

said: "Nothingness is everything." Divine Providence took care of His children, who were but two in number, Peter and John, and the Cenacle was established. The Archbishop, in his benevolent thoughtfulness for their welfare, made over to them a fine property, occupied until then by the Ladies of the Sacred Heart, whose school had not succeeded. This place, the scene of trial for its former occupants, now became that of Père Eymard's first success.

The first thing to do was to enlarge the little sanctuary, an undertaking that lasted the rest of that year. Then they transformed a hall into a chapel, and raised a wooden altar covered with white muslin. Jesus saw that little white tabernacle, almost as poor as His Crib at Bethlehem, and hastened to take possession of it, June 1st, 1856.

On that same day, at the Church of Saint Thomas of Aquin, Mgr. Sibour announced to the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society the work that had just begun for the glory of the Most Blessed Sacrament. "The news was received with great joy," as we are told. The illustrious Père Félix, the preacher of the Conferences at Notre Dame, with his usual eloquence and authority, embodied the principles of the new Society in these few words: "To save society, the spirit of sacrifice must be revived; and this can be done only by drawing it from its source, the Most Blessed Sacrament."

When the Bishop of Tripoli announced the same news, that a Society of men especially and entirely consecrated to the Blessed Sacrament had been instituted, the hearts of all Christians were filled with confidence and joy.

In the beginning of January, 1857, Père Eymard was able to expose the Blessed Sacrament and fulfil the principal duties of his new vocation.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, sometimes called the Three Kings, the day on which the Magi laid their crowns at the feet of the Master of the universe, the Lord mounted His Eucharistic Throne. Most of the great religious families were represented on this joyous solemnity, each desirous to greet affectionately the birth of their young sister. The members of the Nocturnal