



# "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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## FR. SANTILLI IS OPEN TO OFFERING PERPETUAL ADORATION AT ST. CECILIA'S

Since all-day Eucharistic adoration began in March 2001 at St. Cecilia Parish in Pawtucket RI, Pastor, Fr. Francis Santilli, reveals that "several parishioners and guests who participate at Adoration have shared their 'prayer-answered' stories with me, mostly of having found a new peace that was not present in their lives before.

In fact, two young men of high school age and one young man of college age have brought up the topic of a priestly calling with me. This had not happened for the 10 years that I have served in this Parish."

Adoration was offered at St. Cecilia's during the Jubilee Year 2000, when Fr. Santilli exposed the Eucharist once per month on Sunday afternoons which drew large numbers of adorers who requested that Adoration continue.

Church bells ring at St. Cecilia's daily at 3 p.m. "to call the neighborhood to prayer and remembrance at that sacred hour. We spent a number of weeks two years ago meditating on mercy," and the Divine Mercy Chaplet devotion, recalls Fr. Santilli. "It was natural that Friday would be our first choice for all-day Eucharistic adoration," which attracted about 100 adorers on the first day.

Since then, "I sense a deeper thirst for prayer and hunger for holiness among the people; there is definitely an increase in 'reverence' during our Eucharistic celebrations, both daily and on weekends."

Fr. Santilli's visits to the Blessed Sacrament have increased in frequency and "My daily prayer has become more

'eucharistic' in focus. I have made a more sincere effort to be more grateful to God for the grace and blessings that are so evident all around me and in me and to be more conscious of my role in the dying and rising of Jesus, as a priest and as a baptized person who follows Him."

With the blessings of Adoration, however, St. Cecilia's has been confronted with a number of problems and challenges as a parish and "a number of adorers have shared difficulties in their own personal lives that surfaced. Obviously, Satan is angered that Jesus has taken on a new role and been made a new and higher priority in the lives of individual parishioners who adore, as well as in the general life and focus of this parish," Fr. Santilli admits.

"We have increased our awareness to pray to Saint Michael the Archangel in this 'battle' and to be more aware of what is going on around us and within us. Jesus has asked each of us to 'be ready' and to guard our houses." Fr. Santilli cautions "We must take Him at His word and take this responsibility seriously and prayerfully. We have been entrusted by Our Lord with all the tools we need. Now we must use them!"

Fr. Santilli is considering adding another day for Eucharistic Adoration and "I certainly would be open to hosting Perpetual Adoration," he announces. "Eucharistic adoration is a source of tremendous grace and power. It is the force that we desperately need to draw closer to our God and to move in the power of His Holy Spirit. He alone is the giver of peace and His peace is the only peace that matters."



For information on promoting Eucharistic Adoration, please call us at (401) 943-4171. We have available literature, representatives and a program to assist pastors for a successful and sustainable Eucharistic Adoration commitment.✽

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

**St. Ambrose (340-397 A.D.) ,**  
*On the Mysteries, Ch. IX*

"50. Perhaps you will say, 'I see something else, how is it that you assert that I receive the Body of Christ?' And this is the point which remains for us to prove. And what evidence shall we make use of? Let us prove that this is not what nature made, but what the blessing consecrated, and the power of blessing is greater than that of nature, because by blessing nature itself is changed.

54. The Lord Jesus Himself proclaims: 'This is My Body.' Before the blessing of the heavenly words another nature is spoken of, after the consecration the Body is signified. He Himself speaks of His Blood. Before the consecration it has another name, after it is called Blood. And you say, *Amen*, that is, *It is true*. Let the heart within confess what the mouth utters, let the soul feel what the voice speaks."

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*The Teachings of the Apostles* (date unknown)

"4. Antioch, and Syria, and Cilicia, and Galatia, even to Pontus, received the apostles' ordination to the priesthood from Simon Cephas, who himself laid the foundation of the church there, and was priest and ministered there up to the time when he went up from thence to Rome on account of Simon the sorcerer, who was deluding the people of Rome with his sorceries."

