

The Eucharistic Congress at Rome.

FROM the first to the sixth of June solemn Eucharistic Sessions will be held in Rome.

On that date the International Association of Eucharistic Works will celebrate the twenty fifth anniversary of its foundation.

No time seems more appropriate for the Congress to be held in the Eternal City than that on which this society finishes its first quarter of a century's existence.

Moreover is it not through Mary we go to Jesus. And did not the recent great Marian exhibition prepare the way for and cordially invite this present Convention for the glory of that Virgin Mother's Son, abiding in our midst, a voluntary exile in the Sacred Host.

According to our idea another weighty reason induced the Convention to meet in Rome. Last year, as we know, Rome was the theatre of the most odious provocations against heaven. The International society of Free Thinkers met there and made it the scene of their licentious festivals ; hurling their blasphemies throughout the world under the very shadow of the Vatican.

Is it not just and proper that from the very same spot whence the scandal was scattered broadcast should arise the united voice of the chosen among the faithful in clear and forcible protest, in heartfelt reparation.

Yes! that just compensation should be and shall be offered to Jesus Christ and his Vicar. With this object in view the programme is carefully arranged and well adapted to attract souls and to lead them to reparation.

Apart from the sessions which promise to be most interesting there will be, Pontifical Mass, at St Peter's, on the feast of the Ascension ; on the following Sunday a procession of the Blessed Sacrament presided over by the Holy Father will take place in the Vatican gardens ; and on the closing day, Tuesday, a reception will be held at St. Peter's where an allocution will be delivered by His Holiness Pius the tenth, followed by the *Te Deum* and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given by the Sovereign Pontiff himself.

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