



Wherefore the Eucharist ?

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*To preserve to the world the memory of the Passion and
Death of the Saviour.*

I.—ADORATION.

IT is a truth of faith that the Eucharist was instituted by Our Lord Jesus Christ to perpetuate the memory of His Passion and death, and in consequence the memory of the love which induced Him to accept both for our salvation.—“ *Do this in commemoration of Me,*” said the Saviour, whilst annihilating His Body and His Blood under the appearances of bread and wine, and burying Himself in His entirety under the shroud of the holy species. St. Paul also said, according to the revelation that had been made to him personally by the Lord : “ As often as you shall eat this bread and drink this chalice, you shall shew forth the death of the Lord.”

It is therefore of the greatest importance that the memory of the death of Jesus should always live amongst men. It is only by the invocation of the suffering Christ and the application of the merits of His death that we can be saved.—And, besides, death accepted for those we love being the greatest proof of love, Jesus who knows that our hearts can entirely be won only by His love, requires that the proof and manifestation He has given of it in His Passion be always present to our eyes.