



# "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.

## ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD, SERVANT OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Founder of the Society of the Blessed Sacrament, and of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, born at La Mure d'Isère, Diocese of Grenoble, France, 4 February, 1811; died there 1 August 1868. From early childhood he gave evidence of great holiness and most tender devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Sacrament was exposed, and the nascent community of two members commenced the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as prescribed by their rule. Their founder received his first encouragement for the work in a laudatory Brief, blessing the work and its author, and signed by Pius IX, in 1857. Five years after, in 1862, Père Eymard had enough spiritual sons to open a regular novitiate. From this date the congregation spread rapidly, until now its houses may be found in Rome, Belgium, Holland, Spain, Canada, the United States, and South America.

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In 1829, he entered the novitiate of the Oblates of Mary, but illness compelled him to return home. At the age of twenty he entered the grand seminary of Grenoble, and was ordained a priest on 20 July, 1834. He returned to the Marist novitiate in 1839. In 1845, he was appointed Provincial of the Oblates of Mary. His entire spiritual life was centered round the Eucharist. It was the subject of his sermons and exhortations, the object of his worship and prayers. Those who fell under his spiritual direction were taught by his counsel to fix their attention on the Blessed Sacrament.

In January of 1851, Père Eymard made a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Fourvières and there promised Mary to devote his life to founding a congregation of priests whose principal duty should be to honour the Blessed Sacrament. Having obtained the necessary ecclesiastical permission, he procured a small house in Paris, in which he and a single companion took up their abode. Here, on 6 January 1857, the Blessed

The Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, a congregation of cloistered women who carry on perpetual adoration in their convents, were also founded by him in 1858.

The Priests' Eucharistic League and the Archconfraternity of the Blessed Sacrament are evidences of his zeal among priests and the faithful. Père Eymard's writings have been collected, and form four volumes: "The Real Presence," which has been translated into English; Retreat at the Feet of Jesus Eucharistic," "La Sainte Communion," and "L'Eucharistie et la Perfection Chretienne." These writings have received the approbation of the Holy See.



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## EARLY CHURCH FATHERS, THE REAL PRESENCE AND A MIRACLE

**St. Irenaeus of Lyons *Adversus Haereses*  
Book 4, ch. 18, s. 5 , circa 165 A.D.**

Then, again, how can they say that the flesh, which is nourished with the body of the Lord and with His blood, goes to corruption, and does not partake of life? Let them, therefore, either alter their opinion, or cease from offering the things just mentioned. But our opinion is in accordance with the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn establishes our opinion. For we offer to Him His own, announcing consistently the fellowship and union of the flesh and Spirit. For as the bread, which is produced from the earth, when it receives the invocation of God, is no longer common bread, but the Eucharist, consisting of two realities, earthly and heavenly; so also our bodies, when they receive the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, having the hope of the resurrection to eternity.

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“In the sacrifice of the mass, Christ’s sacrifice on the cross is made present, its memory is celebrated, and its saving power is applied.”

- *Council of Trent*

**THE REAL PRESENCE = JESUS CHRIST,  
BODY, BLOOD, SOUL AND DIVINITY**

“Since Christ himself has declared the bread to be his body, who can have any further doubt? Since he himself has said quite categorically, *This is my blood*, who would dare to question and say that it is not his blood?

Therefore, it is with complete assurance that we receive the bread and wine as the body and blood of Christ. His body is given to us under the symbol of bread, and his blood is given to us under the symbol of wine, in order to make us by receiving them one body and one blood with him. Having his body and blood in our members, we become bearers of Christ and sharers, as Saint Peter says, in the divine nature.

-St. Cyril of Jerusalem in his  
*Catecheses* (c. 350 A.D.)

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### Miracle of Siena, 1730



The weekend of the Feast of the Assumption in Siena, Italy, in 1730 was the occasion for this Eucharistic miracle. Siena is a beautiful city known for its rich history of art and culture, and is the place of St. Catherine and St. Bernadine of Siena.

Thieves broke into the church and stole the gold ciborium containing 351 Consecrated Hosts. When authorities learned what had happened, all events of the day were halted and prayers recited for the safe return of the Consecrated Hosts. Three days later, they were found protruding from the church poor box and the count was correct.

The Hosts containing Our Lord were cleaned and then brought back to the church where they were venerated. The Hosts were not consumed at that time. Years went by and periodically Hosts were consumed and were always found to be fresh. In 1850, the bishop ordered testing which determined the Hosts to be fresh. They also checked unconsecrated hosts put in an airtight box in 1789 and little was left of them.

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**"APOSTLES" NEWS . . .**

With heartfelt regret, we bid a fond farewell to one of our Spiritual Advisers, Fr. Joseph Pranzo, who has left St. Bartholomew's Parish to become Pastor of St. Tarcisius Parish in Framingham, Massachusetts. Fr. Pranzo graciously allowed us to conduct our monthly meetings at St. Bartholomew's Rectory. For this we are grateful and for contributing so much of his time in advising us on spiritual and scholarly matters. We wish Fr. Pranzo God's choicest blessings in his new assignment. We will miss his friendship and we thank Fr. Pranzo for his dedication to this apostolate and to his vocation.



