

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament



Long before the dawn of the twentieth century, thinking churchmen predicted it would be the century of the Eucharist. They judged from the signs of their times, and today, we who witness the fulfilment of their prediction cannot but admire their foresight.

Not so long ago, even really devout persons never entered the church but for Sunday Mass. Now, however, things are changed. The progress of devotion to the Holy Eucharist becomes more marked every day. The entering of daily Mass and visits to the Blessed Sacrament into the lives of the people, the fact that frequent and even daily Communion is no longer the privilege of the favored few, the multiplication of weekly communicants almost beyond numbers, the sight of the different Sodalities receiving Communion in a body on a given Sunday of the Month, and of the adoring throngs attracted by solemn exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and lastly the annual Diocesan, National and International Eucharistic Congresses, together with the timely decrees of His Holiness Pius X,—all combine to confirm that, as far as possible in this 20th. century, we are imitating the early Christians who «persevered in the breaking of the Bread».

Now, it is an axiom of spiritual life, and a fact attested by history and the lives of the Saints that, devotion to our Lord is never separated from devotion to His Blessed Mother. The reason is obvious. From the hour of His birth till that day when the cloud shut Him out of the sight of the little group on Mt. Olivet, Jesus was never