



# "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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## John Paul II, Apostolic Letter "Tertio Millennio Adveniente" November 10, 1994

**The redeeming mystery of Christ, which began in the Virgin Mary's womb and was fully manifested on the Cross, pervades the whole of history and consecrates humanity from generation to generation. Jesus' Pasch is truly a historical event that has everlasting effectiveness. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist we draw from the redemption that springs from the Lord's death and resurrection, until he will come again. This testifies to the fact that God is with us, for us, and for all: "In the sacrament of the Eucharist the Saviour, who took flesh in Mary's womb 20 centuries ago, continues to offer himself to humanity as the source of divine life."**



"How fortunate we are to be able to share, through the Eucharist, the happiness of Mary, of the Magi, and of the first disciples who offered gifts to Jesus Christ! In the Eucharist we still have the poverty of Bethlehem. Oh! Yes! All the good things of grace and of glory come to us through the divine Eucharist. Their fountainhead is at Bethlehem, which became a heaven of love; they increased all through the life of the Savior; and all these rivers of grace, virtue, and merit empty into the ocean of this adorable sacrament . . . ." ✱

-St. Peter Julian Eymard



**Blessed Christmas** and Peaceful New Year to all. We thank our many spiritual advisors, supporters, contributors, volunteers, prayer warriors, and most especially God for blessing this apostolate as we strive to make Jesus Christ known, loved and adored in His Real Presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament. ✱

### SEMINARIANS SEEK JESUS AT OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE VOCATIONS INCREASE WITH ADORATION

"Vocations have increased by 100% since the offering of our Thursday Adoration Program at Our Lady of Providence Seminary," in Providence, reports Vocations Recruiter Rev. Marcel L. Taillon, S.T.L. "Every Thursday from noon to 5 pm, seminarians, priests, and other adorers come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to pray for vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Providence, and Jesus has answered our prayers," Fr. Taillon added.

"In 1997, there was one seminarian at Our Lady of Providence Seminary and the diocese was questioning whether or not to keep it open. Bishop Robert E. Mulvee decided to begin Eucharistic Adoration at the Seminary chapel in 1997. In 1998, we had seven men interested in studying for the priesthood on the college level. Today, we have had a 100% increase and have 14 men living at the Seminary. The number of people praying for Vocations continues to grow and I cannot help but believe that there is a direct connection between their prayers and the best year for vocations that we have had in this Diocese since 1970," declares Fr. Taillon.

Our Lady of Providence Seminary is located at 485 Mount Pleasant Avenue in Providence and Adoration is offered in the Seminary chapel. For more information, visit the Seminary website at: [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or you may telephone (401) 831-8011. ✱

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

### St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Lecture XXII. (*On the Mysteries. IV.*)  
*On the Body and Blood of Christ, (A.D. 386)*

In one of his many catechetical discourses, St. Cyril explained how at Mass both the living and dead are remembered, and how the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Lord is of benefit to sinners, living and dead. †

### St. Augustine

"Christ was carried in his own hands when, referring to his own body, he said, 'This is my body' [Matt. 26:26]. For he carried that body in his hands."

(*Explanations of the Psalms 33:1:10, A.D. 405*)

"I promised you [new Christians], who have now been baptized, a sermon in which I would explain the sacrament of the Lord's Table . . . . That bread which you see on the altar, having been sanctified by the word of God, is the body of Christ. That chalice, or rather, what is in that chalice, having been sanctified by the word of God, is the blood of Christ."

(*Sermons 227, A.D. 411*) †

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

#### St. Clement of Alexandria,

*The instructor of Children* [1, 6, 41, 3]  
202 A.D.:

When the loving and benevolent Father had rained down the Word, that Word then became the spiritual nourishment of those who have good sense. O mystic wonder! The Father of all is indeed one, one also is the universal Word, and the Holy Spirit is one and the same everywhere; and one is the Virgin Mother. I love to call her the Church. . . .

Calling her children about her, she nourishes them with holy milk, that is with the Infant Word. . . . The Word is everything to a child: both the Father and Mother, both Instructor and Nurse. 'Eat My Flesh,' He says, 'and drink My Blood.' The Lord supplies us with these intimate nutriment. He delivers over His Flesh, and pours out His Blood; and nothing is lacking for the growth of His Children. O incredible mystery! ✨



Blessed Imelda  
Lambertini

### EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE *Bologna, 1333*

This miracle took place in 1333 in Bologna, Italy. A pious young girl of eleven had a burning desire to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist. Imelda Lambertini was born of wealth and her father was Count Eagno Lambertini. She entered the Dominican Convent at age nine and was loved by the older nuns.

The Lord gave her a special gift on the Feast of the Ascension in 1333. While praying, a Host appeared suspended in mid-air in front of her. The priest was called and he gave her Holy Communion. She went into ecstasy and never awakened. She died while receiving her First Holy Communion!

Devotion to Blessed Imelda began and in the early 1900s a community of Dominicans was started called the Dominican Sisters of the Blessed Imelda. They strive to spread love for the Eucharist and encourage Perpetual Adoration.

Blessed Imelda's incorrupt body lies in the church of San Sigismondo near the University of Bologna. Pope St. Pius X named her Protectress of First Holy Communicants. O Lord, let us die to You daily and receive You in the Eucharist as if it were our last. Let us also become as little children, having that innocent love and complete childlike trust in Your love and mercy.

