



Particular Practice for the Month of August.

Our Duties towards the Blessed Eucharist.

Second Duty : To Honor It.

WE enter the sanctuary of religion by an act of lively faith, and after having discharged this first duty toward Jesus in the Sacred Host, after having acknowledged His presence in the Blessed Sacrament, we proceed to our second duty : to honor It.

In order to discharge this duty more efficaciously, let us see what right Jesus has to our homage of respect and honor in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is God ; has not God a supreme right to the humble respect of His creatures ? Jesus in the Eucharist is King of hearts and souls ; has He not infinitely more right to be surrounded with brilliant and respectful honors than any earthly king ? Jesus is a Father ; has not a father the right to expect marks of veneration as well as of love from his children ? Each of these titles is an inalienable right whereby Jesus claims the triple homage of our intellect, of our heart, and of our body.

We will honor Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament by our intellect, in submitting our reason to the sublimity of the divine mystery ; in making this proud intellect acknowledge its powerlessness before the accumulated marvels wrought by the Wise and Powerful God in this masterpiece of the hand of the Most High.