

Gleaning of light

Thoughts of Ven. Fr. Luigi Caburlotto



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Educator by vocation, he became a director of the public institutes where he devoted himself to maintain with sagacity and wisdom of heart the Catholic and educative trend in the midst of difficulty which was not common during his time. He died in Venice on July 9, 1897.

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Presentation

Gleaning of light is a collection of thoughts of Fr. Luigi Caburlotto, a man of profound Christian experience, is by which his life was to be *in God, for God, with God*.

The theologian consultants whom in December, 1993 have acknowledged his heroic virtues, wrote:

"In the clearest mirror of his priestly conscience, it is extremely easy to acknowledge the presence of a faith which is truly theological, filled with supernatural be it his interior life or his social relationships.

His virtuous deeds reveal itself in the development of faith in the persons so that they could completely develop their personhood.

His constant serene actions, persevering in the difficulties, prudent and cordial in relationships, his dedication for the poor ones, the foundation of the Institute of the Daughters Of St. Joseph, deprived of economic resources, show a great faith in God and His Divine Providence, and brave hope".

The thoughts that are presented, herein are from the homilies of Fr. Luigi Caburlotto addressed to his parishioners and from the orientations that he gave to the educators.

This publication has been willed to know the heart of a father and of a teacher for those who desire to live the daily life with faith, at any age, and in any condition of life and work.

The journey of faith that Fr. Luigi has routed as a priest , educator and founder, has in fact, helped to incarnate some fundamental attitudes of life of every Christian: the trust, the prudence, the patience, the justice and respect for all.

The one who will read these thoughts with the availability of the disciple, can be helped to inflame lights on his own journey, to find comfort, and to strengthen his faith in God.

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In the gaze of the Father

Someone loves you!

★ **G**od is like a good father in the family: He is good and compassionate; he loves intensely his creatures and calls to work for their salvation which He desires ardently for them.

★ **G**od is the father of all mankind, of every nation, every land, and every age; and He wants to save all.

★ **O**ur God is the infinite goodness, infinite beauty, infinite mercy, and infinite power.

★ **G**od has put in man his image so that he would care for it.

★ **G**od's goodness gives form to the soul of his creature with a very delicate design of love.

★ **T**he parable of the prodigal son is a beautiful image of our God's unlimited compassion.

★ **I** am intimately moved with the work of God every time I look at the earth; the lofty grandeur of the mountains, the sweet charming of the hills, and the gentleness of the flowery meadows.

The heart needs the infinite

★ **T**he one who lives in the presence of God, learns how to feel and act according to the Heart of God.

★ **I**ndeed, nothing is satisfactory outside of God.

★ **M**any are glorifying themselves because they have been the dinner of important personalities: well, we are fellow guests of the same God.

★ **T**he one who loves God of love intensely, firmly wants the virtue, and he doesn't know how to be contented without God.

★ **T**he one who put his hope in the Lord , chooses the true good not the fleeting goods; and the same Lord will be his richness.

★ **A**ll the creatures gathered together are insufficient to fill the heart of man: he needs the infinite. He needs God.

Jesus Christ: Teacher and Lord

Jesus, the Teacher

★ **T**he virtues of gentleness and sweetness manifest the meekness of Jesus Christ.

★ **"I** am meek and humble of heart: learn from me," says the Lord. If He will see us as persons who try hard of imitating his meekness, the forgiveness will be granted to us.

★ **L**et us imitate Jesus by always treating every person with great compassion.

★ **I**f one consider the patience and goodness that Jesus uses in dealing with us, it will not be difficult to adapt patience and goodness in life.

★ **J**esus Christ gives examples of continual prayer: He prayed when he performed miracles, when he preached and when he was overwhelmed with passion.

★ **J**esus proved himself as “true Shepherd of the sheep” by leading His sheep to the right path through examples. He preaches humility and He lives it by incarnating Himself; he preaches the poverty and he wanted to be born and to live poor; He preaches the penance and gives testimony of great sobriety.

★ **J**esus could better choose a condition of richness, but he chose the poverty, and in the same manner, he indicates to us its values of holiness.

★ **M**ay the commitment for all our life be: to work according to the spirit of the Gospel.

★ **T**he sentiments of affection are not mortified, in fact, they become stronger and true if the charity of Jesus Christ ennoble them.

★ **T**he life of Jesus Christ must be our life.

★ **I**f the Christians will study and watch less romances and tragedies, and more the Gospel instead, there would be no many ignorant regarding with the Christian conduct.