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

**"In the Eucharist Christ gave us the very body which he gave up for us on the cross, the very blood which he 'poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'"**

**"The Eucharist 're-presents' (makes present) Christ's sacrifice on the cross. The sacrifices of the cross and the Eucharist are 'one single sacrifice': one and the same Victim who offered Himself then on the cross offers Himself today through the priest; then in a bloody manner, now in an unbloody one."**

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Nos. 1340, 1365

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### The Martyrdom of Polycarp

"When he [Polycarp] had . . . finished his prayer, those who were appointed for the purpose kindled the fire [to burn him to death]. And as the flame blazed forth in great fury, we to whom it was given to witness it beheld a great miracle and have been preserved that we might report to others what then took place. For the fire, shaping itself into the form of an arch, like the sail of a ship when filled with the wind, encompassed as by a circle the body of the martyr. And he appeared within not like flesh which is burnt, but as bread that is baked, or as gold and silver glowing in a furnace. Moreover, we perceived such a sweet odor, as if frankincense or some such precious spices had been smoking there. At length, when those wicked men perceived that his body could not be consumed by the fire, they commanded an executioner to go near and pierce him through with a dagger. And on his doing this, there came forth a dove and a great quantity of blood, so that the fire was extinguished, and all the people wondered that there should be such a difference between the unbelievers and the elect."

(*Martyrdom of Polycarp* 15-16 [A.D. 155])

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"In the same city of Carthage lived Innocentia, a very devout woman of the highest rank in the state. She had cancer in one of her breasts, a disease which, as physicians say, is incurable. . . . This lady we speak of had been advised to by a skillful physician, who was intimate with her family, and she betook herself to God alone in prayer. On the approach of Easter, she was instructed in a dream to wait for the first woman that came out of the baptistery after being baptized and to have her make the sign of Christ upon the sore. She did so, and was immediately cured."

(St. Augustine, *The City of God*, 22:8 [A.D. 419])

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most welcomed. Thank you. †*

**"APOSTLES" NEWS . . .**

We have been generously given a new place for our monthly meetings at St. Phillip's Parish in Greenville. We thank Pastor Beirne for his gracious "yes." We shall miss our meetings at St. Bartholomew's Rectory and we again thank Fr. Joseph Pranzo and the parishioners of St. Bartholomew's for the use of the meeting room for the past two and a half years. God bless you.



**Please call us to acquire the Schedule of Adoration in the Diocese of Providence and/or any other of our written materials for your parish, prayer group or ministry.**



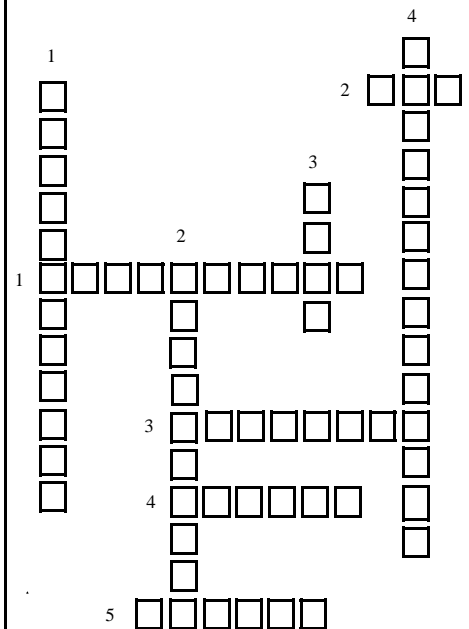
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**AN ACT OF FAITH IN THE REAL PRESENCE**

Lord, Jesus Christ, I believe you are as truly present in this holy sacrament, under the signs of bread and wine, as you were when dying upon a cross for the salvation of all mankind, or as you are now enthroned in glory in heaven at the right hand of the Father.

