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"To devote our lives to the accomplishment of our own salvation and to promote the salvation of others, is the end and the object of our Order of Mercy. These two works are so linked together by our rule and observances that they reciprocally help each other. We should often reflect that our progress in Spiritual Life consists in the faithful discharge of the duties belonging to our state, as regards both ourselves and our neighbor, and we must consider the time and exertion which we employ for the relief and instruction of the poor and ignorant as most conducive to our own advancement in perfection."

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