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*"Make St. Joseph the patron of your family*

 *and you will soon have tangible proof of his protecting hand.”*

 *~ Saint Peter Julian Eymard*

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*provides the grace to live an heroic life.*

**CHAPTER 2**

**SACRIFICIAL LOVE**

*“Each generation is converted by the saint who contradicts it most.” ~ G.K. Chesterton*

**HIS!**

Why do people en masse leave it to a select minority of people to bestow titles on those of their choosing, and for self-interested reasons?

We have the power to put on a sash or to fashion medals and hang them on our jackets in a row.

We can outfit ourselves in fine clothing for appearances’ sake, and pose for and post any number of pictures.

We can get our hair done, accessorize, place a crisp bow tie by our neck, or crown ourselves with something that glitters.

We can give ourselves a title, and even more than one, and we can identify by it or them if we wish.

We can wave genteely, and act accordingly, and smile a lot when other people are watching.

We can behave, and think, in a certain way of our and of others’ choosing.

We can take up causes, for whatever reason.

We can build up a following, and become influential in the eyes of the world.

We can give ourselves what is reserved for some, and we can do so without ever asking ourselves why.

*Why do we as Catholics with courage not do this, then?*

We don’t because as followers of Christ we strive to live, love, serve, and patiently suffer in imitation of Him, the Divine Bridegroom of Every Soul, our Divine Redeemer, Divine Restorer, and Divine Remedy for All.

We are disciples of the One who came for our sake and despite owning everything, owned nothing and who provides us with everything worth having which is Him, the One thing that cannot ever be taken from us against our will.

He lived a hidden life, ate sparingly, lived simply, and dressed humbly.

He asks for our love in return, and our willing cooperation - with purity of intention and devoid of self interest - as One with Him so that Almighty God’s most perfect will is accomplished, for the greater honor and glory of the Most Blessed Trinity first and foremost and then for the sake of every single precious, priceless, and immortal soul.

He pursues us along the Way of the Cross because He unconditionally loves us, we whom He  created, became man for, suffered and died for, Resurrected for, and left us with His Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament where He keeps coming and coming and coming and coming, for us, as He promised, until the end of time.

His entire life from Divinely Ordained start to finish was sacrificially loving and was for us, and he sought nothing for Himself but our love in return.

True love begets true love through the spending of the self, in imitation of and in union with Christ.

Let us be crowned with thorns!

Let us be forsaken by all if it is God’s will!

Let us do without, dedicating ourselves to continuing His work in the Divine Economy of Salvation, for our coveted title is “His!” now and forever more.

To be His is to ponder the concepts of both titles and of true nobility.

**TO BE “HIS!” IN RELATION TO THE TRADITIONAL TRIDENTINE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

The Traditional Tridentine Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a sacred love story, in real time, that transcends time and place.

*“The Eucharist is a perpetual gift that will last as long as the love that inspired it.” ~ Saint Peter Julian Eymard*

The Tridentine Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a true sacrifice, and it is THE sacrifice, of Jesus Christ the Divine Bridegroom of every soul, who merited the graces to redeem the world first by offering Himself on Mount Calvary and now, through time, and until the end of time offers Himself in an unbloody manner to us through the sacrifice-sacrament of His Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

*"Jesus, who loves each one of us in particular, gives Himself to each one. Love that is general little moves us. But we cannot resist a love that is shown to us personally. That God loved the world is very beautiful, but that He loves me, myself, tells me so, and, to convince me, gives Himself to me – that is the triumph of His love. For Jesus comes for me; I might say he comes for me alone. I am the object of this mystery of infinite power and love that is being enacted on the holy altar, for it aims at me and is perfected in me.” ~ Saint Peter Julian Eymard, “How to Get More Out of Holy Communion,” pp. 93-94.*

Guilt is a loss of grace; the Tridentine Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a Sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ that provides numerous graces for mankind, and is the principle way the treasures of His Sacred Passion are conferred daily upon us.