★ **T**he one who lives the charity taught by Jesus has a great heart towards all.

Jesus, the loving Lord

★ **L**et us kindle the heart of love, thinking that Jesus in the Eucharist is made bread Himself for us.

★ **W**ith Jesus, everything is possible.

★ **F**rom the tabernacle, the Lord Jesus listens to every invocation of man and he gives strength and grace to all.

★ **J**esus Christ is the way, the truth, the life, the light at noon, the hope, the salvation of men, and the safety door.

★ **S**ince Jesus Christ is merciful, he unites the little that we can give, with the infinite merits of his passion to pay off our debts.

★ **T**he Lord Jesus Christ obeys the voice of man, giving the priests the faculty of consecrating the bread and wine.

★ **T**he Eucharist is the strength for the weak; it is comfort for the afflicted, the grace for the poor and relief for the humble.

★ **T**he Eucharist is a special sign of Christ's compassion towards His brethren.

★ **M**an can obtain nothing from God if it's not through Jesus Christ and his merits.

★ **F**or the one who lives the intimacy with Jesus, every weight is light and every sacrifice is a consolation.

★ **L**et us put our trust in Jesus, He will help us surely.

The glares of the Cross

★ **T**hrough suffering, the Lord gives us the way to purify us and He makes it because He loves us much.

★ **T**he little ones, the poor, and the most abandoned ones are the honour and glory of the Church.

★ **T**he cross has the roots of humility; the trunk is the purity and the branches are the charity: this is the tree of peace.

★ **W**hen the tribulation comes, take it as a guarantee of Christ's love.

★ **T**he true peace can be found itself in the cross and in the will of God.

Mary, Mother of mercy and of goodness

Woman of beauty

★ **H**ail Mary, purely conceived from every sin, how beautiful are your ways, firstborn daughter of the prince!

★ **G**od the Father, how in-love he is, eagerly awaited with impatience the birth of Mary, the morning star, comfort of wretched mankind.

★ **A**mong women, the humble Virgin of Nazareth is a great privileged woman since in her, God has sought for the Mother of Savior.

★ **T**he temple of Jerusalem was marvellous, but it was only a figure of royal temple chosen by God in the womb of Virgin Mary.

★ **M**ary is the fulfilment of the Scriptures: she is the verdant cedar of Lebanon, the most beautiful cypress of Zion, the fruitful

palm of Cades, the purple rose of Jericho, the blooming olive of the field, the luxuriant plane along the water flow; the cinnamon flower of a sweet perfume, the purest balm and chosen myrrh.

★ Since Jesus Christ is the King and the Lord of the world, Mary, His Mother, is the queen and Lady of heaven and earth.

★ God himself prepared Mary, the Mother of His Son; therefore, the privileges of Mary are equal to the power of God.

★ God contemplates Mary from eternity and He finds in her the full satisfaction.

Woman of benevolence

★ God didn't want to assume the flesh from Mary without her consent, so, He asked to pronounce her *fiat*.

★ Mary loves us as true children and she is always ready to help us.

★ Mary is the mother of mercy and she has a heart filled with compassion for us, her children; from her, our life, sweetness and hope come. To the Son, God the Father has given the task to judge; to His Mother, the task to understand with compassion.

★ Mary is not merely the queen of heaven and earth, but also she is the Mother of mercy.

★ Mary, for the will of God, became the way for the lost ones, light of consolation, peace and joy, sure hope for the wounded humanity, true salvation, and a haven of refuge.

★ **M**ary can intercede for us since she has all-power. Mary wants to intercede for us since Jesus Christ has given us to her as children in the person of John.

★ **I**n the stormy sea of life, Mary is the sure haven, she is the star; in difficulty and in doubts, look at Mary and invoke her.

★ **We** offer to Mary a pure heart rich with virtues, correcting the defects and progressing in perfection.

★ **A**ccording to the Sacred Scriptures, Mary is the city of the just, the faithful city, the holy city in which the foundations are his holy mountains; she is the city of perfect honour and the joy of all the earth.

The secret splendour of the daily life of Nazareth

★ **I**n Nazareth, there was only Joseph who served Jesus and Mary.

★ **I**n daily living, think to be Joseph and those whom you serve as Jesus and Mary.

★ **J**esus was called the son of the carpenter; he was not ashamed to be the carpenter of Nazareth!

★ **The** work is a dignity for man.

