



CHARITY TOWARDS ONE'S NEIGHBOUR

From Farina's writings:

"It is a high ministry, a divine vocation to suffer with the errant, to lift up the fallen, to offer the goodness of our souls to our barefooted and fasting brother. This is a ray of God's goodness".

"Draw us closer, you who suffer. Your afflictions impel us, we want to lift you up. No longer mocked and dejected, no longer persecuted and disheartened, no longer".

Brief comment:

When man performs an act of charity, he becomes part of the ray of light and love that flows from God and transmits it to others. Charity has the ability to unite those who suffer with those who can comfort them, those who are destitute with those who can give them not just the superfluous, but the necessary. Charity therefore benefits not only those who receive, but also those who give.

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

Food for thought and sharing:

What is the difference between charity and almsgiving? Let us think back to a situation in which we brought God's love, comfort and succour to a person. The Lord arrives where he must arrive also through us!

Commitment:

How many wounded hearts around us ... Let us open our eyes, let us go out to meet some person who is suffering and bring them God's love!

Anecdote about Farina's life:

"He never left the Institute without making a special visit to the sick in the infirmaries. His first thought was for those dying and then for those with ordinary illnesses. She went from bed to bed, bringing comfort and often sweets and fruit".

(From the memories of the Sisters)