

The Second American Eucharistic Congress.

THE Second American Eucharistic Congress met at St. Louis, Mo., in the church of St. Francis Xavier on Monday evening, October 14, and closed on the evening of Thursday, October 17. Archbishop Kain welcomed the members of the Congress; Archbishop Elder sang High Mass on Tuesday, and Bishop Maes, of Covington, presided over the meetings.

Besides the two Archbishops there were present nine Bishops, five Abbots, four Monsignors, seven Superiors of Religious Orders and 500 clergymen. On Tuesday evening, at Benediction, an ostensorium used by missionaries two hundred years ago contained the Blessed Sacrament. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings devotions in honor of the Blessed Sacrament were held in all the churches in St. Louis. The papers and sermons, all of a very high order, dealt with the importance of the Eucharistic movement and the best manner of organizing it.

During the Congress there was an extremely interesting art exhibition relating to the Blessed Sacrament.

The laity followed the deliberations of the Congress with prayer, and while the hierarchy and clergy assembled for the Hour of Adoration in every church in the city, the Blessed Sacrament was exposed and the people gathered to kneel in adoration before the King of Glory. The Holy Father sent his blessing to the Congress, the object of which was to emphasize and honor the source of Catholic power.

The Most Rev. Archbishop of New York sent, through the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament, a cordial invitation to the hierarchy and clergy to hold the Third Eucharistic Congress in New York.