★ **I** have learned o Lord, who is your beloved one: he is the poor. You let me understand it by coming into the world. I will love the poverty as you have loved it, and I will love You in the poor ones.

★ **J**esus asks us to live in humility by giving an example Himself.

★ **N**othing is vile or insignificant in Nazareth: every work, may it be small or hard, is a service of love to Jesus.

★ **W**hen everyday seems obscure, dull and insignificant, think of Nazareth and it will be illumined with the reflections of Incarnation.

★ **I**f you prepare the food to eat or do any work everyday, do it with the same heart of Mary when she was preparing food to eat for Jesus.

★ **I**f you want to be worthy to serve in Nazareth, ask and search for the purity of heart and mind.

The prayer

Pray with trust

★ **H**ave a great trust in the Heart of Jesus: He loves you very much and He is always near you.

★ **T**he Lord likes the prayer even if it is short, but made with fervour, simplicity of heart and trust.

★ **J**ust like the light of the day entered from the window of the ark of Noah, so in the same manner, the meditation is the light of God that can enter in the depth of the spirit.

★ **T**o nourish the spirit, the Word of God should become a continual nourishment.

★ **T**he Word of God is a comfort during the moment of suffering and a support in times of difficulty.

★ **M**any are praying but they obtain nothing because they don't pray well: God desires that we ask to be similar to his Son Jesus Christ, then he will hear us.

★ **H**ere is the pleasant prayer to God: that the haughty asks humility, the avaricious, generosity; the sensual, purity; the intemperate, moderation; the hot-tempered, meekness; the envious, love of others.

★ **Y**ou must pray with faith, lively hope, purity of heart and mind, and confidence.

★ **W**e would be heard when we pray, but we pray only when we are in danger or misfortune.

Pray with perseverance

★ **L**et us help one another in prayer to walk together towards Jesus.

★ **L**et us ask the Holy Spirit with good disposition; let us ask him with determination to change our life, to journey for the way of salvation and then we will see the progress.

★ **W**e need to pray in order to obtain grace to do good.

★ If you feel spiritual dryness, don't be discouraged; just continue praying with struggle and the Lord will sustain your perseverance.

Pray with humble simplicity and charity

★ A christian without a spirit of prayer is like a tree without fruits and it is near to dry up.

★ The one who wants to appear different from others in prayer, has difficulty in having a fervent and simple spirit during prayer.

★ It is important to nourish the fervour and the spirit with good readings.

★ The true devotion has its roots in the heart.

★ The spiritual life grows, surrounded with the silence.

★ For a christian, the study of the Sacred Scripture should be the basis of every study.

★ Can we ask graces to God the Father with the hands stained with misdeeds against our brethren?

The virtues:

Flowers on the steep pathway

Faith: shell of the pilgrim

★ **D**o you really love God? Yes, if you love him with humility, patience and ardour, in good fortune and in misfortune; when you receive honours, and when you are despised, when you are fine and when you are sick.

★ **G**od is the Creator of man and as such He expects to be recognized as he journeys towards His Maker, Author of life.

★ “**W**alk to my presence, and be perfect ”, says your God, remember these words and you’ll have support.

★ **Y**ou will experience peace of heart while repeating in every situation, “God’s will, my paradise”.

★ **T**his is the small rule of wisdom: start every activity invoking the name of Jesus, direct your will and actions towards Him, doing things with great honour, all for the glory of God.

★ **F**aith gives us true wisdom and makes us enter in the freedom of God’s children.

★ **G**od’s love doesn’t destroy the love for the things, however, it simply regulates it.

★ **M**an alone surely, is very weak, but if he has the love of God in himself, he must fear nothing.

★ **I**t is not the weakness that puts away from God, but the pride.

★ **I**f faith communicates in mind a high idea of God and life, the will shall move and work for good.

Patience: the break of waiting

★ **L**et us arm ourselves with holy patience and let us think that we must treat with many heads and characters different from one another.

★ **I**t's not simple thing to deal with different persons everyday. You need, therefore, to equip yourself with great patience.

★ **O**nly charity and sweetness can conquer the heart, and win over for the good.

★ **D**on't be afraid to be much understanding, it is always better to exaggerate in goodness than to treat person with harshness.

Trust: the further appearance

★ **I**t is important not to close the door to anyone.

★ **I**t is not easy to receive a correction and reproach, in fact, we are ready for self-defence always. But it's wisdom to know how to accept them with tranquillity and humility.

