



"Real Presence"

"O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!"

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"Just as the sun is the source of all energy and warmth, so is the Blessed Sacrament the source of all grace and love."

The goal of this newsletter and our Apostolate, Apostles of the Real Presence, is to make Jesus Christ Known, Loved, and Adored in the Blessed Sacrament.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION A WELLSPRING OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

The Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, has a dream. He envisions Catholics praying around the clock, adoring the Blessed Sacrament. He says "...Christ shall be given back 'love for love,' and truly become the life of our souls. The best, the surest and most effective way of establishing PEACE on the face of the earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament."

The restoring of Christ's Eucharistic reign in all its power will have the capacity to change hearts, souls, individuals, families, society and the very structure of the world. Spending time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will heal people of their illnesses, sorrows, hurts, angers, depressions, fears, worries, anxieties and suffering of any kind. Jesus is the answer. He is truly present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Blessed Sacrament just waiting for you to sit with Him and take in his Divine Rays of love and healing.

The Eucharistic species emanates rays, divine rays which bring conversions, grace, healing and holiness into your life and into the lives of others. These rays penetrate to the very core of your being which is your soul. Jesus will perform some of His greatest miracles. He will reveal Himself to you in a most special and personal way. He will lift for you the veil of mystery surrounding Him in the way and manner He desires to do so just for you.

Beginning perpetual adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on December 2, 1981, Pope John Paul II sees Eucharistic adoration as an indispensable wellspring of spiritual renewal.



COME LET US ADORE HIM,
JESUS, OUR KING

AN HOUR IN PARADISE

The object of Eucharistic adoration is the Divine Person of our Lord Jesus Christ present in the most Blessed Sacrament. He is living there. He wants us to speak to Him, and He will speak to us. This conversation between the soul and our Lord is true Eucharistic adoration.

Look upon the hour of adoration assigned to you as an hour in Paradise. Go to your adoration as one would go to Heaven, to the divine banquet. You will then long for that hour and hail it with joy. Take delight in fostering a longing for it in your heart. Tell yourself, ... He has invited me; He is waiting for me; He is longing for me.

Come To Me in the Blessed Sacrament,
Missionaries of the Blessed Sacrament,
Plattsburgh, NY

BOOK REVIEW: *Transforming Your Life Through the Eucharist*

by Paul G. Mancini

In preparing for a recent TV interview on the Holy Eucharist and our Apostolate, I must have read at least twelve books and numerous other Church documents and writings from the saints and Our Holy Father. They were all great and brought me to a deeper belief that the Holy Eucharist is truly "the ineffable" Sacrament as our Holy Father John Paul II explains so beautifully.

The book that has become my personal aid and meditation to better appreciate Mass and Adoration of Our Lord is *Transforming Your Life Through The Eucharist* by Fr. John A. Kane.

This is true classic in every sense of the word. Originally published in 1941, it has been republished by Sophia Institute Press. This holy priest, Fr. Kane, shares his deep faith in Our Lord in a clear, concise, yet very charming way.

Every chapter is full of profound insights and sound teaching, covering topics such as union with Christ, union with others in His Mystical Body, the Church, and the Holy Spirit's action in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This book is a much-needed manual of devo-

A HOLY HOUR WITH JESUS

In his encyclical "*Redemptor Hominis*" (Redeemer of Man), Pope John Paul II called upon the whole People of God to make Jesus loved in the Blessed Sacrament and to make the Eucharist the very center of each parish through adoration. He says "Your faith will help you to realize, that is Jesus Himself present in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for you and calling you to spend one special specific hour with Him each week." By spending one hour each week with Jesus, your sacrifice will help make reparation for the evils of the world and open the floodgates of God's merciful love upon all mankind. God will bless you, your family and the world for this sacrifice because God cannot be outdone in generosity.

tion, and I personally use it as meditation for my prayer of thanksgiving after receiving Jesus in Communion.

One of the most important lessons that I learned is hinted at in the title of the work. That is, with great patience, Our Lord truly can and will transform our whole lives through worship, reception and adoration of His Holy Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Just as He "grew in wisdom and stature before God and man", we, by His Spirit, grow to become like Him.

This book is available at local Catholic bookstores or you may telephone Sophia Institute Press directly at 1-800-888-9344.

Yours Sincerely in Christ, Paul G. Mancini



COME LET US ADORE HIM,
JESUS, OUR KING

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"

(Mt. 26:40)

"I Myself Am the Living Bread come down from heaven."

(Jn. 6:35)

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he will sustain thee."

(Ps. 55:22)

Eucharistic Teaching Aids

Be sure to view our new website: <http://users.ids.net/~realpresence> There you will find 12 concise teaching modules relative to the Church teachings about the Real Presence of Jesus, the significance of the Mass, developing a personal relationship with Jesus and the need for more frequent confession and much more. The aids are suitable for junior high and high school, CCD and Adult Education.



