The following are from a collection of personal meditations by this long-since-departed servant of God. He never claimed to hear Our Lord speak to him so these are not to be taken as divine locutions. But he did feel that these thoughts were inspired, that is, not his own but as something given to his intellect, that he might understand something important to his own life of faith. We share them in the hope they may be helpful to others as well.

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THE GIFT I DESIRE YOU TO GIVE ME at this moment is the gift I make possible for you to give Me at this moment – it is the gift of yourself, just as you are. Do not try to give Me what you are not – you can only give Me what you are – what you have received – and what you have received is what you are at this moment, your actual being with all its miseries and imperfections. You must understand Me – what I want is to be permitted to make you perfect by My love. To do this you must give Me yourself as you are – and to do that you must understand above everything else, that I want you now, just the way you are. And if you look into yourself, you will discern that you are constantly trying to give Me something you do not have – something you do not have because I do not want you to have it. Do you understand, then, that in order to love Me as I desire to be loved, you must feel that you are accepted at all times, at every moment. I do everything to convince you of this, because it is so, but the devil and your own false conscience have deformed you and confirmed you in the vicious habit of judging that I am constantly asking you to give Me something you cannot give because you do not have it – because I have not given it to you.

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You must understand that all your deficiencies, even those that come from your past sins and vicious habits, are part of My Loving Providence for you, allowed by Me so that they might bring you to Me. And that it is just with those deficiencies, just the way you are now, that I would love you and have you come

to Me. Therefore you must overcome the habit of judging how you would make yourself acceptable to Me. When you do this you are putting your providence, your wisdom before Mine. It is My Wisdom that tells you, "The way you are acceptable to Me, the way I want to Love you, is the way you are now, with all your defects and deficiencies. I could wipe them out in a moment if I wanted to, but then I could not love you the way I want to love you, the way you are – now!

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Remember this, when you suffer, whatever the cause, I am asking you to be separated from something you love very much so that I can give Myself to you that much more.

When I take everything else away from you, and you have nothing except My Name, Jesus and Mary, and when you say these Names with joy and contentedness, My joy is so great that I would create the universe once again and die on the Cross once more too, just to hear you speak My Name and the Name of My Blessed Mother. At that moment, too, not only do I forget your sins, but I am glad for them, because they have brought you to rejoice in Me alone.

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The relation with God has no dimension. It is now, now or never. God is out of time, and eternally He waits for your realization of Him – now. It is not, therefore, a matter of being converted once and for all. Each moment is a little conversion, and a little death, and His delight is to be with the children of men, who, because they are so little and helpless, are always turning to Him.

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O Jesus, I am in love with Truth, and the lie of my being nails me to the Cross with you.