

a vital relation between Jesus living in the Sacrament and ourselves living in the midst of the world. It bears a corporeal relation of body to body, and it is called not simply the Feast of Our Lord, but the Feast of the Body of our Lord. It is by that Body that we touch Him, that He becomes our nourishment, our Brother, our Guest.—Feast of the Body of Jesus Christ ! O what love those words breathe, because they are lowly and suited to our misery ! Our Lord desired this Feast in order to draw nearer to us, as a father is anxious that his son should celebrate his natal day, that he may show his own paternal love, and grant him some special favor.

May this Feast, then, be one of joy, on which we may expect multiplied favors. All the hymns and canticles of this solemnity express the thought that Our Lord will be more gracious to us on this day than ever. The Church might, it would seem, have celebrated Corpus Christi on Holy Thursday, since it was on that day that the Eucharist was instituted. But on that sor-

