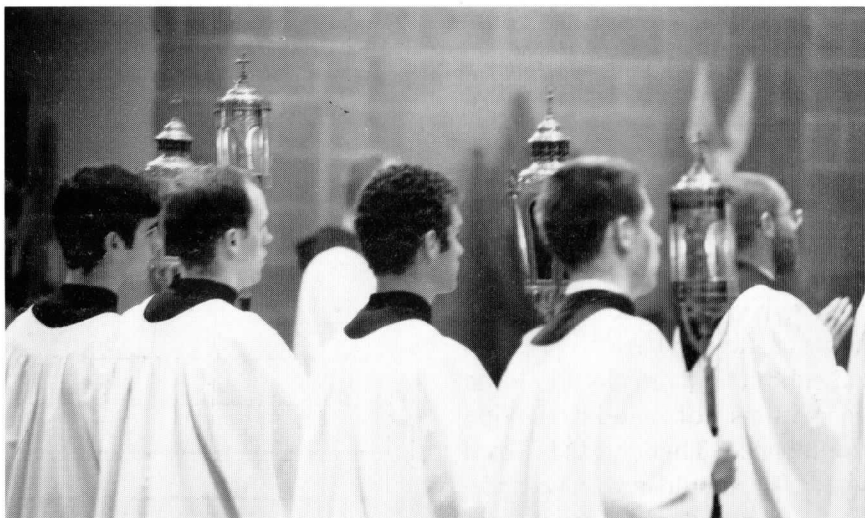


## ***For The Preservation Of The Christian Order***

*It is a prodigious tragedy today that so many people of our world – especially our Christian Catholic world – no longer turn to God in a spirit of penance and prayer and self-abnegation. Many there are who like to talk about the Christian Order and the preservation of it, yet who refuse to motivate themselves into doing that which is most helpful in the preserving of it, namely, the reconstruction of self. In fact, the very thought of the reconstruction of self is altogether unintelligible to the mind of modern man. Penance and prayer and self-abnegation have become so overshadowed by the created demands of our modern materialistic and Godless society, that for most of mankind even the very idea of such a life has not only lost all significance but is looked upon with utter repugnance and disdain. The preservation of the Christian Order depends entirely on the reconstruction of self, and is the consequent result of the restoration of true faith within the individual. The restoration of a strong faith will bring about the reconstruction of our attitude toward the importance of a life of solid prayer and penance. It has been the weakening of our faith that has caused many – even of good will – to stuff every thought of penance and prayer and self-abnegation into the catch-all basket of poorly kept annual Lenten resolutions. □*



***Young men giving honor to  
our Eucharistic Lord on Corpus Christi Sunday***