

“Jesus converted the world by the word, by his example, by his preaching” - all things that we do as well: example, the word, preaching – “but he transformed it by the proof of his love: the cross.

He has filled my heart with one great passion: for Jesus crucified, Jesus crucified and forsaken!” This one is beautiful. “He who from the height of the cross says to me: ‘Everything that was mine I have extinguished for you (...) everything! I am no longer beautiful; no longer strong; here I have no more peace; up here, justice is dead; knowledge is unknown; truth disappears. All that remains is my Love, which wants to pour out all my riches as God for you....’ That’s how he speaks to me and he calls me... to follow him.... He is the passion of my life!

Before him every suffering seems to me to be nothing and I await suffering, large or small, as the greatest gift of God, since this is the proof of my love for him! It’s all there.”

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