

"*motu proprio*" of the Holy Father. After the gospel, amid general and profound emotion, Mgr. Lavelle, Rector of the Cathedral, ascended the pulpit and read a Brief from the Holy Father, encouraging and blessing the Congress and granting its members precious indulgences. We subjoin the principal passages of the pontifical document.

"As nothing is dearer to our heart than the desire to see the honor and adoration due to the Sacrament of divine love extend and increase day by day; we have always been ready to use our authority to promote this devotion."

"Also, we have been greatly pleased at the project of holding next month in the City of New York the Third Eucharistic Congress under the auspices of our illustrious Archbishop, and brother, J. M. Farley, who has invoked our paternal attention to this important event. We willingly and joyfully approve this excellent means of showing by a public manifestation, a lively faith and a profound piety, which cannot fail to draw down abundantly the blessings of God."

"For this reason to all who participate in the Convention, we grant as a pledge of the divine favor our Apostolic benediction, while at the same time we open to them the treasures of the Church."

The sermon which followed the reading of the Brief was delivered by Mgr. Mooney, Vicar-General of New York, whose subject: "The Eucharist in the Twentieth Century," was most attractive and in which the gifted orator delineated the Eucharist as the centre and the pivot of the dogma and of the morals of the Church, as well as the support in last analysis of human institutions.

The opening Session as well as the following ones was held in the large hall of the Cathedral College specially arranged for that purpose. The stage was artistically decorated with festoonings of velvet and gold; in the centre Our Holy Father's picture gracefully rested on the folds of the star-spangled banner, thus happily symbolizing the union of filial submission and liberty.

Mgr. Farley inaugurated the Session by an address of welcome in which he feelingly referred to the paternal affection with which he had been received at Rome by