

nion; and if they remain faithful it is due to Holy Communion!

The Christian life is essentially a life of sacrifice. This life of sacrifice is the marrow of the Christian religion. As Our Lord redeemed mankind by sacrifice, so likewise mankind must obtain redemption and salvation by sacrifice. Besides, our times and country demand sacrifice from Catholics. As all who are exposed to hard work and trials need special help, assistance, and strength, so Catholics need special vigor, courage, and strength, and no one can give it except Jesus Christ, the Lion of Juda, who has conquered and will assist us to gain victory. The ever Holy and living Sacrifice of the Altar will give us the true, and genuine spirit of sacrifice.

PREACHING JESUS FROM THE HOUSETOP

Whenever you go from the Communion rail, blessed with the most precious of God's gifts, then you are preaching from the housetop Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The sacred memory of the morning's Communion, the patient word, the kind deed, the checked murmur, the cheerful welcoming of duties and trials, the suppressing of all evil gossip and fault finding, the thousand and one other thoughts and acts, which are inspired by the presence of Jesus within you, are all so many sermons by which you are preaching Jesus from the housetop. Jesus is no longer dumb because He is speaking eloquently on your charitable lips. Jesus is no longer blind because He looks lovingly through your meek and patient glances. Jesus is not crippled or maimed because in your limbs He runs to virtuous deeds; by your hands He reaches out in numberless kind ways to His brethren and yours. "That which I tell you in the dark, speak ye in the light." Jesus seemed to have hidden Himself in a cloud when He passed your lips to be your food, but no, the light of Jesus shines through you, transfusing you with the brightness of its presence and the glory of His grace and radiating His splendor to all mankind through the virtues you perform because of His Body and Blood. You are the housetop from which Jesus preaches to the world.