

sacrament of love that attracts and fascinates souls ; it is in answer to the God of our Sanctuary's call that youths and tender maidens heroically forsake home and friends, and courageously follow wheresoever He leads. Sometimes that " still small voice " is heard in childhood, often in the bliss of First Communion, but ever and always from out the Master's domain—the Tabernacle.

It was to Philip and Nathaniel that the Saviour revealed something of His glory on earth : " Amen, I say to you, you shall see the heavens open and the Angels ascending ministering unto the Son of Man." These words are even more fully exemplified in our Temples. In truth, a mysterious ladder of Jacob spans heaven and earth, one end resting on the Son of God wrapped in Eucharistic slumber, and the other on the Eternal Father inclined towards us while contemplating the Sacred Host.

The angels descend from heaven to minister unto Jesus, to adore Him, and the bless Him. They ascend bearing our supplications countersigned by the Son of Man, and redescend again to scatter graces and blessings. They ascend to present our prayers, our wishes, our hopes, and descend to bring us from God light, strength, consolation, blessings. I assert, and you are witness that it is in our midst that God's words are accomplished. The heavens are open, the adorable Eucharist is glorified, mankind is blessed and comforted.

And now a word about the vocation of Matthew. The Saviour letting his gaze rest upon him pleads : Come, follow-Me." Instantly Matthew rises and follows Him and invites Him to a great banquet. In every age of the church there have always been sudden striking conversions, like that of the Jew Hermann, but in the generality of cases these two circumstances are lacking, yet differ as they may, there is not one but which is completed by the Eucharist.

Jesus cast a look of mercy on the publican, this look and the word he heard converted him. He becomes all eagerness to serve the Saviour, and to express his joy at being chosen he prepares a grand banquet at which Jesus will preside This banquet is a figure of the Eucharistic banquet : In order that conversion be real, sincere, and