★ **I**t is good not to worry about the bad that one says, to take into account and to want it to clear, can cause greatest evil.

★ **T**he one who recognizes his own limitations shows maturity, but it's not enough; he also needs to know how to put into disposition his own abilities to the others.

★ **I**t is not enough to consider oneself last; he also needs to treat himself as such, and to leave to be treated at last to be humble. Moreover, to recognize oneself at last is sincerity.

★ **T**he true humility is in perfect harmony between what one thinks and what one says; don't show yourself humble in external action if the heart isn't convinced.

★ **O**ne needs to live first what he preaches, and to know how to do it, he needs to pray.

Coherence: to give form to the words

★ **I**t is always needed to keep God in the heart, good ideas in the mind, and human respect underfoot.

★ **T**he courage of truth is a demand for a christian.

★ **W**hen you greet, it should not be for a habit merely, but for a heart's need and for true expansion of affection.

★ **T**he knowledge is not for the benefit of itself but as a means to praise God.

★ **T**he charity is true if one uses it with everybody, specially at home and with the weakest ones.

★ **L**ove doesn't know any difficulty and it is not discouraged in front of weariness, and it doesn't excuse even.

★ **L**ove glows indeed if it is nourished with deeds and not with words.

★ **The** compassion fore the suffering and problems of the people remain sterile sentiment if it is not transformed in concrete forms of assistance.

★ **The** love for the own family or community is shown, making it useful when it is more possible in every circumstances.

★ **He** is honest, the one who puts his own intelligence and service for social good.

★ **It** is good to have greatest esteem to others. Perhaps, in the sight of God they are holier than those who match.

★ **Let** us love all with the heart. For those who belong to the family and community, we should feel the obligation to love them more.

★ **We** must have much love for others and to be willing to give life also for their benefit.

★ **The** persons have the right to be treated with great gentleness.

★ **True** love is born in paradise and it is not perfect until it doesn't return in paradise.

★ **When** somebody thinks that his opinion is right alone, the conversation shall transform into duels. It is good to be persons who know how to surrender themselves.

★ **Yes**, they are like this stale, and hard in judgement! They see the defects of others, but not their efforts to correct them. Surely, we don't know how much better they are than us.

★ Every person, limited as he seem, has good talents and appreciating them can do best.

★ If somebody will look for you for some explanations so as to resolve an argument and re-establish a breach, see that you can make it immediately, and listen to him with great charity.

★ At times, to live with others involves nuisance. It is needed to bear it with peace. It is right to endure the physical and moral defects of companions.

★ Do you want to be better than others? Know how to be such better supply of virtue.

★ When you need someone's help, don't use the command but instead, ask him with sweetness.

★ The peace is the base of order.

Benevolence: to support a brother/sister

★ Even a very intense work is not heavy if you have a good understanding and tranquillity where the order derives.

★ With the love of Jesus Christ, every disagreement can be resolved and mend all perfectly. We need good will and spirit of sacrifice.

★ Control your speech in the way that is always respectful and affable.

★ The charity is the queen of virtues. In cultivating this, the other virtues will grow in beauty and shall energise the others.

★ The humble receives strength in itself and light for the others, too.

★ Man is born to love. In fact, this sentiment springs up since his birth.

★ We are human and not angels. Therefore, we need to forgive much. When we pretend much, we shall obtain less.

★ Do you want to know what way has the straight point going to the top of the mountain of Christian perfection? It is the delightful road of charity and love.

★ Love oblige us to treat all with gentleness and tenderness.

★ He is humble one who knows how to treat his neighbour with great gentleness.

Docility: to recognize the voice hidden in the fog

★ It is the gift of the Holy Spirit, the consoler, to accept from the hand of God, the misfortunes, and to offer them as a sacrifice of will while bearing them with generous resignation.

★ If you give attention to the sick, take care of them, and encourage them to offer their sufferings for the love of Jesus. When you do this, you accomplish a great work of charity.

★ It is beneficial to repeat in times of sufferings: “God’s will, my paradise!”

★ **I**t is better to tolerate the injustice for the love of Jesus Christ than to tempt to make a reason. To overcome it, it is sufficient to remember how Jesus endured the offences against Him.

★ **W**hen you are sick, think to be in the place of the Lord in a special condition of merit. The secret to stay at peace in His will is to bear the pains and sufferings for the love of Him.

★ **S**ometimes, the Lord leads us to the ways of suffering in order to make more speedily our journey to holiness.

