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"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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THE CATECHISM OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS: *THE EUCHARIST*

The Third Sacrament is the Holy Eucharist. Its matter is wheaten bread and wine from the grape mixed with a little water so that the water becomes part of the wine. The water signifies the faithful who are incorporated into Christ. Other than wheaten



bread and wine from the grape cannot be the matter for this Sacrament. The form of this Sacrament is the very words of Christ, "This is My Body," and "This is the chalice of My Blood of the new and eternal testament; the mystery of faith; which shall be shed for you and for many, to the remission of sins." These words spoken by the priest in the person of Christ brings into being this Sacrament. The minister of this Sacrament is the priest; and no one else can consecrate this matter into the Body of Christ.

THE EFFECT OF THE EUCHARIST

The effect of this Sacrament is twofold: first, in the very consecration of the Sacrament, since in virtue of the above words bread is changed into the Body of Christ, and wine into His Blood; so that Christ is entirely contained under the appearances of bread which remain without a subject; and Christ is entirely contained under the appearances of wine. And, moreover, under each part of the consecrated Host and of the consecrated wine, Christ is totally present even after the separation is made.

The second effect of this Sacrament brought about in the soul of one who worthily receives is the union of man with Christ, as He himself says: "He that eateth My Flesh, and drinketh My Blood, abideth in Me, and I in him." And since man is incorporated with Christ and united to His members through grace, it follows that through this Sacrament grace is increased in those who receive it worthily."

Pope John Paul II "*Redemptor Hominis*" ("*Redeemer of Man*")

"In the Church, gathering particularly today in a special way around the Eucharist and desiring that the authentic Eucharistic community should become a sign of the gradually maturing unity of all Christians, there must be a lively-felt need for penance, both in its sacramental aspect, and in what concerns penance as a virtue. This second aspect was expressed by Paul VI in the Apostolic Constitution *Paenitemini*. One of the Church's tasks is to put into practice the teaching *Paenitemini* contains; . . . , it is certain that the Church of the new Advent, the Church that is continually preparing for the new coming of the Lord, must be the Church of the Eucharist and of Penance. Only when viewed in this spiritual aspect of her life and activity is she seen to be the Church of the divine mission, the Church *in statu missionis*, as the Second Vatican Council has shown her to be. . . .

Jesus at the Last Supper, by instituting the Eucharist, gave the old Passover a definitive, new meaning: He substituted His own Body and Blood, under the species of bread and wine, for the Paschal lamb, becoming the new Passover sacrifice."

(Given at Saint Peter's Basilica, 1st Sunday of Lent, March 4, 1979, the first year of John Paul II's Pontificate.)



"No. 1332 Holy Mass (Missa), because the liturgy in which the mystery of salvation is accomplished concludes with the sending forth (missio) of the faithful, so that they may fulfill God's will in their daily lives.

EARLY CHURCH FATHERS, THE REAL PRESENCE AND A MIRACLE

Eucharistic Teachings of St. Irenaeus

Against Heresies (A.D. 180-199)
Adv. haeres. 4, 18, 4-5: pg 7/1, 1028-1029)

Just as bread that comes from the earth, after God's blessing has been invoked upon it, is no longer ordinary bread, but Eucharist, formed of two things, the one earthly and the other heavenly: so too our bodies, which partake of the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, but possess the hope of resurrection. †

The Canons of Hippolytus (A.D. 235) explicitly mention the offering of prayers for the dead during the Mass. †

St. Pope Leo the Great (A.D. 395-461) *Sermon XVII. On the Fast of the Tenth Month*

St. Pope Leo the Great ended his Sermons on Fasting with this: "Let us therefore fast on Wednesday and Friday, and on Saturday keep vigil with the most blessed Apostle Peter, and he will deign to assist with his own prayers our supplications and fastings and alms which our LORD Jesus Christ presents, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen." †

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE

Amsterdam, Holland -- 1345

In 1345, a devout Catholic man became very ill. Wishing Holy Viaticum, his family asked their pastor of the then known *Old Church*. After administering Holy Communion, the priest told the family if the man vomited, they were to empty the contents in the fire, which did in fact happen on March 12th.

The next morning a woman raked the fireplace and she noticed the Blessed Sacrament in the form of a host which was surrounded by light. She reached in the fire to rescue the host without any ill effects to herself. The woman gave it to a neighbor who placed the Blessed Sacrament in a box. The husband of this neighbor tried to open the box to no avail. The priest was summoned and he placed the host in a pyx. When he went to purify the cloth that held the host and return it to the box, he noticed the host was gone.

The next morning the neighbor asked for the box to be returned and once again the Sacred Host was in it. The priest notified the clergy of Amsterdam and a procession was held to carry the host to the church.

The home of the sick man became a chapel to which public processions and pilgrims traveled. On May 25, 1452, a large conflagration broke out which

left the city in ruins. The chapel known as the Holy Room became aflame. The monstrance containing the Miraculous Host was spared.

