



DECREE
of the Sacred Congregation of the Council.
ON DAILY COMMUNION.



THE Holy Council of Trent, in view of the ineffable riches of grace which are bestowed on the faithful who receive Holy Communion, says (Sess. 22, C: 6): "The Holy Council would desire that the faithful assisting at Mass should communicate not only spiritually but sacramentally." These words clearly show the desire of the Church, that all the faithful should be strengthened daily by the Heavenly Banquet, and receive from it more abundant fruits of sanctification.

Now this wish is in keeping with the desire with which Christ was inflamed when He instituted this divine Sacrament. For not merely once, nor obscurely, did He intimate the necessity of frequently eating His Flesh and drinking His Blood. It was especially intimated when He said : " This is the Bread which came down from heaven.