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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."



His Holiness Pope Paul VI Mysterium Fidei

(Excerpts from the Encyclical on the Holy Eucharist)
Promulgated on September 3, 1965



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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To our venerable brothers, the Patriarchs, Primate, Archbishops, Bishops and other local Ordinaries in peace and communion with the Holy See, and to all the clergy and faithful of the world.

Venerable brothers and dear sons: Health and apostolic benediction.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH has always devoutly guarded as a most precious treasure the mystery of faith, that is, the ineffable gift of the Eucharist which she received from Christ her Spouse as a pledge of His immense love, and during the Second Vatican Council in a new and solemn demonstration she professed her faith and veneration for this mystery.

When dealing with the restoration of the sacred liturgy, the Fathers of the council, by reason of their pastoral concern for the whole Church, considered it of the highest importance to exhort the faithful to participate actively with sound faith and with the utmost devotion in the celebration of this Most Holy Mystery, to offer it with the priest to God as a sacrifice for their own salvation and for that of the whole world, and to find in it spiritual nourishment.

For if the sacred liturgy holds the first place in the life of the Church, the Eucharistic Mystery stands at the heart and center of the liturgy, since it is the font of life by which we are cleansed and strengthened to live not for ourselves but for God, and to be united in love among ourselves.

To make evident the indissoluble bond which exists between faith and devotion, the Fathers of the council, confirming the

doctrine which the Church has always held and taught and which was solemnly defined by the Council of Trent, determine to introduce their treatise on the Most Holy Mystery of the Eucharist with the following summary of truths:

"At the Last Supper, on the night He was handed over, Our Lord instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of His Body and Blood, to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until He should come, and thus entrust to the Church, His beloved spouse, the memorial of His death and resurrection: a sacrament of devotion, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet in which Christ is received, the soul is filled with grace and there is given to us the pledge of future glory."

In these words are highlighted both the sacrifice, which pertains to the essence of the Mass which is celebrated daily, and the sacrament in which the faithful participate in Holy Communion by eating the Flesh of Christ and drinking His Blood, receiving both grace, the beginning of eternal life, and the medicine of immortality.

Therefore we earnestly hope that the restored sacred liturgy will bring forth abundant fruits of eucharistic devotion, so that the Holy Church, under this saving sign of piety, may make daily progress toward perfect unity and may invite all Christians to a unity of faith and of love, drawing them gently, thanks to the action of divine grace.

We desire to recall at the very outset what may be termed the very essence of the dogma, namely, that by means of the Mystery

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EARLY CHURCH FATHERS, THE REAL PRESENCE AND A MIRACLE

Theodore of Mopsuestia

(*Catechetical Homilies* 5:1 A.D. 405)

“When [Christ] gave the bread he did not say, ‘This is the symbol of my body,’ but, ‘This is my body.’ In the same way, when he gave the cup of his blood he did not say, ‘This is the symbol of my blood,’ but, ‘This is my blood’; for he wanted us to look upon the [Eucharistic elements] after their reception of grace and the coming of the Holy Spirit not according to their nature, but receive them as they are, the body and blood of our Lord. We ought . . . Not regard [the elements] merely as bread and cup, but as the body and blood of the Lord, into which they were transformed by the descent of the Holy Spirit.”



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

“After the type had been fulfilled by the Passover celebration and He had eaten the flesh of the lamb with His Apostles, He takes bread which strengthens the heart of man, and goes on to the true Sacrament of the Passover, so that just as Melchisedech, the priest of the Most High God, in prefiguring Him, made bread and wine an offering, He too makes Himself manifest in the reality of His own Body and Blood.” ✠

—ST. JEROME: *"Commentaries on the Gospel of Matthew"* [4,26,26] 398 A.D.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE

The valley village of Blanot, France, once favored with a Eucharistic miracle in the year 1331, still has the physical evidence of the event preserved in the church in which the miracle occurred.

Holy Communion in 1331 was given at an altar rail, where two altar boys would take their places at each end of the rail and place a long cloth over the railing and hold it. Communicants would place their hands under the cloth as the priest approached with Communion.

The miracle occurred on Easter Sunday, March 31, 1331, at the first Mass of the day, which was offered by the vicar, Hugues de la Baume. One of the last to receive was a widow named Jacqueline d'Effour. The priest placed the Host on her tongue, turned, and started walking toward the altar. It was then that two men who were also attending to the altar and a few communicants saw the Host fall from the woman's mouth and land upon the cloth that covered her hands. When the priest approached the altar, instead of finding the Host, he saw a spot of blood the same size as the Host, which had apparently dissolved into blood.

When the Mass was completed, the priest took the cloth into the sacristy and placed the stained area in a basin filled with clear water. After washing the spot, it had actually become larger and much darker. The priest and his assistants exclaimed, "This is the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ!"

The priest cut from the cloth the piece bearing the bloody imprint of the Host and reverently placed it in the tabernacle. The Hosts in the ciborium after Holy Communion were never used and were placed in the tabernacle. After 375 years, the Hosts were in good condition and were taken in procession around the parish of Blanot.

The bloodstained cloth is encased in a crystal tube and kept in the Church where the miracle occurred. Each year on Easter Monday, the relic is solemnly exposed in the church of Blanot. ✠

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"APOSTLES" NEWS . . .

