

His advances are so generous ! Does not our indifference to His Real Presence constitute an offence against the King who solicits our loving acknowledgment of His residence among us, in the Sacrament of His love.

*The height of the mystery :* — Our Lord abides with us, because He loves us ! “ My delight is to be with the children of men. ” To obtain some idea of the height of this mystery, consider Jesus at the moment the Priest deposits His Sacred Body on your lips, then ascend to the principle of the union which the Saviour contracts with you. You would be obliged, by successive degrees, to mount very high.

You would ascend, first, to the Tabernacle where Jesus resides because He loves you ; from the Tabernacle to the Church, whose sufferings and humiliations He has shared for so many centuries because He loved you ; from the Church to His Heart pierced on the Cross, where He suffered so intensely for your salvation, because He loved you ; from His Heart to the womb of Mary, where our Redeemer took a body like ours, to be our Companion and Brother because He loved us ; from the virginal womb of Mary to the word spoken by God after Adam's fall, promising guilty humanity a Redeemer, because He loved us, from that word to the very thought which inspired it, the thought of His love for us. This mystery is then a mystery of love of prodigious height. “ Behold this great truth as desirable as any other in the Gospel, but so powerful and so elevated that we could not bear its splendour, if, He who had revealed it, was not propitious to us. ” Having thus ascended, from the Sacred Host to the Heart of God, Himself, how could we possibly redescend and degrade ourselves by disorderly affection for creatures ? A long and a strong chain of love links us to heaven ; we were not created for the vain and deceptive happiness of earth, then, let us be true to our higher destiny, bravely renouncing the world's pomps and vanities...

*The extent of this mystery :* — It holds Jesus in our midst forever ! “ Behold I am with you all days even unto the consummation of the world. ” These words taken from the Gospel of St. Matthew, crown the Blessed