EARLY CHURCH FATHERS, THE REAL PRESENCE AND A MIRACLE

ST. JUSTIN MARTYR

St. Justin Martyr was born a pagan but converted to Christianity after studying philosophy. He was a prolific writer and many Church scholars consider him the greatest apologist or defender of the faith from the 2nd century. He was beheaded with six of his companions some time between 163 and 167 A.D.

"This food we call the Eucharist, of which no one is allowed to partake except one who believes that the things we teach are true, and has received the washing for forgiveness of sins and for rebirth, and who lives as Christ handed down to us. For we do not receive these things as common bread or common drink; but as Jesus Christ our Savior being incarnate by God's Word took flesh and blood for our salvation, so also we have been taught that the food consecrated by the Word of prayer which comes from him, from which our flesh and blood are nourished by transformation, is the flesh and blood of that incarnate Jesus."

First Apology", Ch. 66, inter A.D. 148-155.



THE DIDACHE

The Didache or "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles" is a manuscript which was used by 2nd century bishops and priests for the instruction of catechumens.

"Let no one eat and drink of your Eucharist but those baptized in the name of the Lord; to this, too the saying of the Lord is applicable: 'Do not give to dogs what is sacred'".

Ch .9.5

ST. CYPRIAN OF CARTHAGE

St. Cyprian of Carthage converted from paganism to Christianity around the year 246 A.D. He was Bishop of Carthage and was beheaded for his Faith in the year 258 A.D., the first African bishop to have been martyred.,

"So too the sacred meaning of the Pasch lies essentially in the fact, laid down in Exodus, that the lamb - slain as a type of Christ - should be eaten in one single home. God says the words: 'In one house shall it be eaten, ye shall not cast its flesh outside.' The flesh of Christ and the Lord's sacred body cannot be cast outside, nor have believers any other home but the one Church."

-"The Unity of the Catholic Church". Ch. 8, circa 249-258 A.D.

THE REAL PRESENCE = JESUS CHRIST, BODY, BLOOD, SOUL AND DIVINITY IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all sacraments tend." In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially* contained." "This presence is called 'real' - by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a *substantial* presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present."

- The Catechism of the Catholic Church: paragraph 1374

Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament

Lord, Jesus, as I kneel before Your hidden presence, help me respond to Your graces so that I may be as really present to You, as You are to me, in the most Blessed Sacrament of Your love and mercy. Allow your radiant presence to re-ignite the fire of Your Spirit within me, so that I may be Your Sacrament of love and mercy and all.

Amen.

Hope for the Journey,

Fr. Jack Spaulding
(Queenship Publishing Co.
Santa Barbara CA)

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

St. Anthony of Padua who lived in the 13th Century, challenged a heretic on the belief of the validity of the Sacraments. A mule was kept in its stall for three days, deprived of food. The mule was then brought before St. Anthony, who held a consecrated Host. A Eucharistic miracle took place. The heretic attempted to feed it oats and hay, but the mule took no notice of the food and fell to its knees before the Blessed Sacrament. The heretic and many others subsequently converted and believed in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.



The attitude of Apostles of the Real Presence

As we respond to Our Holy Father's call to "do everything we can to restore and increase faith in and devotion to Our Lord's Real Presence", what should be our attitude or "posture" as we bring this Great Treasure, the Real Presence of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to our Brothers and Sisters?

Our Blessed Lord shows us Himself in St. John's Gospel Ch. 13:4, 14 "(Jesus) rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, If I then, your Lord and Teacher, has washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."

We vow that everything we do in our Apostolate be done in a spirit of humble service. In our works of personal contacts, writings and publications to our advocacy for beautiful Liturgies and solid teaching programs, we vow to never forget that we are there with Our Lord, on our knees, trying to wash each other's feet.

We should speak without criticism and judgments and only with the cleansing and inspiring words of the Holy Spirit. Then, perhaps by God's Grace, our words and actions will melt hearts and inspire many to great zeal for Our Lord. Then, also, will we be "truly pleasing and acceptable" to Our Lord when we go before him and with Him in His great Eucharistic Sacrifice to offer to the Father in Heaven "worship in Spirit and Truth", a true Sacrifice of Praise!

-Paul G. Mancini and Jim Wasel, Co-Chairmen

Our Apostolate, Apostles of the Real Presence, is devoted to restoring the faith and understanding in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. With the permission of our Ordinary, Most Reverend Robert E. Mulvey, and through the helpful guidance of our spiritual advisors, especially the Office of Spirituality and Evangelization, we are striving in various ways to making Jesus Christ Known, Loved and Adored in the Blessed Sacrament. (This newsletter may be copied without alteration for further distribution.)

- For those who want to assist Apostles of the Real Presence in reaching souls with the good news of the Eucharist, **meetings** are held the last Tuesday of each month at 7:45 p.m. at St. Bartholomew Church's Rectory Basement, following the 7:00 p.m. Novena in the Church. (Enter the side door to the rectory on the parking lot side.)

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