A special thank you goes to the Knights of Columbus in North Kingstown for allowing us to hold our Annual Yard Sale at the Hall on June 22nd. We are grateful also to all of you who donated to and assisted at this very successful event. May God bless you for supporting this apostolate as we make Jesus known, loved and adored in the Blessed Sacrament through this apostolate. ✨

We also extend a very special thank you to John A. and June MacDonald of Warwick who donated \$1,800., towards the purchase of our printer; to Debbie Atwill of Coventry who donated \$100., and to Carolyn and Fred R. Inman, Jr. of Chepachet who donated \$10. May God bless you for your generosity! †

"Eucharistic Adoration is the most fundamental duty in the life of the Christian and that liturgical celebration of the Eucharist and private worship of Eucharist compliment each other. He further states "Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration in order that our love may be complete." †

—Redemptor Hominis
("Redeemer of Man") John Paul II

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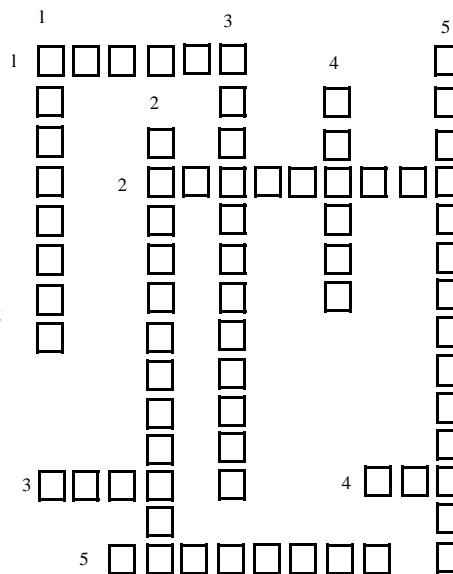
"APOSTLES" CROSSWORD

Across

1. At Holy Mass, Jesus is priest and _____
2. Christ is wholly and entirely present in the _____
3. "Yes, it is true!"
4. At Holy Mass, the priest says the words of Consecration, but the power is from _____
5. At Holy Mass, Eucharist makes present Christ's Sacrifice of the cross, thus it is Its _____

Down

1. Last Eucharist received before death
2. Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is called _____
3. Priest who prefigured Jesus
4. The altar represents the body of _____
5. "Mystery of Faith" in Latin



(Answers given in next newsletter.)

Crossword answers to Vol. 3 Issue 3: 2002

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| Across | Down |
| 1. unbloody | 1. Substantially |
| 2. Mass | 2. epiclesis |
| 3. Intinction | 3. genuflecting |
| 4. Resurrection | |

(Correction to Vol. 3 Issue 3 Crossword: The columns for "2. and 3. Down" should have been placed one square upwards. Sorry for the inconvenience.) †

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

There you will find twelve 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.



"Mysterium Fidei" by His Holiness Pope Paul VI, Promulgated on September 3, 1965

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of the Eucharist, the Sacrifice of the Cross, which was once offered on Calvary, is remarkably re-enacted and constantly recalled, and its saving power exerted for the forgiveness of those sins which we daily commit. . . . as the Evangelists narrate, at the Last Supper 'He took bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, saying: "This is My Body, given for you; do this for a commemoration of Me. And so with the cup, when supper was ended. This cup, he said, is the New Testament, in My Blood which is to be shed for you.' And by bidding the Apostles to do this in memory of Him, He made clear His will that the same sacrifice be forever repeated.

This intention of Christ was faithfully executed by the primitive Church through her adherence to the teaching of the Apostles and through her gatherings summoned to celebrate the Eucharistic Sacrifice. As St. Luke carefully testifies, 'These occupied themselves continually with the Apostles' teaching, their fellowship in the breaking of bread, and the fixed times of prayer.' From this practice, the faithful used to derive such spiritual strength that it was said of them that 'there was one heart and soul in all the company of believers.'

Unforgettable are the words of the holy martyr Ignatius, in his warning to the faithful of Philadelphia against the evils of division and schism, the remedy for which lies in the Eucharist: 'Strive then,' he said 'to make use of one form of thanksgiving for the flesh of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one and one is the chalice in the union of His Blood,' †

SPIRITUAL CORNER . . .

Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical letter, *Redemptor Hominis*, says:

It is an essential truth, not only of doctrine but also of life, that the Eucharist builds the Church, building it as the authentic community of the People of God, as the assembly of the faithful, bearing the same mark of unity that was shared by the Apostles and the first disciples of the Lord. The Eucharist builds ever anew this community and unity, ever building and regenerating it on the basis of the Sacrifice of Christ, since it commemorates his death on the Cross, the price by which he redeemed us. Accordingly, in the Eucharist we touch in a way the very mystery of the Body and Blood of the Lord, as is attested by the very words used at its institution, the words that, because of that institution, have become the words with which those called to this ministry in the Church unceasingly celebrate the Eucharist. †

ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD...In His Own Words

Saint Peter Julian Eymard wrote the following to Miss Adele Julhien on July 18, 1861:

So you are going to the holy mountain? May our Lord lead you there and fill you with his abundant blessings of love. You are his; he is yours. The holy cross makes you one; it is the bond of your covenant. May God be glorified by it and bless you. Carry it well, live as if you had none. Love loves the cross and gives it another name, the name of *surrendered love*. Your state of . . . pure faith is the best one for you, since God's love has chosen it for you. This state frees the soul from every earthly bond, every natural feeling, of all self-pride, to become totally dependent on his grace and love. . . . Go to his heart by *pure love*. Love is the flame which rises and emanates from the hearth without turning back. †

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. †