



Gleanings.

Eucharistic Gem. — Through the Eucharist, we adhere intimately to the Cross; through it we drink the Precious Blood, dipping, as it were, our tongue in the very wounds of our Redeemer and are inebriated with Its love.

Honor the Priest of God. — Catholics make a grievous mistake when they belittle the work of the priest. Personally a priest may not impress one favorably, but it should always be borne in mind that he is on the side of virtue, of justice, of truth; that he is always advancing the cause of Christ, defending His interests, tending His flock, announcing His Gospel, and administering His sacraments. The priest should always be honored, remembering the dignity of his vocation.

A Touching Incident. — It is related by the Cardinal of Rheims that one day a group of working men were busily engaged in repairing the pavement in a street of the city when a priest approached. One of the men happened to be a friend of the priest; leaving his companions he advanced to greet the good Father; but the latter whispered: "I cannot stop; I am carrying the Blessed Sacrament." The poor laborer turned away, and began to think of the pity of it—that our Lord had to be hidden in Rheims, and could receive no public honor from the faithful. That evening he spoke of the matter to his associates; and a resolution was carried that henceforth working men should accompany the Sacred Host as often as it is carried to a sick person. What is more, the resolution has been acted upon; the Blessed Eucharist is now escorted through the streets of Rheims by a working men's guard of honor.

O'Connell and the Mass. — The importance which Daniel O'Connell attached to the discharge of religious duties is revealed by a letter which has just been discovered, and which Mr. Maurice Murphy of Castle-Island, has sent for publication to the "*Kerry*