Sing the Mass: Diocesan Fall Liturgy Workshop

Church of St. Aloysius Olivia, MN Saturday, November 11, 2017



Reflection on Preparing to Participate in the Liturgy

The Sacred Liturgy Is...

- 1. An Exercise of the Priestly Office of Christ
- 2. A Foretaste of and Participation in the Heavenly Liturgy
- 3. The Source and Summit of the Life of the Church
- 4. The Sacramental Memorial and Re-Presentation of Christ on the Cross

The Sacred Liturgy Is...

Prayer

Praise

of Christ

Presence

Active participation certainly means that, in gesture, word, song and service, all the members of the community take part in an act of worship, which is anything but inert and passive.

Pope St. John Paul II,

Ad limina address to U.S. Bishops, October 9, 1998

Yet active participation does not preclude the active passivity of silence, stillness, and listening: indeed, it demands it.

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[Christ's faithful] should be instructed by God's Word and be nourished at the table of the Lord's Body; they should give thanks to God; by offering the Immaculate Victim, not only through the hands of the priest, but also with him, they should learn also to offer themselves; through Christ the Mediator, they should be drawn day by day into ever more perfect union with God and with each other, so that finally God may be all in all.

Sacramentum Concilium 48

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In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of His Body.

The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with His total offering, and so acquire a new value.

All of the lay faithful's works, prayers and apostolic endeavors, their ordinary married and family life, their daily occupations, their physical and mental relaxation, if carried out in the Spirit, and even the hardships of life, if patiently borne—all these become "spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5).

Lumen Gentium 34

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Calm and Stillness

Be still and know that I am God!

Psalm 46:11

...and after the fire [Elijah heard] a still small voice.

1 Kings 19:12

Awareness of God's Presence

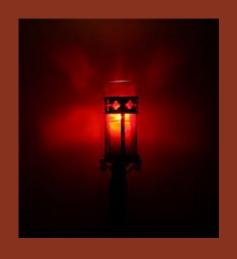
Dwelling within you

In the tabernacle

Soon to be made present on the altar

Awareness of God's Presence

...for you my soul thirsts...



I look to you in the sanctuary to see your power and glory.

Awareness of Self

What's stirring within?

Thoughts, feelings, desires, events in life

These become part of your offering

Awareness of Self

Pour out your hearts to God!

Psalm 62

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