

God; in her delicate sense of justice, she presents before the great renumerator and offers to homage of men, all those who have merited honor and recompense.

In this feast of All Saints the Church on earth grasps, as it were in a clasp of love, the hand of the Church in heaven, and the communion of the Saints who enjoy eternal happiness of the just who aspire thereto, is revealed as a great consolation and a powerful incentive to virtue.

Those who dwell in this vale of tears imbibe renewed courage for the struggles of life, in reflecting that it was through anguish and sorrow, the Saints who have gone before them finally attained eternal rest, and they say to themselves: "they have been like unto us, let us become what they were."

To treat in a befitting manner of the feast of All Saints, we should be able to depict their glory, their bliss, their raptures without end. But can we presume to be fully competent for such a task? For what the eye had not seen, nor the ear heard; what it had not entered into the heart of man to conceive, must surely surpass all adequate description.

We can do nought better than to sum up with Bossuet, and proclaim that to render the Saints happy, "God will not employ merely his ordinary power; He will do more; He will stretch forth his arm, and heedless of the more common laws which preside over the dispensation of His providence, He will observe none other than those of his power and love. He will go down into the inmost recesses of the soul in quest of a spot that is more susceptible of bliss, to introduce therein joy in abundance and inundate it with delight."

"The Elect shall be so far transformed under the artistic touch of the Divine hand showering down treasures of beauty, that Eternity itself will scarcely suffice for them to recognize themselves. Is this that self same body once subject to so many infirmities? Is this the soul whose faculties were at one time so circumscribed?"

"Whilst imprisoned in this mortal flesh, that soul could discover nought on earth capable of filling the capacity of its desires: hard to please it used to find fault with its every