You said that you would give us yourself as the bread of life, which if we eat, we shall live forever. I believe this truth because you are truth itself. With confidence in your loving forgiveness therefore, I approach your altar, conscious that my unworthiness to receive you is outweighed by your desire to be united with my soul. You desire to nourish it on its earthly pilgrimage, until the day when I shall be with you in the eternal banquet, to feed on the unveiled beauty of your presence forever. ✽

**"APOSTLES" CROSSWORD**



Across:

1. Holy Spirit
2. Container that holds Sacred Host when visiting the sick.
3. supreme expression of thanksgiving, joy, and triumph proclaimed at the Holy Sacrifice of Mass
4. Person who dies for the faith
5. Saint who translated Scriptures into Latin

Down:

1. Eucharist means:
2. Martyr who defied Henry VIII
3. Gospel author and physician
4. "Mysterium Fidei"

(Answers given in next newsletter.)

Crossword answers to Vol. 2 Issue 3: 2001

Across:

1. Transubstantiation
2. perpetual
3. fifteen
4. Trent
5. Clare

Down:

1. Padre Pio
2. watch
3. Viaticum
4. Divinity
5. St. Cecilia
6. Assumption

Created by A. T. Foster †

**DOMINICAE CENAE (On The Mystery And Worship Of The Eucharist)**

**Pope John Paul II**

*Promulgated On 24 February 1980*

"Awareness of the act of presenting the offerings should be maintained throughout the Mass. . . . It seems worthwhile repeating here some expressions in the third Eucharistic Prayer that show in particular the sacrificial character of the Eucharist and link the offering of our persons with Christ's offering: 'Look with favor on your Church's offering, and see the Victim whose death has reconciled us to yourself. Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ. May he make us an everlasting gift to you.'

This sacrificial value is expressed earlier in every celebration by the words with which the priest concludes the presentation of the gifts, asking the faithful to pray 'that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.' These words are binding, since they express the character of the entire Eucharistic Liturgy and the fullness of its divine and ecclesial content." ✽

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

**Eucharistic Teaching Aids**

Be sure to view our new website:

www.  
ApostlesOfTheReal-Presence.com

There you will find 12 teachings of the Catholic Church, such as: the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the significance of the Mass, developing a personal relationship with Jesus, confession and much more.



**WISH LIST**

The apostolate has a special "wish" for this year. We have our hearts set on purchasing a printer that will greatly aid the needs of our readers. It costs \$1,800. We are very near attaining a non-profit status. If you can help us, please call us at (401) 943-4171 or write us at: P.O. Box 8260, Cranston RI 02920. Thank you very much. †

***The Real Presence Through the Ages;  
Jesus Adored in the Sacrament of the Altar***

(quote by King Henry VII (1457-1509) concerning his Last Will and Testament shortly before the Protestant Reformation)

"Forasmuch as we have often, to our inward regret, seen in many churches of our Realm, the Holy Sacrament of the Altar kept in full simple and inhonest pyxes, specifically pyxes of copper and timber, we have appointed the Treasurer of our Chamber and Master of our Jewel House to cause to be made forthwith pyxes of silver and gilt in great number, for the keeping of the Holy Sacrament of the Altar, after the fashion of a pyx that we have caused to be delivered to them, every of the said pyxes to be of the value of four pounds, garnished with our arms and red roses, and portcullises crowned, of which pyxes that we will, that to the laud and service of God, the weal of our soul, and for perpetual memory of us, every house of the four orders of Friars, and likewise every parish church within this our Realm, not having a pyx or some other honest vessel of silver and gilt, nor of silver ungilded, for the keeping of the Holy Sacrament will be performed by our executors within one year at the farthest of our decease."

From "The Real Presence through the Ages" St. Paul Press; Michael L. Gaudoin-Parker

SPIRITUAL CORNER. . .

**"Guard them (traditions) with reverence, lest per chance the enemy despoil any who have grown slack; or lest some heretic pervert any of the truths delivered to you. For faith is like putting money into the bank, even as we have now done; but from you God requires the accounts of the deposit. I charge you, as the Apostle saith, before God, who quickeneth all things, and Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed the good confession, that ye keep this faith which is committed to you, without spot, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. A treasure of life has now been committed to thee, and the Master demandeth the deposit at His appearing, which in His own times He shall shew, Who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in light which no man can approach unto; Whom no man hath seen nor can see. To Whom be glory, honour, and power for ever and ever. Amen."**

*-Teachings of the Apostles, No. 13 (date unknown) †*