

*Devotion to the Sacred Heart is essentially social*

Theology is not fashionable nowadays. People think they can do without it and so society is dying. Yes, it is dying because for three centuries people have tried to make it materialistic. For a long time now it has borne on its forehead the sign of the beast. It is dying for lack of theology. This is a fact.

Our Lord came to restore all things. Therefore in his love he has wanted to prepare for us an excellent remedy against the terrible evil that is killing souls. This remedy, in which gentleness mingles with effectiveness, has a new aspect and an attractive form. It contains the quintessence of all that can quickly bring back to a social life nations that no longer possess it. This remedy is Devotion to the Sacred Heart. In itself alone it is a whole world of theology.

This devotion has so much fascination; it is so well put together for our attraction that as a consequence to know it is to love it. Its range is enormous. It embraces everything: dogma and moral; the past, the present and the future. When one practises it, its religious influence penetrates irresistibly. That is why this devotion is essentially *social*, restoring all things.

(SC, p. 280)