

According to the teaching of all theologians, this is the way it would stand with you : The last absolution received would remit not only the mortal sins committed since your last confession, but still more, it would remit *indirectly* those of your whole life without your having to renew the accusation. Thus with regard to that sin, you would leave the confessional as pure as the newly baptized. O my Jesus, how good Thou art ! How great are Thy mercies !

Be, then, at rest, Christian soul, go not back to the past, but run joyously to your Saviour, who is inclining toward you with so much love after restoring to your soul its pristine beauty, "washing it in His Blood" by sacramental absolution.

Eucharistic Studies

Jesus in the Sacred Host as Victim.



IN our last we asserted that the words of consecration change the substance of the bread and wine and substitute the body and blood of Jesus Christ Himself who is present in the Eucharist. Now, how is Jesus-Christ present in the Eucharist. He is present as Host or Victim and that is why He is called Jesus "Hostie."

All the victims of the Old Law were but figures of this perfect victim, of this host, "pure, holy, immaculate," as the priest calls Jesus in the sacrifice of the Mass.

The real Host, Jesus Victim for our salvation, was immolated on the cross where His blood was shed, His flesh torn by the scourges, His Sacrifice consummated. The sacrifice of the cross was offered but once, and the salutary Victim immolated but once on the tree of the cross to expiate our sins and redeem the world. But the Saviour who delivered Himself for us in order to make us parti-