

racter for his eternal happiness and glory and in his enthusiastic zeal and burning love gladly obey's the divine injunction : "Leave all, and come and follow Me."

It is near the Tabernacle, at the Holy Table that all those intrepid followers of Jesus, have heard this irresistible invitation. It is in the Eucharist that those favored ones find the virtues they need, the necessary courage and strength, the Christ-like charity, the humble abnegation, the complete forgetfulness of self, the unwearied patience, the enthusiastic zeal, in fine, all the noble qualities such an ideal state demands.

Do you know why our separated brethren, have lost the true ecclesiastical spirit and sacerdotal devotedness ? Because they no longer possess the secret of the charity that gives all self included ; because when they renounced the Eucharist they renounced faith and charity ; because the life of religion is Jesus, and they no longer possess Jesus but in vague dreams : because, I repeat, faith and charity wane and die without the Eucharist.

Priests consecrate the Eucharist ; the Eucharist consecrates priests ; the adorable Blood they drink at the altar vivifies them, and the white Host they eat keeps their souls pure and unspotted for God. It is in the intimacy of Communion that Jesus takes possession of souls He has called to be His alone.

Apostolic tradition is still unbroken, Evangelical counsels observed as rule, because there are still generous hearts, elect souls formed by the Eucharist ; it is by this blessed incendiary of love and life that love and life are spread.

The blood that runs through our veins comes from the heart, the charity that makes those hearts beat comes from the Eucharistic Christ. The Eucharist gives priests to the sanctuary, faithful disciples to the Gospel, saints and elect to heaven : may it always be very dear to us and may we always be unreservedly loyal and devoted to It. Amen.

