



THE EUCHARIST

From Farina's writings:

*"Oh! The divine Eucharist! Here is the sun of the Church
and the soul of Christianity."*

*"Communion is the basis, the door and the path of the highest thoughts;
it is the principle of all spiritual strength. In Communion resides the
source of all consolation, the bond of all God's union with man.
Communion is that which truly binds man with God, God with man."*

Brief comment:

The Eucharist is the sun, that is, a reality that warms, illuminates, enables life and, at the same time, is the soul, that is, the support, the foundation, the very essence of Christianity.

The Eucharist is the origin of all spiritual strength and is the only reality capable of cancelling the distance between the creature and the Creator. Every particle of the Host is Christ offering himself to us, making himself our travelling companion, our friend, our most trusted one, because he loves us without reserve.

((Excerpt from Nicola Gori's book, 'Con la Passione nel Cuore')

Food for thought and sharing:

- What is my relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist?
- Can I communicate to others what I receive from Jesus?

Commitment:

Bringing to the people I meet the consolation and forgiveness I receive from Jesus

Anecdote about Farina's life:

"How moving it was to see that holy bishop shining with joy among the little girls! For all of them he had a good word, a smile and often some small gift. Every day, before getting up from the table, he would collect the fruit and sweets left on the tablecloth and put them in some of his pockets... so deep they looked like wells. When he arrived at the institute, as soon as he got out of the carriage, the girls would run up to him and empty his pockets. And he was delighted and took them up in small groups for a stroll around the large courtyard! (from the memories of the nuns).

"One year in the Church of the Institute I gave a talk on the Patron Saint Dorothy, it was the first time. And as I spoke, I saw the bishop standing there, his head turned towards the tabernacle beside the altar. What was he thinking about? Was he not thinking of Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament?"

(from the testimony of Don Antonio De Marchi).