



## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*Mgr. Vaughan.*

“What is meant by saying that God is infinite? We seem to wish to be told, as if we had nothing given us to throw light on the question. The outward exhibition of infinitude is mystery, and the mysteries of nature and grace are nothing else than the mode in which His infinitude encounters us and is brought home to our minds. Men confess that He is infinite, yet they start and object as soon as His infinitude comes in contact with their imagination.”

CARDINAL NEWMAN.

There is scarcely any doctrine so beautiful or so consoling as the Catholic Doctrine of the Blessed Eucharist. It is the central dogma of our religion and the very focus of Divine love. When indeed we think of the excellence and the grandeur of this dogma, we are appalled at the large number of christians who refuse to accept its truth, and instinctively ask ourselves why it is that so many, in most respects good and honest men, reject and denounce it with so much vehemence.

Is it because such a doctrine finds no support in the holy writ? No; that cannot be for it is clearly and unmistakably laid down there in many noticeable passages; so clearly, indeed, that men are compelled to use violence, and to twist, contort and torture the obvious meaning of simple phrases in their vain efforts to escape from the catholic interpretation. Is it then, because it was not taught in the early church, nor countenanced by the Fathers and teachers of the first few centuries?