



In perfect taste, a new statue of the Sacred Heart, carved by Fernand Paquette of the Beaux Arts of Montreal, for the Sacred Heart Convent of the same city (Atwater Street).

Photographer: F. J. Topp.

may be said of many other teachings of the Church, to which this generation must bring its share of the final solution, if not the solution itself.

In this pleasure-loving age of ours, the Sacred Heart's call to penance and reparation is bound to meet with disfavor in certain quarters, even supposedly very religious.

Writers are often thin-skinned in relation to their fellow writers. Even when they grow older, they wish to appear as angry as the next man. Lacking individuality, many, trailing along their coteries, will follow the leader on condition that he be anyone else than the Holy Father.

No doubt about it, wretched religious art, resulting in oversweet statuary, is in part responsible for this attitude. Too many portrayals of the Sacred Heart make us wonder if Our Lord, before sitting for the artist, did not stop at a beauty-parlor for some make-up and a permanent.

Perhaps, and this is serious, there is too little true love in our hearts with a consequent lowering of the Christian mentality. "The Son of man, when he cometh, shall he find, think you, faith on earth?" (*Luke*, XVIII, 8.) What we need is simply meekness and humility of heart, unspoilt by an overdose of Descartes. Thus we would have the ears to hear Pius XII's admonition, coming after that of Leo XIII and Pius XI, that the Sacred Heart is the perfect expression of the Christian religion and of strict obligation for all the faithful.

Nearly fifteen years ago, when I first began my work towards Kateri's beatification, I entrusted it to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In other words to His divine and human Love. To call down His blessings on my undertaking, I recently wrote a book on an apostle of the Sacred Heart, unknown in the English speaking world: *The Visions of Bernard Francis de Hoyos, S. J.**

During the month of June, if all the readers of "Kateri" prayed to the Sacred Heart for the Lily of the Mohawks' speedy beatification and canonization, her cause would rapidly be brought to a head. A daily prayer for this intention, to the Heart of Love, is this asking you too much?

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