

32 The Priest who only Knew one Mass

*The man who can do her will and sing the praise of the mother of Him who made the world, would indeed be a man of wisdom.*

Now I will tell you a great miracle on this theme, which Our Lady, who prays for us, performed for a priest who for good or ill knew no prayers other than Our Lady's mass.

For this he was denounced to the bishop of the diocese where he lived, and was summoned to appear before him, to say if what was reported was true. And he replied, "It is."

When the bishop heard the truth from his mouth, he showed no pity and immediately ordered him to leave the city precincts, at once and without complaint, and to depart and go on his way.

That night the bishop had a vision of Our Lady, who said with wrathful countenance, "Change your bold decree, and know that you have done a very foolish thing.

I tell you and order you to be done with such quarrels. If you do not, within thirty days you will breathe your last and go where the devil keeps his own in his domain, from whence no man returns."

The bishop arose early that morning and doubled the priest's stipend, saying "Hold to the singing of the mass of She who guides us, as you have been wont to do, for so it should be."