

TRY ME! TRY ME! I WANT TO SUFFER LIKE JESUS

THE BIRTHDAY PRESENT

True holiness vs fake holiness

One thing is to ask God for crosses, another to be given!

Unexpected sufferings are most painful.

Rose, a very good and pious lady for ever was begging from her Spiritual Director:

“Father, please, try me, try me!: I want to suffer insults, abuses and trials for Jesus’. I want to be like Him”

For a long time, Father did not pay much notice to her pleading until his birthday arrived. As her birth-day present for Father, with much love and labor, she stitched a beautiful alb with lace and embroidery

On that day, eagerly, early morning, she came to the Rectory with her precious birth-day gift to wish Father a very happy day. .

Upon that, Father sent her a message: “I am very busy! I cannot come” and kept her waiting for over one hour

When, finally Father came to the Parlor, impolitely he remarked: “Why have you come so early today to waste my time? I have more important things to do than listen to your silly talk”. She was highly offended at the Father’s words.

When examining her beautiful birth-day present, Father disdainfully remarked: “Is this the rubbish you brought for me on my birth-day?” and, with that, he flung the alb into a corner of the room.

At that, the good Lady began crying and raving: “Farther” she shouted, “I never expected such nasty behavior from you. I never knew you could be so mean and rude!”

With a smile and with an endearing voice, emphatically Father said to her: “My dearest Rosy, did you not ask me many times to try you? Yes, today I did it!”

“Oh, Father” Half sobbing, half laughing, she said: “Why did you not tell me that before hand!?”