Tomorrow the world will be green for a day, can it be merely receiving things. Real love is action—it is giving!

These attitudes began to mean something to my fiancé and me when we attended a Pre-Cana Conference together six weeks before our marriage, "Love," said the Pre-Cana director to the one hundred engaged couples, "is each of you living for the other. Love is being wholly concerned about the happiness of the other person." So you see why I think it's foolish to spend my time thinking of what I like, what I prefer, what I want to do, and what would make me happy. At the same time, my happiness is assured if I think in terms of the other person.

What is love? "It's a giving; it's being wholly concerned about the happiness of the other. It's living for the other; it's striving to fill up the needs of another despite the sacrifice to you."

Here, then, was my formula: "Your happiness will come to you through the happiness of your partner...." (Perpetual Help...February, 1950)

The love song of the saints might well have been: "I'm in love with a wonderful God." Divine love and human love follow the same formula. St. Thomas says that love, especially the love of friendship, draws us out of ourselves and unites us to our friend, makes us live in him and hold his interest so close that we are willing to sacrifice our own good for his.

Love, human or divine, seeks union, identification with the person loved, transformation of one will into the will of the other. The saints achieved this union to a high degree. In the words of St. Paul: "I live, now not I; but Christ liveth in me."—Gal. 2, 20.

To love your wife truly is to be wholly concerned about her happiness. To love God truly is to be exclusively concerned about His honor and glory. "Love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart...."