

Writing to one of his fellow-priests he says : " I count greatly on your fervent prayers to help me to live up to my chosen motto : Until the end, which is in truth the Eucharistic watchword eminently suited to our sublime vocation." Alas ! that end was nearer than we thought. In fact, it was only eight days before his death that our lamented deceased penned the words we have just quoted.

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" I want to die combatting " he had once said to one of his colleagues.—And so he did. Like the intrepid soldier he was he died of what had constituted his life : love for the Blessed Sacrament. He had just finished preaching a retreat to a community of nuns when he was stricken with the fatal blow that so quickly felled this indomitable champion of the Eucharistic Christ. One of his fellow-priests sends us the following account of his last illness :

" Two days before the annual retreat of the community he fainted in the chapel and was carried to his room. The next day feeling a little better he desired to follow the exercises of the retreat saying ' it will be my last.' Thursday night the 25th he had a severe hemorrhage. Unfortunately he was alone at the time as he was not considered sick enough to require attendance. He got up and rapped at the priest's door whose room faced his and begged him to come and ask me to go and give him absolution.

I rushed to his assistance and found him bathed in his own blood. He received Extreme Unction with indescribable sentiments of piety and humility : ' I only regret one thing ' he murmured, and that his not to have worked enough for the Institute.'

" Thanks to the skill and devotion of the Doctors called in consultation he rallied somewhat and said to me : " 'It's a pity ! I was so well prepared. What do we do here but dim our soul's purity more and more.

" As I have already told you when I asked him to make the sacrifice of his life he unhesitatingly answered : '*Lætatus sum in his...* When the crisis was past he made me promise not to hide his condition from him and to tell him when his death was near. The next day, Friday