

tirely, without any personal interest—*absque sui proprio*—all their talents and virtues, their studies and labors to His greater glory."

This service naturally comprehends several charges. a King must have a palace and courtiers. Priests and laics find in the service of the Lord functions both noble and royal, since the King Himself is the object of them, and thus a wide field is opened for courageous activity and duties adapted to every capacity.

All without distinction, shall lead the common life, like the members of one family, animated by the Spirit of Divine Love, which unites them in one same Society, namely, the public worship, the adoration of Jesus in His Sacrament.

We shall see later on the principal virtue of this service. Let us now learn from Père Eymard himself what is prescribed for it and how that adoration is made.

"The Lord has different classes of servants. Some labor afar for His glory, while others He desires to be attached to His adorable service alone." Speaking to his religious, he says: "He has invited you to follow Him, but it is He alone that you must seek, and it is also from Him alone that you must expect everything. This absolute service is the stipulation of your enterprise. The law of your life, the perfection of your holiness is servitude. You are not come here to sanctify yourselves in solitude, nor to become apostles, nor to perfect souls by wise direction; you are come to serve the Lord. Just as He attaches His apostles to His mission, He has bound you to His Person. Your duty is to be constantly before Jesus in the Sacrament of the Altar. If ever the Blessed Sacrament should cease to exist, we should no longer have any motive to exist. It is by adoration that the Society of the Most Blessed Sacrament responds to God's designs over it. Adoration! Nothing can take its place, and everything else must give way to this, our first duty."

"In order to be wholly attached to the service of their Heavenly King and to be always prepared to fulfil the end of their vocation of adorers, our religious will preserve their independence, their liberty, by not engaging in any other service."