

OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



SUBJECT OF ADORATION

The Institution of Communion

I. — Adoration

We adore Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ and greet Thee, and as we think of our many Communion each bringing in its turn, strength, sweetness, peace and consolation ; we greet and bless Thee as the adorable Institutor of this admirable sacrament, — this marvel of goodness — Holy Communion. In spirit we enter the temple and contemplate the harmonious succession of its institution.

We adore Thee, o Lord Jesus Christ who seeing thy disciples sorrowing over the impending separation, and knowing that neither they nor those who in the future would believe in Thee, could live Thy life, keep Thy commandments, or bear persecutions, if Thou didst not leave them a means absolutely supernatural and divine ; if Thou didst not remain with them, not only exteriorly, but by a spiritual union, that they should be in Thee, and Thou in them, that Thou shouldst be their food, their life, and their daily sanctification.

We adore Thee, o Jesus who didst not consult Thy wisdom to find a means best proportioned to conciliate Thy dignity with the exigencies of the human senses ; Thine adorable wisdom indicated the sacred species, or appearances of bread and wine which on one hand would cover Thy adorable Person and render it inaccessible to material agents ; and on the other would deliver us from any repugnance when it would be question of eating Thy Body and drinking Thy Blood.