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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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RICHARD CUSACK'S MIRACLE TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

The Holy Scriptures speak of Jesus as the Divine Physician, and 61-year old Richard Cusack Sr. learned this first hand when in February of 1992, after his yearly medical examination, a cancerous tumor was found in his throat which "began the drop from the top of the world to hell which continued for the next three to five years," Richard painfully recalls.

President of a successful health benefits company, he lived a very comfortable life with his family. Attending Catholic schools, Richard admits "I was a lukewarm Catholic attending church only on Sundays and holy days and maybe during Lent at my wife's encouragement. What did I need? Business was number one, and God was number ten. Maybe when I am 65, 75 years old I will get closer to God," Richard humbly admits. But God had other plans for Richard.

Richard had a fear of dying and facing the Judgment of Jesus. He lost his thyroid which left him weak. With a prognosis of only six months to live, and in total depression, Richard began to pray to die. He lost 30 lbs. and had terrible, excruciating pain throughout his body. Making plans to leave this world, Richard said "I was dying and I could not cope, so I gave up my business" without receiving a penny. Trying to deal with the fear of dying and suffering from a debilitating depression which prevented him from going out of the house, he did not even talk with his children. "I was a basket case and I prayed to God to take me out of the world. When I was dealing with this condition, so weak, no one ever said to me 'Come to daily Mass.' Then I found my way," Richard fondly remembers.

Richard began his journey to God at the Eucharistic adoration chapel at a nearby parish, St. Isaac Jogues in Wayne, Pennsylvania, at the prompting of a religious sister who told him, "You must get closer to God." This 85-year old nun sat with Richard in Adoration, took his hand and said "You must have great faith, great trust in the Lord." He started to think about the Final Judgment.

He made the decision right there to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and began Mass attendance several times a week. Then the Lord captured Richard's attention and he began to feel the urgings to receive Holy Communion at daily Mass and attend frequent Eucharistic adoration. Prayer became a large part of his life, sometimes praying four Rosaries per day. Richard thanked

God for each day; he did not ask for a miracle. But he did receive a miracle—the fear of death subsided and peace entered his whole being. "Finding my way to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mass and Communion and visits before the tabernacle and adoration, I was given the help, strength and hope to cope with the daily ordeal that I wasn't able to handle before that journey."

Though the tremendous pain remained and the possibility of death lurked, Richard began to reach out. Befriending a Catholic radio host in New Jersey, Richard was asked to speak on the show about his illness and his journey to God. The listener response was great.



Speaking to the fear of dying that overtook him, and the emotional, physical and mental pain that he suffered, Richard boasted "Eight years or so ago, God gave me a tremendous gift and now I realize the value of that! When you are faced with dying, and it does not happen, then that is the greatest gift! You truly wake up and realize how important is each day. I don't think that He could have gotten my attention. He brought me to my knees. Several years of constant pain, no sleep; He was getting me ready for the work." Speaking further about God, "He

uses all and he touches lives," through suffering, Richard exclaims.

Then one Friday afternoon at a perpetual adoration chapel in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, as he was kneeling at 3 p.m., Richard said to the Lord "Is there something that I can do on this earth in the days remaining?" His eyes had been focusing on the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance. As he closed his eyes and listened to the Lord, the image of the monstrance and Jesus' face in the monstrance formed in his mind's eye with the words "Do you really love me? Then come to me. Visit me in the Blessed Sacrament."

On the back of the card, he had printed the words that he thought were inspired by the Holy

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See "Richard Cusack's Miracle to Jesus in the Eucharist"



"No. 1405. There is no surer pledge or clearer sign of this great hope in the new heavens and new earth 'in which righteousness dwells,' than the Eucharist. Every time this mystery is celebrated, 'the work of our redemption is carried on' and we 'break the one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ.'"

— Catechism of the Catholic Church

EARLY CHURCH FATHERS, THE REAL PRESENCE AND A MIRACLE

Clement of Alexandria

The Instructor of Children (2,2,19,4) 202 A.D.

The Blood of the Lord, indeed, is twofold. There is His corporeal blood, by which we are redeemed from corruption; and His spiritual Blood, that with which we are anointed. That is to say, to drink the Blood of Jesus is to share in His Immortality. The strength of the Word is the Spirit, just as the blood is the strength of the body. [20,1] Similarly, as wine is blended with water, so is the Spirit with man. The one, the Watered Wine, nourishes in faith while the other, the Spirit, leads us on to immortality. The union of both, however,--of the drink and of the Word,--is called Eucharist, a praiseworthy and excellent gift. Those who partake of it in faith are sanctified in body and in soul. By the will of the Father, the divine mixture, man, is mystically united to the Spirit and to the Word. †

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

The living Presence.

