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A Poem by Blessed Antonio Rosmini

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Beatified yesterday, long condemned up until the Pontificate of Pope John Paul II when then Cardinal Ratzinger annulled the previous rulings, the poem:

*How delightful it is to speak with God,
To talk of God,
To be satisfied with God alone;
To recall, desire, understand, know, and love God;
To seek and find God in God,
Giving oneself wholly to God.
To leave for the sake of God even the delights of God;
To think, to speak, to work for God;
To hope only in God, delight only in God;
To keep one's mind always intent on God;
To do all things with God in God,
Dedicated and consecrated to God,
Pleasing God alone, suffering for God,*

*Rejoicing solely in God;
To desire God alone,
To abide with God for ever,
To exult with God in times of joy, in times of pain;
To see, touch, taste God,
To live, die and abide in God,
And then, rapt and translated into God,
With God and in God, to offer God to God
For God's eternal honour and glory.
O God, what joy, what sweetness there is in God,
God, O God!; God, O God!; God, O God!; God, O God!; God, O
God!*

And the *Five Wounds of the Church* according to Rosmini:

1. The division between the clergy and people in public worship
2. The insufficient education of the clergy
3. The disunion of bishops
4. The nomination of bishops is given up to political powers (true in some European Countries)
5. The infringement of ecclesial property