

## PASSION FOR GOD

**To please God** - the desire to immerse one's life in "God alone". "Later, when I re-read the same verse, and came across: "Deus omnia in omnibus", it became very clear to me. Pondering over the fact that the poor in spirit shall possess the Lord, I understood that those who in this world can pronounce these words "Deus meus et omnia" in utter truth, can truly expect God to be their "Omnia in omnibus" one day. It was not a very deep experience however."

MEMOIRS Chapter 11, No °30

"It is obvious to me that I am again called to seek GOD ALONE, despite my ingratitude and infidelity."

MEMOIRS Chapter 11, No °31

**To help the poor** - the undeniable demand to care for those living at the margins of society. "Meanwhile during one of those first years, while attending Holy Mass, as the priest read some Scriptural text taken from the book of Tobit, I felt a strong inner impulse to dedicate myself to works of Charity and I resolved to do so. It was not because I already had a clear idea of what this Work would be but I was thinking of the good I would be able to perform at that time."

MEMOIRS Chapter 1, No °25

**To counteract evil** - the imperative call of love to "prevent sin". "At Holy Mass I offered myself to the Lord and the thought of being able to relieve Jesus and Mary made me ready, notwithstanding the horror I have for it, to willingly accept to live until the final Judgement Day so as to prevent sin through the strength of love. After that, I remained tranquil in my nothingness and all the things that had weighed on me seemed as trifles."

MEMOIRS Chapter 15, No °74

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**To go to the whole world** - the missionary appeal of the universality of the Gospel, in order to announce to all the unconditional love of God. “This view of Christ’s love for men not only grieved me, for I saw that He is not loved, but it also gave me a great longing to make Him known and loved; so much so that nothing else mattered, not even my country nor my relatives.”

**MEMOIRS Chapter 3, No °49**

“In fact, I wished I could be reduced to dust if, in that way, I could be scattered to all parts of the world so that God would be known and loved.”

**MEMOIRS Chapter 3, No °50**

**To seek the glory of God** - love’s focus of truth, to reveal the Beloved’s goodness, charity and holiness. “I also felt compelled not to entertain any thought for temporal things: but away from everything and everyone, to be concerned only with the Glory of God and the salvation of souls, abandoning the thought of everything else to Him.”

**MEMOIRS Chapter 2, No °50**