

Jesus deserves our Adoration.

It is in the Blessed Sacrament that Jesus merits to the utmost our adoration, and this for two reasons: First, because in the Blessed Sacrament He has drawn so close to us with His divinity and humanity and second because His divinity and humanity are there so completely hidden.

Jesus is as near to us as He was to the shepherds; as near as He was to the kings; as near as He was to St. Peter; as near as He was to St. Mary Magdalen. And all of us who come before Him, and adore Him, share this privilege. You, Christians who now bend your knee when you hear His name spoken, filled with veneration, love and gratitude, fall down before this little form of bread for here dwells your great God, Jesus adored from all eternity. Our Lord not only merits this adoration in the Blessed Sacrament because here He is so near us with His divinity and humanity; He also merits it because from voluntary humility He remains here with His divinity and humanity completely hidden, and that is the other motive which should strongly incite us to adore Our Lord in the form of bread.

Whoever has a right and claim to exterior splendor, and to walk in greatness but renounces it and moves in simplicity and lowliness, deserves to be highly esteemed. Now if ever any one had a right and claim to move among us in pomp and majesty, surely it is the Son of God made man; if ever any one renounced such a claim, if ever any one walked among us in lowliness and humility surely it was our blessed Lord. He humbled Himself not even taking the splendor of the angels, but the form of a servant, and in this form went about in poverty and humility, yes, and was obedient