

the children of humanity. In Mary, the Word unites Himself to human nature ; by the Eucharist, He unites Himself to all men.

To redeem us, it sufficed for the Word to unite Himself numerically to only one human creature. He wished to be alone in suffering, in expiating in His Body and Soul, and in dying, in the name of all, under an excess of torments. But when that Humanity had been ground, when it had become the source of all justification, Jesus Christ changed It into His Sacrament which He offers to all, that all may participate in the merits and glory of the Body that He had taken in Mary. It is sufficient for us to receive It and, in receiving It, we have more than Mary had. We have the glorified and resuscitated Body of the Saviour, still marked with the wounds of His love, the sign of His victory over the powers of this world.



Oh, wonder ! in communicating, we receive more than Mary received in the Incarnation ! Mary bore in her womb only the passible Body of the Word ; we receive His impassible and heavenly Body. Mary bore the Man of Sorrows ; we possess the Son of God crowned with glory. We receive Him, also, in a more consoling manner. Mary daily saw the time she was to possess