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**Karol Cardinal Wojtyla  
(Pope John Paul II)**

**Midnight Mass**

**"On this holy  
night . . . ,  
we render our  
homage to the son of  
God who is born in  
Bethlehem. . . . We  
welcome him with joy,  
singing: "Christ our  
Savior is born for us!"**



In a few moments I shall take into my hands bread that will be very similar to the bread you broke and divided among you at your Christmas Eve supper. This bread and the wine that I shall take from your hands will be transformed, through the power of the words of consecration, into the Body and Blood of the Son of God. May he be born again at midnight from our bread and wine; from our love, faith, and community; from the good wishes we exchange; from our aspirations; and from the undeniably just request finally to be permitted to build a house of God here.

It is from all of this, under the form of bread and wine, that Jesus Christ will be born. We shall welcome him, as always, with faith and veneration, with hymns on our lips and with love in our hearts. We shall welcome him into our souls in order to live the life that he brings us.

I join my best wishes, my dear brothers and sisters, . . . to the much greater one of the whole community that you may at last have a house in which Christ can be born." ✽

—24 December 1976

(Excerpt taken from "The Word Made Flesh, The Meaning of the Christmas Season." Cardinal Wojtyla, was celebrating an open-air Mass in the parish of Howa Huta. He supported the inhabitants of this huge industrial suburb in their struggle to obtain a church. Eventually this hope was fulfilled, and as pope he visited the church, which had been built in large part by the workers themselves.)

**"APOSTLES" NEWS . . .**

Thank you all for continuing to send us such generous donations for our new printer which we hope to purchase soon.

We will again offer an exhibit table at the Diocese of Providence's 36th Annual Catechist Workshop at Bryant College in Smithfield, RI on March 15, 2003. Visit us! ✽

**VOCATIONS INCREASE  
WITH HOLY HOURS**

"Since we decided to have the daily Eucharistic Holy Hour in 1963, something beautiful happened in our society - our love for Jesus has become more intimate; our love for one another more understanding; and our love for the poor more compassionate; and we have also more than doubled the number of vocations!" ✽

**St. Peter Julian Eymard  
(Notes from the Great Retreat of  
Rome, 1865)**

"There, now, I have found the whole secret of it: the unconditional gift of self to the Lord. I made this gift and took an oath on it before the Blessed Sacrament at the consecration; my tears ratified it. At Communion, I placed my heart--in the act of giving itself--in the ciborium that it might itself become a ciborium. Jesus wants to be my Raphael, my means, my center. I shall renew my gift of self with my every breath. I now feel that I was fleeing from this divine servitude, that I wanted to choose what I should give and to hold fast to my ego. Totus tuus (My God, You are all mine and I am all Yours); but no pilfering! This morning's meditation is fundamental: I am the servant of Jesus Christ." ✽



SPIRITUAL CORNER. . .

*Jesus spent the whole night in prayer to God...  
He summoned his disciples and picked out twelve of them.* — Luke 6:12

"Christian sensitivity is dependent on prayer. Without prayer deception is inevitable in a matter of such importance. *Decisions require prayer*, decisions of magnitude require sustained prayer. Jesus himself gives us the example. Before calling his disciples and selecting the twelve, Jesus passed the night, on the mountain, in communion with his Father. For Jesus, prayer to his Father meant not only light and strength. It also meant confidence, trust, and joy that came to him in prayer. *The measure of the Church's joy in any age is in proportion to her prayer.* The gauge of her strength and the condition for her confidence are fidelity to prayer. The mysteries of Christ are disclosed to those who approach him in prayer. The full application of the Second Vatican Council will forever be conditioned by perseverance in prayer. The great strides made by the laity of the Church in realizing how much they belong to the Church, how much they are the Church, can be explained in the last analysis only by grace and its acceptance in prayer." †

—Pope John Paul II

"COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?" (Mt. 26:40)

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

**"Christ is a lovely feast. We always greet it with joy. Our love gives it a new life, and the Eucharist is its continuation. Bethlehem and the Cenacle are inseparably linked together; they complete each other ... The Eucharist was sown at Bethlehem. What is the Eucharist but "the wheat of the elect" and "the living bread." Now wheat must be sown. It must fall into the soil, and spring up, and ripen, and be harvested, and be ground before it can be made into bread. This heavenly wheat was, as it were, sown at Bethlehem, "the house of bread." When Jesus was born on the straw of the table, the word was preparing his Eucharist, which he considered the complement of all his other mysteries. He was coming to be united to us.**

**The Eucharist is the life of the people. The Eucharist gives them a center of life. All can come together without the barriers of race or language. ... It gives them a law of life, that of charity, of which it is the source; thus it forges between them a common bond, a Christian kingship. All eat the same bread, all are table companions of Jesus Christ who supernaturally creates among them a feeling of togetherness. Read the Acts of the Apostles. It states that the whole community of the first Christians, converted Jews and baptized pagans, belonging to different regions, "Had but one heart and one soul." (4:32). Why? Because they were attentive to the teaching of the apostles and faithful in sharing in the breaking of the bread (2:42).**

**In May 1868, Saint Peter Julian Eymard wrote to Mme. Lepage:**

**In your last letter, you were telling me that you no longer feel any consolation in your devotions. ... Now is the time to serve God for God's sake by the faithfulness and dedication that come from love. ... Never give up daily Communion. That would be like giving up your place at the family feast of God's children. In this matter, we shouldn't consider our unworthiness, nor our dryness, but rather ... the loving invitation of our good Master and the company of our dear mother Mary. †**

**ON EUCHARISTIC  
ADORATION**

*"How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. There is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more powerful for advancing along the road of holiness."*

- Pope John Paul II



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Teaching Aids**

Be sure to view our new website:

[www.ApostlesOfTheRealPresence.com](http://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.\*

