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BLESSED SACRAMENT**

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THE MANUAL.

This Confraternity now embraces in one body and under one united Executive, two formerly distinct Associations, viz., "The Society of the Blessed Sacrament," instituted Christmas, 1860, and "The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament," inaugurated the first Thursday in Advent, 1862; the amalgamation having been sanctioned and ratified February 26, 1867, by their respective representatives in Council assembled.

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OF THE

Body and Blood of Christ.

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Aus verum Corpus.

Hail to Thee! true Body sprung
From the Virgin Mary's womb!
The Same that on the Cross was hung,
And bore for man the bitter doom!
Hear us, merciful and mild,
JESU! Mary's gracious Child. Amen.

From Whose Side for sinners riven
Water flowed and mingled Blood!
May'st Thou, dearest LORD! be given
In death's hour to be my Food!
Hear us, merciful and mild,
JESU! Mary's gracious Child. Amen.

The Manual.

PART I.

Objects, Rules, &c.,

OF

THE CONFRATERNITY.

Objects.

1. The Honour due to the Person of our LORD JESUS CHRIST in the BLESSED SACRAMENT of His BODY and BLOOD.
2. Mutual and special Intercession at the time of and in union with the EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE.
3. To promote the observance of the Catholic and primitive practice of receiving the Holy Communion fasting.

Rules.

1. To Communicate, or at least to be present, on Sundays and the greater Festivals, and other Holy-days, when the HOLY EUCHARIST is Celebrated,

8 Rules, Recommendations, and

unless prevented by sickness or other urgent cause.

2. To promote, by all legitimate means, frequent and reverent Celebrations of the **HOLY EUCHARIST**, as the Chief Act of Divine Service.
3. To make such special Intercessions as shall be from time to time directed.

Recommendations.

1. To give careful attention to Preparation before, and Thanksgiving after, every Communion.
2. To Communicate at an early Celebration.
3. To make, at every Celebration, one or more of the following Acts—
 - Of Faith.
 - Of Adoration.
 - Of Spiritual Communion.
 - Of Thanksgiving.
 - Of Reparation.
 - Of Intercession.
 - Of Prayer for the Visible Unity of Christendom.
4. To make Acts of Spiritual Communion, when deprived of the opportunity of receiving the **HOLY EUCHARIST**.
5. To make Offerings for the due and reverent Celebration of the **HOLY EUCHARIST**.

Laws.

1. CONSTITUTION.

The Confraternity of the BLESSED SACRAMENT of the BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST shall consist of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; Members of Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods; and Communicants of both sexes.

2. FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

The Confraternity shall be governed by

1. A Superior-General, and
2. A Council.

3. MEMBERSHIP.

Subject to the conditions herein set forth, any one being a Communicant or under preparation for receiving HOLY COMMUNION, shall be eligible to become an Associate of this Confraternity.

Such person being desirous of becoming an Associate of the Confraternity of the BLESSED SACRAMENT, shall signify his, or her, wish to the Superior-General, or to one of the Superiors of the various Wards, or to any Priest-Associate in the following form:—

I, —, being a (Bishop, Priest, Deacon, Brother or Sister of a Religious Com-