★ **W**e are pilgrims in this world.

Holiness: little beacons for every man's path

The summit where everybody can possibly reach

★ **I**nflame in our heart the love that Jesus Christ has brought on earth.

★ **A**nyone who wants to be the best should be the best in charity and patience.

★ **S**weetness, sweetness, sweetness! We become saints through sweetness.

★ **H**oliness is a task: be worthy of the prize that Jesus has prepared for you.

★ **T**he Gospel is for all: just want it, and we can live according to the Gospel in any conditions.

★ **S**obriety is a Christian virtue that reminds us to use with measure the things in order to maintain sound our life which must be dedicated to God entirely.

★ **T**he difficulties, even how grave they are, are surmountable with the help of God.

★ **I**f we experience to be weak, we can find motivation to trust more in Jesus and in the help of our Lady.

★ **O**n what thing can we build the Christian virtue? Simple: through charity and humility. And this is the face of Christ.

★ **I**t is not humility to hide his own capacity, but one should know how to dispose them with simplicity.

★ **I**n order to enjoy peace, it is necessary to forgive the offences and not to nourish the grudge.

★ **T**o practice poverty and the other virtues should not be a weariness, but an honour since they bring us close to Jesus Christ.

★ **H**ow important it is to become saints! May the Lord renew our heart, purify our mind and make us holy!

★ **T**his is the simple journey of sanctity: sanctify with special care the feast days, invoke the Holy name of God, of the virgin and saints with respect; have respect to the elders; respect others in words, actions and in thought too; conserve pure affections; don't desire the other's goods, and tell the truth always.

★ Sanctity is a journey to retake everyday.

★ The one who starts in easy way and undertake a praiseworthy way is not surprising to feel harder to persevere.

★ The one who is the head of the community should be the first to perform the tasks.

★ Let us ask the Lord the grace and he will strengthen our commitments and consequently, shall progress on the way to salvation.

★ It is the task of everybody to direct his own journey to the way where the aim is Heaven.

★ The Gospel is the rock of comparison to judge our actions.

★ In God's part, perseverance is an offering of means so that we can weave our crown; however, in our part, it is the chain of virtuous acts.

★ Prudence is the guide that bring us in hand to the tortuous way of life.

★ The true obedience distinguishes itself through fidelity, readiness, simplicity and love.

★ In order to walk in the path of holiness, it is sufficient to know how to treasure everything.

★ If we let ourselves be taken away with lukewarmness, then, boredom will come in prayer and we shall become insensible to the grace of God.

★ **I**f the sea is calm, the waves are tranquil and they don't blow violent winds. All shall know how to navigate. But one is virtuous when he knows how to confront the storm and the opposite winds of life.

★ **W**e are the living temple of the Holy Spirit and that is why we must keep vigil with our sentiments and behaviours.

★ **B**ad mood and sadness prevent us to glorify God as He merits it. Therefore, we must guard against them and ought not to follow them.

★ **O**bedience is practiced in fulfilment of the Will of God expressed in his holy Law.

To keep vigil in waiting for an encounter

★ **L**et us conserve in the heart the holy fear in order not to lose the fervour in the ways of the spirit. Let us always preserve this holy thought: If men famous for holiness and science can fall down, how much more we, who are very weak and less steadfast in goodness, can also fall down! Let us keep watch with firm resolution, sound commitment and continual prayer.

★ **I**f a pilgrim becomes aware of being finished outside the road, what will he do? He will regret the lost time; he will return and take again the journey with more joy and promptness, and he will do things to put right the error where he fails to do.

★ **A**ll men are ardently looking for the betterment of their own condition, although all may be short-lived and every moment brings us sufferings and woe. How much commitments do we put for our spirit? Let us awake from our drowsiness!

★ **L**ord, don't permit that I, who are called to testify your truth, testify myself.

★ **I** want to look for you and for your glory, Lord, specially in the dull obscurity of things which are apparently insignificant.

To educate: an art of building the future with intelligence of heart

The educator

★ **T**hese are the armours of an educator: sweetness, discretion and perseverance.

★ **T**o educate is the art of heart.

★ **T**he educators ought to think that they take upon themselves not only the care of the mind of the students, but also that of the soul and the heart: a task which is so delicate, for this reason, they must clothe themselves with Jesus Christ.

★ **F**or an educator, the students are on the top of his/her thought and all his/her affection.

★ **A** good educator sees all, corrects less, and punishes very little.

