



Only permanent sacraments.

All other sacraments are transient, and pass with the action by which they are effected ; but the Sacrament of the Altar is permanent, and sets before us the Incarnate Word as the Object of prolonged contemplation. St. Paul says that " God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." These words have a special fulfillment in the holy Sacrament. " We behold His glory," both as God and Man — His sanctity, justice, love, pity and long-suffering, as God ; His humility, generosity, patience compassion, as Man. He is the pattern of all perfection set before us, that by contemplation we may learn what the letter of no law can teach us—the perfections of the Sacred Heart ; that from it we may draw our motives as well as our measures of love to God and man ; and that by contemplating it we may be conformed to it, and by gazing on it we may grow into the same likeness.

Passing the Church.

Do we Catholics firmly believe in the real presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament ? No doubt we do, and we must, would we be the true followers of Christ ! Yet do we not oftentimes act as if the Lord had no abode in the tabernacle ? Oftentimes we pass by the church and never stop to enter just for one short moment, just to greet our Master, who waits for us, who calls to us, who here rests day and night alone, and it would seem forgotten. Would you pass by the home of some great be-