

II. — We now know what the Heart of Jesus is in the Eucharist. It is His Heart as true man that therein animates His sacramental life. It is a Heart at once human and divine. It fulfills therein before the Father the duties of a perfect priest and of a victim ever immolated ; and with regard to us, It is the Heart of a Mother, of a Brother, a Spouse, and a Friend. Not satisfied with living for us in the tabernacle, He attracts us to Himself, and gives Himself to us in Holy Communion. This gift is without repentance. It is made to us that we may live, and act supernaturally in Him and by Him. And now, what remains to be said, except to indicate in a few words the duties imposed upon us by the presence and the gift of the Heart of Our Saviour in the Eucharist.

1st. — We must know It, recognize It explicitly in the Sacrament, penetrate to It in thought, and go to adore It in the tabernacles in which It is loving us and waiting for us. Let us give It our time, much of our time. We cannot better employ it. We must adore It and praise It in all Its greatness human and divine. We must thank It for all the proofs of love that It has testified to us by the gift of the Eucharist, which It perpetuates upon all our altars at the cost of so great sacrifices, and with so much profit to us.

2nd. — We must have for It love full of heart, true tenderness, and the confidence of a son, a friend, a brother. It is our heart that It craves more than anything else ; and *that* we will give It if we sympathize in Its thoughts, Its interests, Its affections. O what great things the Heart of Jesus in the Eucharist desires for the glory of His Father and the salvation of men ! He remains in so many tabernacles only to procure that glory, sustain His Church, save sinners, preserve the just, and offer Himself for the poor souls in purgatory. Let us make His interests our own, let us join our prayers, our love, and our works to His sacrifice, to His perpetual apostolate.

3rd. — Let us compassionate that Heart, neglected, despised, abandoned. Doubtless, It is interiorly inundated with unalterable joy, plunged in unalloyed beatitude. But sin and forgetfulness affect It in a divine and inex-