

## The Apostle of the Holy Eucharist.

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**N** the splendid church of the Blessed Sacrament in Montreal, coincidentally with various similar celebrations throughout the Catholic world, took place, in the early days of February, a triduum of thanksgiving for the introduction at Rome, during the month of August last, of the Cause of Father Pierre Julien Eymard, founder of the Congregation of the Fathers of the B. Sacrament, who was signalized by the Cardinal Prefect of the Pope as "the most beautiful figure amongst those saints whom France has given to Church during the past century."

The ceremonies of those three eventful days consisted of Pontifical High Mass on the opening day, with Masses, Vespers and Benediction on the following days, and sermons by eminent preachers. It was a veritable festival of rejoicing for those in the immediate vicinity of the stately temple on the mountain slope. The triduum, which likewise commemorated the baptism of the Apostle of the Eucharist — a grace for which in his lifetime he had never ceased to thank God, — gave emphasis to the solemn approval of the Church on the life and works of the "St. John Baptist, the precursor of the Eucharistic reign of Jesus-Christ." Cardinals Svampa and Andrieu, two of the principal members of the commission, expressed the opinion that Father Eymard was "raised up by God in our epoch to rekindle in souls the love of the Holy Eucharist," and that his initiative was "the origin of the Eucharistic movement which in the last fifty years has been daily growing in the Church." The founder of that new Congregation was, in fact, to quote a high authority, "a priest of unbounded faith, who in the last half of the century had the holy audacity to undertake, in honor of the Divine Sacrament, something which seemed impos-