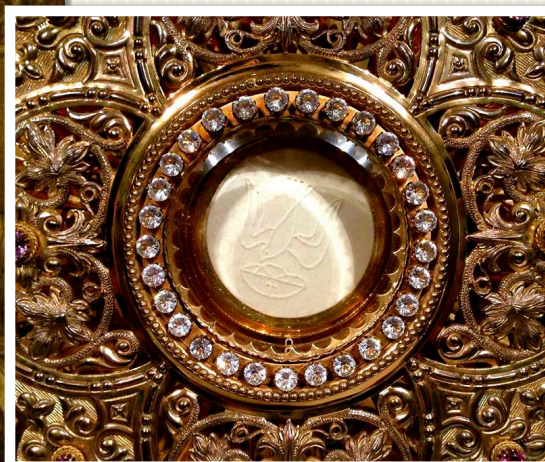




THE PRESENCE



"Out of the flame of hope,
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conflagration of charity"

Holiness Through Adoration

(Dom Mark Kirby, OSB - From *In Sinu Jesu*, The Journal of a Priest)

A FURNACE AND A FORGE

The practice of adoration is not difficult. It is a gentle abiding in My presence, a resting in the radiance of My Eucharistic Face, a closeness to My Eucharistic Heart. Words, though sometimes helpful, are not necessary, nor are thoughts. What I seek from one who would adore Me in spirit and in truth is a heart aflame with love, a heart content to abide in my presence, silent and still, engaged only in the act of loving Me and of receiving My love.

Though this is not difficult, it is, all the same, my own gift to the soul who asks for it. Ask, then, for the gift of adoration. Adoration is an austere prayer because it rests upon faith alone. Out of faith there rises the pure flame of hope, and out of the flame of hope, I enkindle in the soul a great conflagration of charity; that is, a communication to the soul of the fire that blazes in My Eucharistic Heart.

The fire of Divine Love does not destroy what I created: a soul fashioned in My image and likeness. It purifies that soul and burns away only what is incompatible with My infinite holiness, and with the purity of My Essence. The soul, however, is not annihilated. The soul remains, even in the midst of the purifying flames of Divine Love, fully capable of believing, of hoping, and of loving Me. Adoration is a furnace and a forge. The soul called to a life of adoration must expect to suffer the intensity of the fiery furnace, and the reshaping of all that is misshapen in her in the forge of My Divine Will. For this to happen, it is enough that the soul offer herself to My love, and remain humble, peaceful, and quiet as I purify and transform her in My presence. If only souls knew the power to purify and to transform that emanates from My tabernacles!

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THE PURIFICATION OF THE PRIESTHOOD

If only My priests knew this they would hasten into My presence and remain there, waiting for Me to do in them what, of themselves, they cannot do. It is the simple prayer of adoration that renders a priest fit for the sacred ministry by giving him a pure heart and by correcting all that is incompatible with My Divine Holiness and with My Priestly Love in his life. This way of holiness through adoration is a secret revealed to My saints in ages past, and it is a gift that I am offering

My priests in these times of impurity, persecution, and darkness. For impurity, I will give them a shining purity that will blaze before the eyes of the world as a testimony to Divine Love. For persecution I will give them a manly strength and a resoluteness of purpose that will confound those who plot their downfall. For darkness I will give them a clear light by which to order their steps and see what choices are pleasing to My Heart.



A LABOR TO SUPPORT PRIESTS

Time spent in My presence is not time wasted. It is the ground and support of every word spoken by My priests in the exercise of their ministry; it is the secret of a priestly action that is supernaturally fruitful, bearing fruit that will last. If this is true of the priests whom I have chosen to labour in the vineyard of My Church, how much more must it be true of [those]whom I have chosen and set apart to live cloistered in the Cenacle with My Most Holy Mother and with Saint John, My Beloved Disciple. John was most at home in My Eucharistic presence and in the company of My Mother. John understood better and more than the other Apostles the mysteries that I instituted in the Cenacle on the night before I suffered. John was the first of a long line of Eucharistic priests called to love Me and abide in My Eucharistic presence, close to My Heart, and in the radiance of My Face. This is the particular grace that Saint John would share with those who, responding to My call, will find their way to the Cenacle of adoration that I am bringing to birth as a living organism within My Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit and formed in the Heart of My Immaculate Mother.