

great Mystery, the source of all life and virtue in the Church of God.

In establishing the association Venerable Father Ey-mard was animated by this thought: Jesus is constantly dwelling in our midst in the Real Presence. He is veiled, hidden, but He is there for us that our weak eyes may behold Him better, that our poor hearts may welcome Him with full confidence; but under the sacramental veils He is truly our God and Master, and as such, must be adored. Kings are constantly surrounded by courtiers anxious to show publicly their respect and affection; all are eager to visit their king, whenever possible. Should Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament be shown less attention than earthly kings? No. He is the King of kings, and our churches, where He constantly and personally resides should never be empty. At each hour someone should be found in prayer and adoration with the invisible angelic choirs before the Eucharistic King.

Let us be among the few who understand the gift of God, the masterpiece of His Love. No other such place should afford us such delight as the altar whereon Our Lord resides, the throne which He has ascended to greet us, to receive our homage, and grant our requests. Let the Eucharistic Adoration once influence our heart, and nothing will be impossible to us in the way of doing good and of sanctifying our own souls.

It was a significant fact that the first solemn reception of new members into the Guard of Honor took place on the first Sunday of May, the month of our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, the Mother and Model in the discharge of the great duty of Adoration. Under her auspices the Work began, to her care the result is committed.