19. The connection between the historical event and the sacrament is well expressed in the Eucharistic hymn, "Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine." It affirms that today, in the Eucharistic signs, we truly find the One who became flesh in Mary's virginal womb to be God-with-us. We truly find him today in the Eucharistic signs. Christ's presence in the Eucharist is a "real" presence offered "in the sacrament," that is, under the veil of signs and acts carried out according to Christ's wishes and in the way set down by the Church through apostolic tradition. "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." †

("Jesus Christ, the Only Saviour of the World: Bread for New Life"
Excerpt of Text for the 47th International Eucharistic Congress
held in Rome June 18-25, 2000)

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE

Miracles involving Audrey Marie Santo of Worcester Massachusetts, and the Holy Eucharist have been occurring since January of 1992, beginning with a host consecrated by Bishop Bernard Flanagan, which was found bleeding January 15, 1992 in Audrey's tabernacle and reported to Fr. George Joyce and Bishop Flanagan.

Eucharistic miracles have been repeated three times since then; the most recent occurred on Wednesday, June 5, 1996 at Holy Mass at the Santo's small chapel when retired priest Fr. George Joyce, Fr. Tom McCarthy of Chicago, and Fr. Leo Potvin, a parish priest from Newport NY, were concelebrating the Mass. Combined, the three priests have served over 100 years in the priesthood, but nothing prepared them for what they were about to experience.

When Fr. Joyce elevated the Consecrated Host, a smaller host on the altar began changing color and he looked down and observed what had taken place. There was a blotch of blood in the form of a cross that traveled down the grooves of the small Host. Fr. Tom McCarthy said "I was flabbergasted and didn't know what to say and what to do...but I knew there was a miracle taking place there...this has had a tremendous impact on me...the only thing I can say is that it was a miraculous event and I was privileged to witness that."

Another astonishing Eucharistic occurrence took place in the tabernacle in Audrey's room on Good Friday in 1996. Fr. Joyce and Audrey's family congregated in Audrey's room to pray. Fr. Joyce opened the door of the tabernacle,

and he saw blood outside the door and felt more blood inside as he opened the door. A sample was collected and sent to the California Lab of Forensic Science in California. Tests confirmed that it was indeed human blood.

Dr. Tom Petrisko said that part of Audrey's mission is to remind us of Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist. "...We have seen here some great things occur with the Eucharist bleeding and once again the Lord indicating to us that He is truly present in the Body and Blood and under the species of Bread and Wine giving us reinforcement to what our Faith teaches us" It is because of our lack of faith and God's infinite love that miracles occur.

Fr. Charles Emmanuel McCarthy says that "Part of the witness here is that there is power in the Eucharist but a power that God does not impose on us ... He invites us ... if we refuse to take the simple step of going to a half hour Mass....if we can't find a half hour in the day to go to Mass....if we don't want to take the prime act of worship and spend a half hour, then the fault lies with us."

Due to an accident when Audrey was 3 years of age, she has been in a coma, sustained by a life-supporting system for more than 14 years. The Eucharistic Miracles that have occurred in her family home are a sign that Jesus is truly with us in the Eucharist, as He sustains our souls! ✠

(Taken from the video "Audrey's Life: Voice of a Silent Soul,"
The Mercy Foundation, P.O. Box 806, Mundelein, Illinois 60060,
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Audrey's Chapel in Worcester, MA, telephone 508-755-8712.)

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LENT'S DESERT BRINGS JOY OF EASTER

Through His Life and Death, Jesus Christ was obedient to the Father in order to bring us the message of the Good News, namely, love of God and love of neighbor. Since God the Father made us in His image, our life's goal is to imitate the One He sent.

In Baptism, we are marked as one saved by Jesus Christ and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and in Confirmation, we are fully initiated into the Church community and empowered to serve the Kingdom of God boldly and have the commission to bring the Good News into the world as witnesses to Christ.

After the cleansing powers of Lent in the Sacrament of Confession, the spiritual rejuvenation of prayer, and the witnessing power of almsgiving, "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say, rejoice. Then God's own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your own hearts and minds in Christ" (Phil 4:4, 7).

May Jesus be with you in your Lenten journey that will bring you the peace and joy of Jesus at Easter so you may rejoice as you say "Alleluia."



LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Church has suggested three primary ways to practice the 40 days of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving, as Jesus taught us. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics age 14 and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and on all of the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59, taking one full meal and two smaller meals, if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Saturday March 16, 2001, we will again offer our Eucharistic educational materials in the exhibit room at Bryant College in Smithfield for the 35th Annual Religious Education Workshop, sponsored by the Diocese of Providence. We will also have many great gift items to offer for a suggested donation and there will be a raffle with great prizes. Join us. To purchase raffle tickets in advance, please call (401) 943-4171.

Thank you.

"APOSTLES" CROSSWORD

Crossword grid with numbered squares for clues.

Across

- 1. Pope who lowered age for receiving First Communion
2. At the Last Supper, Jesus made a new
3. observance during Lent
4. practice in Lent which expiates one's sins.
5. The Rising of Christ from the dead.
6. The Eucharist is the of our souls.

Down

- 1. The Eucharist can only be consecrated by a validly ordained
2. Another term for Confession
3. The Eucharist is the source and of our Faith.
4. After words of Consecration are said over the bread and wine only the remain.
5. Our Lord sweat tears of blood for our sins in the Garden of Gethsemane on Maundy

answers to Vol. 2 Issue 5: 2001

Across:

- 1. Sacraments
2. Paraclete
3. Frankincense
4. Emmanuel

Down:

- 1. Our Father
2. Pasch
3. Monstrance
4. Abraham

(Answers will be given in the next newsletter.)



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"RICHARD CUSACK'S MIRACLE TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

Spirit: "Take advantage of your short time on earth. Do those things that will lead you to eternal life. **WON'T YOU PLEASE?** Come to Me frequently before the Blessed Sacrament, especially when you are hurting with worry, fear, anxiety and pain and suffering of any kind. Frequent Confession, Attend Mass and Receive Holy Communion more frequently. Pray more and say the Rosary. Get to know Me better so that I can better help you carry your cross."

Richard's suffering continues and his cancer is in remission, but nothing stops his work for the Lord, not even 8 medical operations. Richard and his wife, Martha, travel to parishes on the East Coast of the United States, speaking with and visiting priests, religious and lay people, encouraging them to get closer to God through the Sacraments and by visiting Jesus at Eucharistic Adoration. Over two and a half million holy cards have been printed in English and Spanish and distributed throughout the United States and 50 foreign lands. In addition, Richard has a relationship with hundreds of people, personally answering over 4,000 telephone calls as he maintains a 24-hour, 7 day-a-week answering service.

Truly God has blessed Richard, even through suffering. "Every day to me is the most beautiful day," he exclaims, "because I feel my time was over at age 52 and the Lord spared my life to do this work." When asked if he believes the Lord performed a miracle in prolonging his life, Richard said that the real miracle was getting closer to Him. Richard's motto is "I want to work in turning heads and hearts to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." Richard Cusack urges everyone, "You must begin your journey. Do you love our Lord? You gotta go to Him!" ✽

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"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he will sustain thee." (Ps. 55:22)

SPIRITUAL CORNER. . .

"They abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer, because they confess not the Eucharist to be the flesh of our Saviour Jesus Christ, which suffered for our sins, and which the Father, of His goodness, raised up again."

— Ignatius of Antioch, Epistle to Smyrnaeans 7,1 (c. A.D. 110)

"The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession."

— (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei* 56)



"In the Mass, Catholics believe that simple bread and wine brought to the altar as a token offering to God are marvelously changed by God's power during the praying of the Mass into the body and blood of Christ for distribution to believers in the action of Holy Communion. God is so aflame with love and longing for His people that He will go to even seemingly crazed extremes to express that love. Holy Communion is one of those cases where God's love is so great as to make His zealous love for His people appear mad. What a different world it would be if we strove to return God's love with an equal passion!"

(Fr. Daniel Maher is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and of St. Charles Seminary. He has served as associate pastor of St. Leo the Great Church in Fairfax, VA and as spiritual director of the Fairfax Curia of the Legion of Mary.)



"The Eucharist, the sacrament of our salvation accomplished by Christ on the cross, is also a sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for the work of creation. In the Eucharistic sacrifice the whole of creation loved by God is presented to the Father through the death and the Resurrection of Christ. Through Christ the Church can offer the sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for all that God has made good, beautiful, and just in creation and in humanity."

— Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 1359

Transubstantiation: the change in the Eucharistic elements from the substance of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ with only the accidents (as taste and color) remaining

— *Miriam-Webster Dictionary, 1974*

Eucharistic Teaching Aids

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