

means of perseverance ; for the sinner the strength to rise again, for the dying the means of dying in peace with God, for the whole world the divine mercy.

It is as perpetual, alas ! as the needs of the creature, and the requirements of sin ! It is as universal as the world, that it may pursue sin everywhere and extend its reparative action wherever sin has left its destructive germs.

O gentle and merciful, O powerful and indefatigable mediation of the Eucharistic Christ ! O too precious ransom ! O Sacrament of the priesthood and sacrifice of Jesus, throne of perpetual mediation, altar of peace, be thou blessed, praised and loved forevermore.

III. PROPITIATION.

Try to understand how serious an evil is sin, since it is so often committed in face of the altar where the divine Victim immolates Himself to diminish its ravages, and in spite of His wonders of love and His numberless sacrifices, His astounding annihilations, sin is not yet conquered ! It is certain that sin becomes even more grievous, more deserving of the hatred and punishment of God, from the fact that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ is despised, rejected, belittled by man, led furiously into error, against the love of his God.

The presence of the Eucharist everywhere makes the whole earth a sanctuary. It is this sanctuary that the sinner so thoughtlessly profanes. How terrible will be his punishment, if he persists in offending God in spite of the protestations, the offers, the sacrifices, the reparation that the Eucharist multiplies in order to preserve him from sin, or to make him renounce it.

Examine your own conscience, and remembering the most serious errors of your life, weigh them, measure them by the measure of all the love that nineteen centuries of the Eucharistic existence of Jesus could contain, hate them as he does, and for His sake. Offer Him for yourself ; it is still possible to you. It is the consummation of His mercy : profit by it, for if you continue to despise it your judgment will be terrible.