

# CHAP. XXIV.

## Of the Visitation of the Sick

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the principal path marked out by Jesus Christ for those who desire to follow Him, has, in all ages of the

Church, excited the faithful in a particular manner to instruct and comfort the sick and dying Poor, as in them they regarded the person of our Divine Master, who has said: "Amen, I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren you did it to Me."

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The many miraculous cures performed by our Saviour, and the power of healing granted to the Apostles evince His great tenderness for the sick. The most eminent Saints have devoted their lives to this Work of Mercy, amongst whom St Vincent of Paul, St John of God, St Camillus of Tcellis, St Ignatius, St Francis Xavier, St Alonso, St Angela Merici, St Catherine of Siena, and St Catherine of Genoa, were distinguished. Such bright examples, and the great recompense promised, are powerful motives for the Sisters to fulfil

with fervour and delight, every part of this meritorious duty.

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Let those whom Jesus Christ has graciously permitted to assist Him in the persons of His suffering Poor, have their hearts animated with gratitude and love, and placing all their confidence in Him, ever keep His unwearied patience and humility present to their minds; endeavouring to imitate Him more perfectly every day, in self-denial, patience, and entire resignation. Thus they shall gain a crown of glory, and the great title of children of the Most High, which is promised assuredly to the Merciful.

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The Sisters appointed by the Mother Superior to visit the sick, shall prepare quickly, and when ready, shall visit the Blessed Sacrament to offer to their Divine Master the action they are about to perform, and to ask from Him the grace necessary to promote His glory, and the salvation of souls.

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Before the Sisters leave the Convent, they shall endeavour to understand perfectly the way they are to go, and if some places cannot be found without making inquiries, it will be most prudent to go to a horter's or baker's shop, where the poor are generally known; always speaking with