These graces include the grace of repentance and true interior sorrow for having offended God, the grace of appeasing God for our sins, the grace of remission of the suffering due to us because we have sinned, the grace of enlightening minds darkened by sin, the grace of strengthening the will to do good and avoid evil, the grace of obtaining grace for others, and the grace of inspiring and enabling us to make sacrifices and reparation out of love for God.

*“O Jesus, immolated at every moment of the day on our altars, let me share in Your Sacrifice.” ~ ~ Father Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., “Divine Intimacy: Meditations on the Interior Life for Every Day of the Liturgical Year,” p. 497.*

**CHAPTER 3**

**SACRIFICIAL SACRAMENT**

*“'Remain in Me.' It is the Word of God who gives this order, expresses this wish. Remain in Me, not for a few moments, a few hours which must pass away, but 'remain . . .' permanently, habitually, Remain in Me, pray in Me, adore in Me, love in Me, suffer in Me, work and act in Me.” ~ Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity*

**A SACRAMENTAL LIFE ASSURES ETERNAL LIFE**

Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J. taught that one cannot speak of the sacraments without first understanding the two forms of life possessed by every single human person: the natural life of the body, which begins at conception and is animated by the soul, and the higher form of life which is supernatural life and is possessed once the physical body dies.

*“Unless our souls are supernaturally alive with the grace of God, our faith tells us we shall die the first death of the body, but also the second death of the soul.” ~ Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.*

The death of the soul is eternal death. The death of the soul, or eternal death, is the eternal separation from God.

**THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS WERE INSTITUTED BY JESUS CHRIST FOR OUR SAKE**

In God’s Divine providence, He ordained the means for us to obtain supernatural life, to grow in one’s supernatural life, and to restore the supernatural life lost by mortal sin.

These means are the Seven Sacraments, which were instituted for all mankind by Jesus Christ.

 **WHAT A SACRAMENT IS**

A sacrament is a visible sign established by Jesus Christ that communicates the grace it indicates.

Jesus instituted the Seven Sacraments for us personally and immediately, and decided the substance of each one, its essential ritual and content, what material is to be used, how each one is to be an effective sign of grace, who He empowered to confer them, and on whom they may be conferred.

The Catholic Church teaches infallibly that “the sacraments of the New Law were all instituted by Christ;” that “these same sacraments of the New Law differ from the sacraments of the Old Law,” and “there are neither more than seven nor fewer than seven sacraments” (Council of Trent, 1547).

Jesus confers graces proper to each sacrament through each particular one.

**THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS**

The Seven Sacraments are: The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, Holy Eucharist, Holy Orders, Holy Matrimony, and Extreme Unction.

**THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS ARE PERCEIVABLE BY THE SENSES**

The Seven Sacraments are meant to be perceptible to and perceivable by the senses.

For example, the Sacrament of Baptism involves the pouring of water; bread and wine are transubstantiated during the Consecration of each Sacred Species into the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of Jesus during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; oil is used during the Sacrament of Confirmation; words are spoken and perceived; and the rituals or rites that take place are visible.

**THE SACRAMENTS ARE SIGNS THAT SIGNIFY**

The Seven Sacraments are signs that signify.

In other words, they manifest meaning beyond the visible and sensory religious event that takes place.

For example, the use of water signifies washing, the use of oil signifies strengthening or healing, and eating and drinking signify receiving nourishment.

*"The external sign signifies some internal change taking place in the human spirit, and always this change is in the supernatural order, including some area or aspect of Divine grace.” ~ Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.*

**THE SACRAMENTS ARE NECESSARY FOR ETERNAL SALVATION**

Although not every sacrament is necessary for each particular person, the sacraments are necessary for eternal salvation.

In some cases, the actual reception of a sacrament can be replaced by at least one's implicit desire for the sacrament.

**WHY GOD CHOSE TO DISPENSE HIS GRACE THROUGH THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS**

God chose to dispense His grace through the Seven Sacraments so the mysterious effects of His infinite power should be made intelligible by means of certain signs that are evident to our senses.