★ **I**f you have the task of teaching and you don't continue to cultivate your study, you are like a blind who pretends to be a guide of another blind.

★ **A**n educator can be considered efficient when he associates his intelligence and preparation with the passion of leading the students to their perfection.

★ **T**he teachers educate the students if they have love for them.

★ **T**he student must above all be instructed on his duties, however if he can neither profit from it, it is necessary to exhort him with paternal admonishment.

★ **L**ike St. Joseph, you will also be hailed by God for the care that you give to the young ones and the youth who are very precious to God's heart.

★ **T**he distinct virtue of an educator is without any doubt, no other than his/her patience.

★ **T**he educator lives together with his students, therefore, he must be a model of virtue and cordial relation.

★ **T**he educator procures to ask to everybody of how much better it is to respond to his attitudes.

★ **A** person can consider himself educated if he is matured in the right and moral conscience.

The students

★ **I**t is from the school that the student learns to live as a citizen, to assume responsibility and to treat others with courtesy.

★ **F**or a student, to attend the study is an obligation of his condition.

★ **Y**our future is in your hands (referring to the students) and with your firm plans you can build it surely.

★ **T**o study is not a heavy exercise but a suitable means to build the future.

★ **D**edicate yourself to your study not for constraint but as your duty today.

★ **N**ow, in the school, you are preparing to be the citizen of tomorrow.

The educative institutions

★ **T**he country that wants a well-formed and responsible citizens knows how to spend much in education.

★ **T**he principal aim of the school is the education of the mind and heart of students.

★ **I**n the boarding school, the program of life has to be established, in order to make the stay of the students cordial and pleasing to them.

★ **T**he director / directress of a school has a task to ensure the didactics and pedagogical unity, and the educative trend. It is his / her duty to act in harmony with the constitutions of the school.

★ **A** Catholic educative institution must model itself in love and meekness, the virtues where the Holiest Redeemer patterned his good religion.

The parents

★ **T**he parents educate, keep watch and correct with example and love.

★ **T**he parents have the task of teaching, correcting and confirming with example what they edify with the word.

★ **T**o correct the sons and daughters can seemingly be a cruelty. But it is rather a cruelty to leave them while catching bad inclinations

The style of educating

★ **I**n the educative action, it is important to adapt with sweetness and firmness.

★ **T**he patient, affectionate and persuasive manners educate the students easily and therefore, the necessity of punishment will be rare.

★ **I**n correcting, fortitude is needed but temperate in discretion.

★ **O**nly in intervening with tranquillity and serenity, the correction can be effective, otherwise, it will merely have the effect of embittering the hearts of the students without producing any profit.

★ **T**o correct a student, it is sufficient sometimes to show sorrow to him/her for what was happened.

★ **P**unishment is not needed when the educator associates sweetness and authoritativeness.

★ **If** the educator is irritated with a defect or fault of a student, he must wait that he is pacified before correcting his student.

★ **It** is only after attempting in the ways of persuasion and admonition that one can run back to correction.

Man shows his relationship with God through work

The builder of humanity

★ **The** one who doesn't collaborate for the social good is a disintegrative member of the community.

★ **Don't** refuse the inherent toil of your work. It is dutiful. Therefore, sustain it and employ all the talents that are given to you so that all your potentials will be developed.

★ **A** long, gradual and serious apprenticeship is necessary to accomplish a work with competence.

★ **Through** apprenticeship of a work, it gives a noteworthy profit that helps both major and minor companions.

★ **If** you refuse the toil, you also negate the future you are dreaming of.

★ **Man** is a member of the great universal family, hence, in proportion to his strength, he is kept in order to cooperate with others for the common good.

★ The person who is called to form the youth to work, must advance for degrees. First, the intellectual perception is awoken. Then, the imagination; the aesthetic sense, the good will, and the love for work revive in him until he desires the perfection.

★ The formator should associate intellectual and moral attitudes in conformity with the educative task, and he/she must have a great heart to bear in his/her students the love for the work.

★ The salary must be paid in accordance with justice. It is not lawful to oppress the worker.

★ One day when St Philip Neri was walking going to the countryside, he saw an old man who was sweating while working in his field. He asked him: “Why are you so much exhausted?” The old man responded: “In order to earn bread to eat , what do you think is the other reason why I must do it?” St Philip suggested to him in response to his question: “My dear one, add only another word and your profit shall multiply, and that is: *Work to earn bread and paradise!*”