In 1456, a new Holy Room was built surrounded by a beautiful window to the Holy Room. By the second half of the sixteenth century, Catholics in Amsterdam fell under persecution of the protestants. The Holy Room fell under protestant rule. The chapel was torn down in 1910. However, devotion to this Eucharistic Miracle still takes place on March 12th at the church nearest the site. †

(Excerpts taken from an article by Andrea Erfort, Gospa Missions staff writer Reference: *Moments Divine*, Fr. Frederick A. Reuter, K.C.B.S.)

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

St. Cyril of Alexandria,
"Catecheses," 22, 9; "Myst" 4; (444 AD):

"We have been instructed in these matters and filled with an unshakable faith, that that which seems to be bread, is not bread, though it tastes like it, but the Body of Christ, and that which seems to be wine, is not wine, though it too tastes as such, but the Blood of Christ . . . draw inner strength by receiving this bread as spiritual food and your soul will rejoice." ✠

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—St. John Bosco

"APOSTLES" NEWS

YARD SALE: Would you help us? We're in need of items to offer at a yard sale to be held on Saturday, June 22 at the K of C Hall at 1265 Tower Hill Road in North Kingstown RI, from 8 am til approximately 3:30 pm. Come by to browse, buy and/or donate items. May God bless you abundantly for it. †

Thank You...

Donations are coming in for the purchasing of a printer and we thank you very much for your support. God bless. †

Thank you so much to all who visited us at the Diocese of Providence's 35th Annual Workshop Day at Bryant College on Saturday, March 16th. A special thank you to Fr. John Randall who encouraged those who attended his workshops that day to visit our table. Congratulations to the winners of the raffle prizes: Catholics for Life, Marge Pike and Marilyn Guilmain. We look forward to next year's Workshop day. God Bless! †

Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, recently announced that he will officially canonize Capuchin Friar Padre Pio a saint in the City of Rome on Sunday, June 16, 2002. He will be known as Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. "Pray, hope and don't worry" was Padre Pio's motto by which he lived. †

**"APOSTLES"
CROSSWORD**

Across

- In the Mass, the same sacrifice that Christ offered on the Cross in a bloody manner is contained and offered in an _____ manner.
- The sacred banquet that the Church celebrates in which Christ is received as food.
- A priest dipping the Blessed Host in the Precious Blood is called this.
- St. Iranaeus said "... our bodies, which partake of the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, but possess the hope of _____."

Down

- In the Eucharist, "the body and blood, soul and divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the whole Christ is truly, really and _____ contained.
- The part of the liturgy of the Mass in which the Church asks the Father to send his Holy Spirit to bless the bread and wine is called this.
- Bowing deeply or _____ before the Blessed Sacrament are signs of adoration of the Lord and an expression of our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine.

Crossword answers to Vol. 3 Issue 2:

Across	Down
1. Christ	1. Missa
2. reparation	2. Eucharist
3. salvation	3. memorial
	4. thanksgiving
	5. united
	6. food

(Answers given in next newsletter) †



**THE COUNCIL OF TRENT
THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST**

“When our Lord says: This is my body, this is my blood, no person of sound mind can mistake His meaning, particularly since there is reference to Christ's human nature, the reality of which the Catholic faith permits no one to doubt. The admirable words of St. Hilary, a man not less eminent for piety than learning, are apt here: When our Lord himself declares, as our faith teaches us, that His flesh is food indeed, what room can remain for doubt concerning the real presence of His body and blood?”

Pastors should also adduce another passage from which it can be clearly seen that the true body and blood of our Lord are contained in the Eucharist. The Apostle, after having recorded the consecration of bread and wine by our Lord, and also the administration of Communion to the Apostles, adds: But let a man prove himself, and so eat of that bread and drink of the chalice; for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the body of the Lord. If, as heretics continually repeat, the Sacrament presents nothing to our veneration but a memorial and sign of the Passion of Christ, why was there need to exhort the faithful, in language so energetic, to prove themselves? By the terrible word judgment, the Apostle shows how enormous is the guilt of those who receive unworthily and do not distinguish from common food the body of the Lord concealed in the Eucharist. In the same Epistle St. Paul had already developed this doctrine more fully, when he said: The chalice of benediction which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? and the bread which we break, is it not the participation of the body of the Lord? Now these words signify the real substance of the body and blood of Christ the Lord.” Amen ✠

SPIRITUAL CORNER. . .

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches,

“No. 1333 At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ’s Body and Blood. . .” †

Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Mirae caritatis* states:

“The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the Sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints. For the communion of saints is simply... the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers, and benefits among the faithful, those already in the heavenly fatherland, those consigned to the purifying fire, and those still making their pilgrim way here on earth. These all form one city, whose head is Christ, and whose vital principle is love. Faith teaches that although the august Sacrifice can be offered to God alone, it can nevertheless be celebrated in honor of the saints now reigning in Heaven with God, who has crowned them, to obtain their intercession for us, and also, according to apostolic tradition, to wash away the stains of those brethren who died in the Lord but without yet being wholly purified.” †

"In order to be meek, I will look at the Eucharist; I will eat this divine Manna in order to have an abundance of suavity -- of meekness, in order to have my portion for the day; I need it so much!" ✠

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

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Teaching Aids**

Be sure to view our new website: www.ApostlesOfTheRealPresence.com

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