

piring Son, when in that cry were all our sins forgiven, and the boundless stream of the Precious Blood washed away all stain or guilt from our souls. "You are bought with a great price." Redemption is purchased by the blood of the Man God. So let us, with faith, with hope, and love, rejoice in the Precious Blood of Jesus, for by it has our right to heaven been restored.

O mystery of the Precious Blood ! 'tis God alone can tell
Thy priceless worth, thy boundless good, which saved our souls from
hell.

Father Supreme ! vouchsafe that we for whom Thy Son was slain,
And whom the spirit sanctifies, may heavenly joys attain.

In no way can we honor the Precious Blood more than in devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on our altars. For in the tabernacle rests not only His body, but His blood, soul, and divinity. Jesus Christ entire is there, and waits in all humility for us to come and worship Him.

O precious tomb ! wherein I found sweet Jesus, our dear Treasure,
His Precious Blood and sacred heart that loves us without measure ;
Here angels vie their watch to keep while Christians faint do s'umber.
Arise ! O souls, from fatal sleep, with angel guards to number.

There is no society more pleasing to God than that which has for its aims and labor the love of the Blessed Sacrament and the beautifying of His sanctuary. Such a one, organized for seven years in honor of the seven blood sheddings of our dear Lord, is now to finish its labors.

In the autumn of 1889 a few children from the different parishes in Washington banded together as a sanctuary association for the chapel of the Convent of the Precious Blood in Brooklyn, N. Y. This was the first convent of the Order of the Precious Blood in the United States. It was then but recently founded. During the first year of its existence the society furnished the sanctuary lamp with oil and tapers. Mother Catherine, the foundress of the order, was so pleased thereat that she willingly granted permission for the children to continue their work of piety and adoration in honor of the seven blood sheddings. Thus was founded the sanctuary association for seven years.