*“Christ instituted the sacraments because He knew how much we depend on external, visible signs to sustain our faith in His promises.” ~ Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., “Sacramental Life Assures Eternal Life”*

**THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS ARE A CONTINUATION OF CHRIST'S WORK OF REDEMPTION**

They are *“the link between His Sacred Passion on Mount Calvary and our present needs on earth. They are the channels by which His saving merits are now conveyed to a sinful world.” ~ Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., "Sacramental Life Assures Eternal Life"*

**THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS DISTINGUISH CHRIST’S FOLLOWERS FROM ALL OTHERS**

They provide a visible and public sacred bond of unity among the members of Christ’s Catholic Church as the One True Faith is professed and proclaimed publicly.

The Seven Sacraments also powerfully witness to others what Christ’s Catholic followers profess to believe.

**THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS PROVIDE DIVINE SUPERNATURAL GRACES NEEDED TO GROW IN HOLY HUMILITY**

*“Our pride leads us to see others as means for our own self-advantage, to the point where we practically define 'love' as the value that another person can serve in our lives.”  ~ Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.*

So, too, can our pride lead us to see our Triune God first and foremost as a means for the same self-interested ends.

The Seven Sacraments provide the Divine supernatural graces each person needs to grow in holy humility through the constant monitoring of one's pride.

This is accomplished through our submission to material things as a condition for obtaining the graces our Creator determined are necessary for each one’s spiritual life.

**ON HOW THE SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST ASSURES ETERNAL LIFE**

The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist assures eternal life and is “*the most powerful means we have to reach our eternal destiny”(Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., “Sacramental Life Assures Eternal Life”).*

Nothing on earth is a more powerful source of grace than the Holy Eucharist, the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, which consists of two Sacred Species: the Sacred Body and the Precious Blood of Jesus our Divine Redeemer, Divine Restorer, Divine Remedy for All, and the Divine Bridegroom of every soul.

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST IS A SOURCE OF GRACE THREE TIMES OVER**

The Holy Eucharist is a source of grace three times over: as the sacrifice-sacrament of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, as Holy Communion, and as the Real Presence of Jesus.

On each of its three levels as a sacrament, the Blessed Sacrament confers its own specific form of the virtue of charity.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass provides the grace of self-surrender; the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist received as Holy Communion provides the grace of charity; and the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament provides the grace to live an heroic life.

 *“God asks us to surrender our wills to His in a thousand ways. I use the verb “asks” us, but this asking can be very demanding. Leave it to God; there is no limit to the ways that God can require us to give up what we like, or endure what we do not like.*

*"The secret is to see His Divine Will in every circumstance of our lives, in which we have to let go of what is so pleasant to us or suffer what can be agonizingly painful. How we need strength from our Lord to make these sacrifices which are at the heart of our Christian life. When the Savior told us we are His disciples if we take up our cross daily and follow Him, He was saying more than our fertile minds can imagine.”*

*~ Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., “Sacramental Life Assures Eternal Life”*

**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS CONFERS THE GRACE OF SELF-SURRENDER**

Not only does the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass provides the grace of self-surrender, but *"everyone receives grace from every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered throughout the world" (Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., "The Holy Eucharist as Prayer").*

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is meant by Christ to be the most sublime prayer that we can make to our Creator and the one that is most pleasing to God.

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST RECEIVED IN HOLY COMMUNION PROVIDES THE GRACE OF SELFLESS CHARITY**

*“The Eucharist is a fire which inflames us.” ~ Saint John Damascene*

**THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PROVIDES THE GRACE TO LIVE AN HEROIC LIFE**

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*“Man's earthly, imperfect happiness is in proportion to his approach to God-the final goal of his life. The more closely man approaches God by the practice of virtue under the influence of God's grace, the greater will be his happiness. Worldly goods and pleasures may satisfy man for a time, but of themselves they cannot make him fully happy. Man may enjoy the innocent pleasures and reasonable comforts of life as long as they do not lead him away from God." ~ The Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 1, The Answer to Question 4*

