

into human hearts to purify and fill them with a charity like unto that which prompted her to share her joy with others. "Each grace is a visit from Mary, bringing Jesus with her." He is still the "gate," through which He chooses to come to His own creatures. Let us then, though we feel with Elizabeth that we are unworthy to hail the "Mother of Our Lord," go with confidence to her each day. Full of grace herself, she is eager to share it with the lowliest of her children. She will so pray for us now that at the hour when the shadows of earth are lifted, we will see her gentle face with its look ineffable greet us in a welcome that shall be our joy forever.

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## Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

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**M**ISSIONARY was preaching in an Eastern country church. In the course of his sermons, he gave this illustration of faith and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament:

"As I was walking along the street of a big city, not long ago, I noticed a letter-carrier on bicycle. He was coming along at a rapid rate and had about as much as he could do to hold to his bundles of letters and papers with one hand and to guide his wheel with the other. Presently, he approached the church. Then he slackened his speed, and as he passed in front of the building he slowed down until he just kept the machine in motion. As he went by the main door, he let go his hold of the handle bar, raised his hat and bowed his head for an instant. Then he was off again with the speed of the wind, and sped on his work out of sight around the corner. As I saw his public act of faith and homage, I said to myself, 'if that man never does anything else, outside of Christian life, for the honor of God, but keeps up that practice of love for Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, I have no doubt he'll be saved, for God could not forget him or fail to reward him publicly for his open reverence for his hidden Lord.'"