

in the way, desires that they be fed, with the Bread that perisheth not, but which endures to everlasting life. Each generation of man, each century, as well as each country and each city, has had its special devotion. For the closing years of nineteenth and the opening ones of the twentieth, shall be the devotion to the Sacred Heart and to the Eucharistic Lord. This shall be the all powerful remedy for the evils of the time.

Now Eucharistic Congresses, are one of the providential means of spreading this devotion from pole to pole, and incorporating it more and more with the lives of the people. Human experience has shown that the collective undertakings are more potent, than those that are merely individual, it is the day of organization. These Congresses are therefore the organized effort to pay the greatest amount of homage to the King of Kings, in the teeth of an infidel world; to devise means of drawing the indifferent to fervor, and the fervent to greater fervor; of making devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, a living factor in every Catholic life.

During the Congress, this most sacred of all the subjects, that can engage the attention of men, is made the subject of earnest prayer and study, science, theology, literature, eloquence and history are all pressed into the service. This beautiful, sublime devotion is considered in all its bearings.

The programme, already published, gives all the proceedings, of that wonderful week, in next September. There shall be meetings of women and meetings of men, of the clerical and the lay, to deliberate upon that great subject and to give the experiences of other countries and other peoples. There shall be Masses innumerable: many of them Pontifical and including, one specific feature, hitherto, confined to Christmas. Midnight Mass at Notre Dame. And all will culminate, in a magnificent procession of the Blessed Sacrament, participated in, not only by these who ordinarily take part in such processions, but by illustrious Catholics from various countries, and the representative of the Pope, His Eminence, Cardinal Vannutelli, shall carry the Sacred Host.

Now in addition, to the graces and benedictions, which this assembly must bring, down, upon the city of Mary,