**CHAPTER 4**

**SACRIFICIAL HUMILITY**

**CHAPTER 5**

**SACRIFICIAL PRAYER**

*“The demons maintain that the sins of men*

*give them power over men.*

*They say that God permits demons to keep what they have won*

*through the misdirected use of the free will of man,*

*and only the free will of man can take from them*

*what the free will of man has given them.*

*Through the willful suffering of victim souls,*

*the demons are deprived of that*

*which men have given them through sin.”*

*~ Mary Crushes the Serpent*

**CHAPTER 5**

**SACRIFICIAL PRAYER**

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**SACRIFICIAL ADORATION**

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**SACRIFICIAL RECIPROCITY**

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**SACRIFICIAL UNION**

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**SACRIFICIAL REPARATION**

“As the standard of living has risen, so has penance declined…”

~ Father Bryan Houghton,

“Unwanted Priest: The Autobiography of a Latin Mass Exile,” p. 96.

**CHAPTER 10**

**SACRIFICIAL RECOLLECTION**

**WHAT THE MAJESTIC CATHOLIC**

**TRADITIONAL TRIDENTINE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

**CELEBRATED IN LATIN IS**

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**SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION AND**

**THE MAJESTIC TRADITIONAL TRIDENTINE**

**HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS CELEBRATED IN LATIN**

**A RECONCILIATION PRAYER FOR EVERY SOUL**

Oh sweet Author of Life,

Your pardon I seek as I kneel before Your Cross.

Lord, forgive me.

Immerse me in Your compassion,

for I have so little to offer you.

Even my petition for forgiveness comes from You.

You long for my approach though wounded,

so generously willing to exchange human iniquity

with Your Love that immolates and saves,

when the soul but accepts Your invitation.

I give my nothingness entirely to You.

Divine Justice have mercy on me

and may all my brothers and sisters benefit also,
especially those most in need

of Your sanctifying and eternally saving Divine grace.

Blood of Christ wash over me

and transform me into Your likeness.

Make of me the mirror that reflects Your love to Your beloved.

Thank You for Your sacrifice and invitation,

and for Your patience while awaiting my response,
as I seek Your will while You encourage me

to make proper, holy use of my free will.

Thank You for lovingly creating, teaching,

guiding, and consoling me,

and for all You have generously given me
including the grace to recognize that

which on my own I cannot see.

Thank You for allowing me to lose that I may win,

and for giving me the opportunity to journey with You

along Your Way of the Cross.

I accept Your love,

and return to You my heart united with Yours,

along with my obedience.

Jesus, thank You for everything,

God’s will be done!

Please accept my petition to fill this dry well

with Your Divine Presence.

Amen.

**CHAPTER 11**

**SACRIFICIAL APOSTOLATE**

*"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day.”  ~ Saint Gianna Molla*

**WHAT GOD NOW WILLS**

After the innocent have been scourged at the pillar withoutB mercy by those in their innermost circle, their trust in people naturally becomes compromised.

However, in God's Divine Economy of Salvation this is to be used for the greater honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity and then for the sanctification and eternal salvation of one's own soul and the precious, priceless, and immortal souls of all others.

**IT IS IN LOSING THAT WE GAIN**

To do so we must turn our attention to Jesus.

What did Jesus do when He was being scourged at the pillar in His time?

The same thing that Jesus does as he continues to be scourged at the pillar by people through time until the end of time.

**SELF SURRENDER, FORGIVENESS, AND PLACING PRIMARY IMPORTANCE ON ACCOMPLISHING GOD'S WILL AS HE WILLS IT**

Jesus surrendered then and continues to surrender Himself through time, for the greater honor and glory of God first and foremost and then for the sake of the entire human race including you and me.

He is all pardon.

He focused then and continues to focus through time on accomplishing the most perfect will of Almighty God while trusting totally in Him.

This is accomplished always with His Immaculate Mother by His (and our) side.

He remains with us as He promised until the end of time through His Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

*"By My Holy Face you will work wonders, appease the anger of God, and draw down mercy on sinners." ~ Jesus to Sr. Mary of St. Peter*

**THE FOURTEEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS**