

our entire person is invested with power over our enemies and our actions are endowed with divine value. In this way He imparts His life to us.

Thus closely united to Him, we should be animated with His spirit and bear His likeness. But these marvellous effects have been frequently portrayed and studied. To-day my desire is to excite your appreciation of the value of the Adorable Blood of Jesus Christ. This is a subject on which we do not meditate sufficiently, and, yet, nothing is more calculated to nourish and elevate christian piety.

In our time the Church advocates devotion to the Precious Blood in a most pressing manner. She ordains the yearly celebration of two feasts in Its honor, she sets the seal of her approval on an institute of priests known as Missionaries of the Precious Blood and she establishes confraternities whose end is to pay It special worship.

In an age when the efficacy of the Divine Blood is ignored or frustrated by wide spread irreligion, she appeals to the piety of her faithful children to make atonement for crime and by their devotion draw down upon the earth the Blood through which alone it can be saved.

Priests ! our life is nourished by the Redeemer's Blood in the Sacramental species. This eminent privilege imposes on us the obligation of seeking to attain sanctity far beyond that of the simple laity. We owe everything to our Saviour's Blood. Let us study Its excellency, Its wonderful effects, and then see the use we should make of It in furtherance of our salvation and sanctification.

" You have been redeemed by the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ." Let us consider what gratitude is exacted and what love should be produced by this benefit. We read in the Old Testament that " the blood is the life." This may be applied to the soul in a supernatural sense. The Blood of Jesus Christ is its life. Being of divine value, It communicates to the soul which appropriates It that Christ-like life through which alone heaven can be won.

1 The blood, as I have just said, is a man's life. Its circulation through the members gives them action and vigor. Its flux and re-flux through the heart creates the