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APPROBATION OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

WE, the undersigned, have examined, by appointment of the Very Reverend Father Provincial, the book, already published under the title: *The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the Souls of the Just*, by the Very Rev. Father Master, Brother Barthélemy Froget, of the Order of the Preaching Brothers. This work being very praiseworthy on account of the solidity of its doctrine and by its conformity with the teachings of St. Thomas, has won the attention of theologians. Having thus advanced the progress of sacred science, it may furthermore contribute to the increase of piety in men's souls. It has seemed to us worthy to be republished, and we affirm our approval of the new impression, with the additions and changes which the author has judged proper to introduce.

FATHER MARIE-JOSEPH, O.P.,

Master in Sacred Theology.

FATHER DENYS MEZARD, O.P.

*Lyon, the Feast of St. Raymond de Pennafort,
the 23d of January, 1900.*

LETTER OF HIS EMINENCE THE CARDINAL
ARCHBISHOP OF LYONS

ARCHBISHOP'S RESIDENCE,
Lyons, July 16, 1899.

DEAR FATHER FROGET :

I congratulate you upon having treated in your book one of the most interesting and consoling doctrines of the Christian faith: the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the Souls of the Just.

In the Gospels and in the Epistles there are passages upon this subject which we too often read without penetrating their deeper meaning; and yet these inspired words reveal to us, if deeply pondered, the real grandeur of the Christian soul which is in the state of grace, and its wonderful relations with the Persons of the Holy Trinity.

In our day we study natural psychology with minute care, but we neglect what may be called supernatural psychology, namely, the energies, the actions, and the beauties of the soul which the Holy Spirit sanctifies by His indwelling and His mysterious activities. The Apostle, St. Paul, has traced the great outlines of this admirable science; the holy Fathers, particularly St. Augustine, have developed it by their learned commentaries.

These truths you have presented with the exactness born of your profound knowledge of the theology of St. Thomas Aquinas, and with such remarkable clarity, that your work will be appreciated not only by ecclesiastics, but also by those members of the laity who are eager for a better knowledge of our holy religion.

Therefore, I am glad to recommend your book to all classes of the faithful; and, whilst expressing to you my sentiments of respect and devotedness, I beg Our Saviour to bestow His blessing upon your labors and upon your apostolic ministry.

†PIERRE CARD. COULLIE,

Archbishop of Lyons and Vienne.

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

THE Sovereign Pontiff, Leo XIII., in his admirable Encyclical, *Divinum illud munus*, addressed to the entire Catholic world under date of May 9, 1897, expresses his ardent desire to see faith in the august ministry of the Trinity revived in men's souls, and piety towards the Holy Ghost increased in their hearts. To this end he drew the attention of the Faithful to the presence of the Holy Spirit, His wonderful power, as well as His activity, throughout the Church; and also in the soul of each of the Faithful, imparting the abundance of His celestial Gifts. Furthermore, the Vicar of Jesus Christ reminded Catholic preachers and others who have charge of souls, of the duty incumbent on them to explain carefully, and with clearness and completeness, all that relates to the Holy Spirit, avoiding difficult and subtle controversies, and taking special pains to treat of the innumerable benefits we have received from Him and do constantly receive; so that, as the Holy Father added, ignorance and error about these sublime things may be expelled from the minds of the faithful, who are so rightly called "the children of light" (Ephesians v. 8).

Words as wise as they are opportune. As a matter of fact, how many Christians of our day have any notion, however vague and imperfect, about the Holy Spirit, His Gifts, His wondrous works in the souls of men, the spiritual riches and joys which He lavishes upon whomsoever shows himself docile to His inspirations? "Perhaps," insists Leo XIII., "it would not be impossible even in this our era, to come across Catholic Christians, who, if questioned, as were the proselytes of old by the Apostle, whether or not they had

received the Holy Ghost, would answer in the same words: "We have not so much as heard whether there be a Holy Ghost" (Acts xix. 2). At any rate, there are many who are either entirely ignorant or have but a very superficial knowledge about Him, and thereby, to a certain extent, fall short of the fruits of their religion, lacking the knowledge of that truth so beautiful and so consoling—His invisible sending and His indwelling in souls in the state of grace. And yet what can be more worthy of their deepest attention? Is not this God's supreme Gift, the chief Gift and the crowning Gift of all—God Himself coming within us, giving Himself to us, making Himself our Guest infinitely sweet, our Friend, our Consoler, the active principle of our sanctification, and the pledge of our eternal happiness, nay, its very origin? Is this not the supremely important subject of a reasonable being's thought, the object of his most passionate devotion?

After having raised to the true God a splendid temple full of golden glory, King Solomon cried to heaven in accents of living faith and deepest wonder: "Is it then to be thought that God should indeed dwell upon earth? for if heaven and the heavens of heavens cannot contain Thee, how much less this house which I have built?" (3 Kings viii. 27.) If such was the amazement of the wisest of mankind at God's entrance into a material temple, what should be the sentiments of a man in whose very soul God makes His abode as in a living temple—the infinite Majesty of the Deity, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Master of the universe! Now, it is not merely a pious opinion, an affirmation more or less open to discussion, but it is a truth wholly beyond dispute, that God, by His grace dwells veritably—His actual substantial self—in the unity of His Nature and the Trinity of His Persons, in each and every just soul, and that a bond of love unites the soul to its Creator more intimately than it can ever be joined here below to its dearest friend; and thus it begins, even in this life, to enjoy God with the inef-

fable sweetness of eternal bliss. Leo XIII., in the Encyclical already quoted, goes so far as ever to say that "this marvelous union, which is termed *indwelling*, differs in no wise from the union with God which awaits us in paradise, except in those things which are incidental to our state and condition in our earthly sojourn."

To establish by incontestable arguments drawn from Divine revelation, the actual fact of this special presence of God in righteous souls; clearly to explain its nature, its mode and manner, especially our deification by grace and the adoptive sonship which is its consequence; to give thereby a more perfect comprehension of the dignity of the Christian and of his high destiny; to inspire a more profound appreciation of the supremely precious benefits bestowed on that account upon the just soul at its departure from this life, thus generating a more lively longing for its incomparable heritage reserved in the bliss of heaven; finally, to give a picture of the rich and complex supernatural organism installed by the Holy Ghost in the souls in whom He dwells, permitting them to collaborate with Him and under His guidance in the great work of their sanctification—such is the magnificent programme which we have undertaken to carry out in the present work.

Our first edition has been received with such a welcome as to make us believe that God has deigned to bless our labors, for its success has certainly far transcended our expectations.

This second edition is the exact reproduction of the first, excepting some slight changes, not of matter, but only of arrangement. We have relegated to the end of the volume, in an appendix, some discussions more suitable to theologians than to the general public, suppressing in the interests of peace all polemical matter; and we have added something more about the Gifts of the Holy Ghost the better to impart the thoughts of St. Thomas on that subject.

May the Spirit of God condescend to bless these humble