**The Schedule of Adoration in the Diocese of Providence has been printed. If you would like copies of the Schedule and/or any other of our written materials for your parish, prayer group or ministry, please contact us, and we will be pleased to supply you with copies.**



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**"APOSTLES" CROSSWORD**

**Across**

1. At Mass, change of entire substance of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ.
2. Eucharistic Adoration 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
3. For how many minutes does Jesus remain in the Host?
4. In 1551, Council that declared that Jesus is present in the Eucharist.
5. Franciscan female saint of Assisi who staved off the destructive Saracen army by holding a monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament before them.

**Down**

1. Franciscan stigmatist Priest who said "The world can do without the sun but not without the Mass."
2. Jesus said "Could you not \_\_\_\_\_ one hour with me? (Mt.26:40)
3. The last Sacred Host received before death for the journey.
4. The Eucharist is Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. 2nd Century female Roman saint who died a martyr; patroness of musicians
6. Term used for Mary being brought up to Heaven, body and soul.

*(Answers given in next newsletter.)*

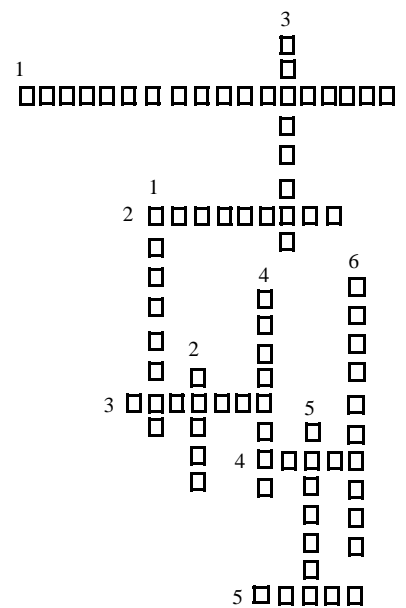
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**Across:**

1. Corpus Christi
3. Transitus
8. Tantum Ergo
9. Ambrose

**Down:**

2. Orvieto
4. St. Thomas Aquinas
5. Bl. Juliana of Liege
6. Pope Julius
7. Bolsena



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*"Do This In Remembrance of Me."*



Every day the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered, dare I say a million times a day? The re-presentation of Calvary is made present at every Mass. It is our chance to stand with Jesus as the Ultimate Sacrifice is offered to the Father in reparation for the sins of the world. Jesus wants to redeem each and every one of us, but we must cooperate with Him. The way to do that is to assist at as many Masses as possible and receive Holy Communion in a state of grace.

If you give Jesus a half hour at Mass, He'll give you all the strength you need to accomplish all that you want to in that day! Assisting at Mass daily may be a great sacrifice, but think of what Jesus sacrificed for you! By going to Mass, you, your family, and the world will gain countless graces.

Padre Pio said that the world can live without the sun, but it cannot live without the Mass. Jesus is waiting to dispense all the graces you need. Come join Him at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass...if that's not possible, just make a visit for 15 minutes. Jesus is always there, and His "Light" is always on for you! ✠

*"I Myself Am the Living Bread come down from heaven." (Jn. 6:35)*

**Pope Paul VI, "Mysterium Fidei" (nos. 67-69)**

*"No one can fail to see that the divine Eucharist bestows an incomparable dignity upon the Christian people. For it is not just while the Sacrifice is being offered and the Sacrament is being conected, but also after the Sacrifice has been offered and the Sacrament conected—while the Eucharist is reserved in churches or oratories—that Christ is truly Emmanuel, which means "God with us." For He is in the midst of us day and night; He dwells in us with the fullness of grace and of truth. He raises the level of morals, fosters virtue, comforts the sorrowful, strengthens the weak and stirs up all those who draw near to Him to imitate Him, so that they may learn from his example to be meek and humble of heart, and to seek not their own interests but those of God. Anyone who has a special devotion to the sacred Eucharist and who tries to repay Christ's infinite love for us with an eager and unselfish love of his own, will experience and fully understand—and this will bring great delight and benefit to his soul—just how precious is a life hidden with Christ in God and just how worthwhile it is to carry on a conversation with Christ, for there is nothing more consoling here on earth, nothing more efficacious for progress along the paths of holiness." †*

**SPIRITUAL CORNER. . .**

*"Jesus taught a new sacrifice which the Church received from the Apostles and offers throughout the whole world." - St. Irenaeus d. 202*

*"Only through the Eucharist is it possible to live the heroic virtues of Christianity: charity, to the point of forgiving one's enemies; love for those who make us suffer; chastity in every age and situation of life; patience in suffering and when one is shocked by the silence of God in the tragedies of history or of one's own personal existence. You must always be Eucharistic souls in order to be authentic Christians." - Pope John Paul II*

*"Jesus has prepared not just one Host, but one for every day of our life. The Hosts for us are ready. Let us not forfeit even one of them." - Saint Peter Julian Eymard*

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