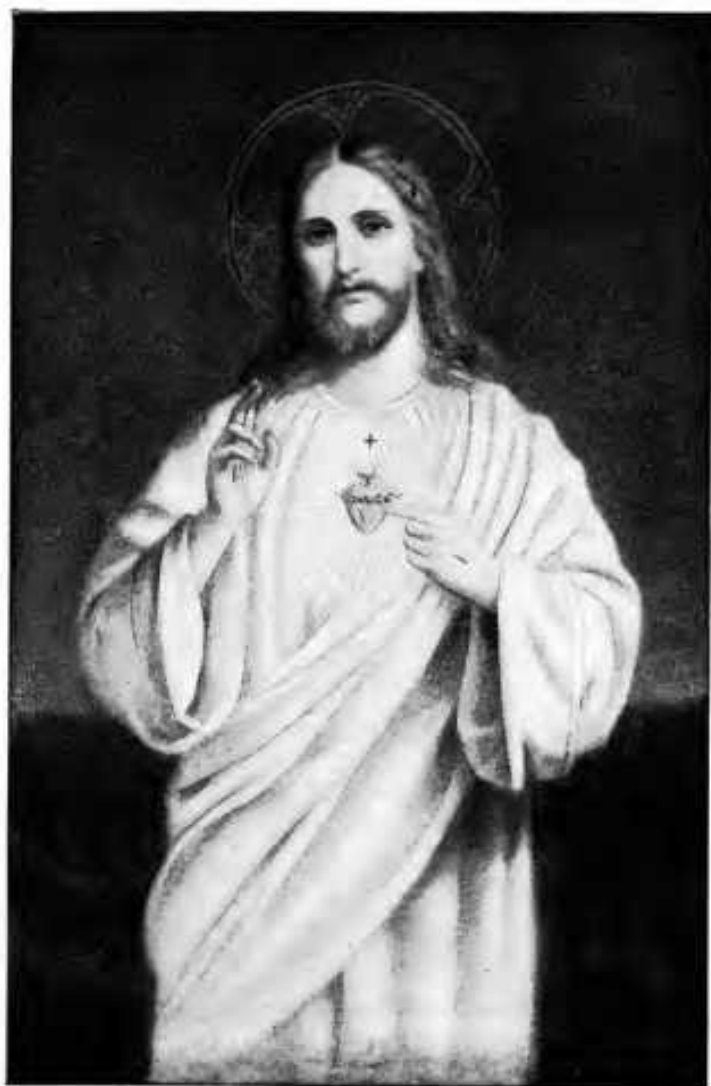
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## PREFACE

The chapters in this book had their origin in a desire to find out the meaning and use of the word "heart" in the New Testament and to apply that revealed teaching to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The various texts were studied with the help of approved commentators, and their meaning accurately determined, as far as was necessary for the purpose in view. No new interpretations were ventured upon and, in some cases, interpretations which might be looked upon as less probable were accepted, when it was thought they could better further the religious and devotional scope of the articles.

The study in many instances showed that the word "heart" in the Gospels serves to illustrate the traits of our Lord's Heart by contrast more than by likeness. But the results have been judged sufficiently helpful to warrant their appearance in book form. The hour of serious reading, the time given to the gathering of thoughts for prayer, will likely prove to be the best occasion for testing the helpfulness of these papers.

### Preface

Some of these papers have appeared in the *Messenger of the Sacred Heart*; some in the *Homiletic Monthly*; others are new.

May the truths here collected from the Word of God and the teaching of His Church increase in the hearts of the faithful the knowledge and love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

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