

at Mass when the priest pronounces the words of Consecration a veritable destruction and self-effacement for the glorified Christ? Yes, we have unceasingly in the Blessed Sacrament the Lamb forever slain, and He there claims the same homage as in heaven, for He manifests therein the same attributes. It is to perpetuate and distribute the fruits of the Passion that Our Lord becomes Eucharist. Now the Passion, as I told you, that it may produce its glorious effects, requires an infinite power. Whence it follows that the Victim of the altar, who unceasingly cries towards His Father for pity and obtains it for sinful man, is truly the Son of God. Consequently we owe Him the homage of an earnest and eager service of adoration and all the splendor and glorification possible. This is what you propose doing, dear friends, in promising to come every month to prostrate yourselves for an hour before the Divine Victim, to proclaim His grandeur and excellence. Again the sacramental state is the most solemn assertion of Our Lord's love for us. Recall, my dear friends, the words of Saint John in the introduction to the long discourse of the Last Supper: "*in finem, dilexit*"; "He loved them to the end".

Why this veil, this obscurity, this littleness, this apparent weakness, why this condition of bread? Ah! Love alone can explain it all. He has loved too much and has cast Himself into the unfathomable abyss of Eucharistic annihilation. It is because He is but a morsel of bread that He can be everywhere, that rich and poor can give Him His sacramental clothing. It is because He is bread that He can descend into our souls and bring to them life and immortality.

My dear friends, does not so much love call for some return? It is this return that you make to Our Lord in your weekly or monthly adorations. It is assuredly a mark of love to seek anyone's presence, to be pleased in his company, to converse intimately with him. Well, this is just what you do during your hour of watch before the Most Blessed Sacrament.

But this Eucharistic state of Christ has another message for us. It proclaims His strength, His power, His invincibility. Think of the amount of power required for the permanence of the Eucharist! That It may continue existing priests and chaste souls by the thousands are needed. Think of the attacks of heresy that the Eucharist Christ must resist, the indifference and forgetfulness of those who surround Him that He must overcome! Yet all this is accomplished by the Victim of the Altar. Yea more! He goes on conquering continually. Daily He invades new lands and everywhere He brings