

Sacrament. And as of the marvellous chain of blessings communicated by the Incarnate Son of God, the Blessed Eucharist was the fitting, harmonious, and, we may say, natural consummation, so in the teaching of the Holy Father, the Encyclical on this Divine Gift is the conclusion of all the luminous lessons which he has taught mankind.

We have reason, then, to believe that a periodical exclusively devoted to the Blessed Sacrament and the promotion of the honor due it, will have something more than a mere passing interest for the clergy and people, especially when they consider the great help such a journal will be to them in encouraging frequent communions and visits to the Blessed Sacrament. For as the Holy Father declares: "To know what is the excellence of the Eucharist is to know the work which God made Man carried out on behalf of the human race. He gave men a new life as adopted sons of God." That such life may be lost by not frequenting its sources, every pastor sadly knows. And he knows, too, that the chief source and support of the spiritual life of his people is the Sacrament of the altar. For the altar is the greatest place of God's residence on earth—yea, greater than the pulpit, for there it is *hoc est corpus meum!* In the pulpit it is, at most, *hoc est verbum meum!* And a greater reverence is due to the Body than to the Word of the Lord, and to the throne where His body is usually present than to the seat where His word is preached. And this is why the Holy Father says: "In the Blessed Sacrament lies the hope and efficient cause of salvation and of that peace which all men so anxiously seek!"

The Blessed Eucharist is literally what our Lord calls it—"The Bread of Life." When the faithful once realize this, frequent communion is the natural conclusion. It is our greatest encouragement therefore to know that many of the clergy appreciate what the *Sentinel* is doing to foster this spirit of Eucharistic devotion in the hearts of the people, and that they consider the *Sentinel* an instrument for good. We ask them, now that we have incurred many expenses to improve the magazine, to cooperate with us more than ever to advance its circulation among the faithful. We wish to thank them for all they