

St Francis Admonition Day 6.

Of Perfect and Imperfect Obedience.

If, however, a superior commands anything of a person that is against the person's soul, it is permissible for the person to disobey. However, the person must not leave the superior. If as a result the person suffers persecution from some, they should love their persecutors the more for God's sake.

For the one who would rather suffer persecutions, than wish to be separated from their brethren, truly abides in perfect obedience. Because they lay down their life for their brethren.

There are many religious who, under pretext of seeing better things than those which their superiors command, look back and return to the vomit of their own will. These are murders and by their bad example they cause the loss of many souls.