



A DIALOGUE WITH A MYSTERY IN THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Jn. 6:56

The Mystery that engages us in the Mass is, of course, the mystery of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine.

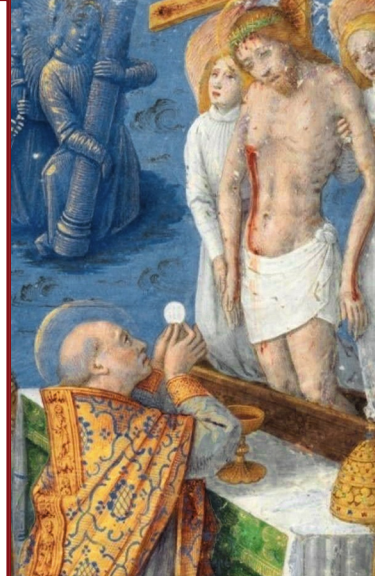
Our faith tells us that Jesus is truly present, our will says, "Yes." But our mind asks, "How can this be?" Perhaps a key to our question may be found in Jesus' exhortation at the Last Supper, "Do this in remembrance of me."

'How,' we may ask, 'can mere remembering make Jesus so substantially present that we can have "communion" with him?'

The "remembrance" Jesus spoke of is not simply a "calling to mind" of a past event or the commemoration "in memory" of a person who has gone before us. This "remembrance" or "memorial" is "a living *re*-presentation before God of the saving deeds he has accomplished in Christ, so that their fullness and power may be effective here and now" Introduction to the Order of the Mass, 121 The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, "When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she commemorates Christ's Passover, and it is made present: the sacrifice of Christ offered once for all on the Cross remains ever present." CCC 1364

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a two-way conversation with the Mystery of the Real Presence that begins with remembrance and ends in communion. At the Consecration, after invoking the Holy Spirit to come upon the gifts the priest elevates the Host and then the Chalice saying:

This is my body given up for you ... This is the chalice of my blood ... which will be



The Eucharist is connected with the Passion. If Jesus had not established the Eucharist we would have forgotten the crucifixion ...

When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then,

When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta



This is my Body given for you.

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.

At these words, an eternal moment is presented before us, as if, the moment of Christ's self-offering on the Cross is suspended in time, and we are standing at the foot of his cross.

As the priest lifts the Host above his head for all to see and the bells ring and we may hear Jesus say, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

As Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross is presented again to God, our Father, the Celebrant declares:

The mystery of faith.

Responding we acclaim:

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

or

We proclaim your Death, O Lord and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Next, with hands extended, the Priest re-presents *the whole* of Christ's self-gift and victory to the Father praying:

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

The Celebrant continues:

May he make of us an eternal offering to you so that we might obtain the inheritance of the elect ...

The Celebrant concludes with prayers of thanksgiving and intercessions for the living and those who have passed from this life .

Then, lifting up both the chalice and the paten with the host on it making this offering explicit, he exclaims:

*Through him,
and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever.*

The Eucharistic Prayer comes to a grand conclusion with this Trinitarian invocation.

And in this moment of jubilation with exultant praise we exclaim:
Amen.

Together as children of God we pray, "Our Father." Preparing for Holy Communion we may reflect on the words, 'forgive us as we forgive' as we offer one another the Sign of Peace.

Now, the Celebrant begins the *Angus Dei* and we continue:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world have mercy on us... have mercy on us ... grant us peace.

While we pray he takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice praying quietly,

May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

The significance of this gesture is to recognize that the risen Christ is whole and entire. When Jesus was nailed to the cross, he died because his blood separated from his body. Now that he is risen, his body is again complete.

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Behold the Lamb of God



Body of Christ

While lifting the broken host over the comingled chalice the Celebrant announces:

Behold the lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world, Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Now, we are speaking directly to the risen Christ:

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, say but the word and my soul shall be healed.

Finally, our dialogue with the mystery gives way to silence. The Minister of the Eucharist holds, before our eyes, Jesus truly present in the Eucharist saying,

Body of Christ.

We answer , 'Amen.' Now the living Mystery rests in the palm of our hand. As we receive him, what began as remembrance becomes union and a remembering of his promise,

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Art on page 1:

The painting, The Mass of Saint Gregory, is an artist's depiction of a Eucharistic miracle that took place in 595 during a Mass presided over by Pope St. Gregory the Great. At the moment of receiving Holy Communion, a Roman noblewoman laughed because she doubted that bread she had baked could become the flesh of Christ. The Pope, troubled by her disbelief decided not to give her Communion as he prayed that her eyes be opened. When consecrated Bread turned into Flesh and Blood, the woman wept, repented and believed.

A priest is pictured elevating the Sacred Host after the words of consecration. Starting in the 12th century, beginning in France, possibly as a reaction to the Albigensian denial of incarnational and sacramental reality, priests began to lift up the Body of Christ for the adoration of the faithful. The practice was confirmed by the bishop of Paris, Odo of Sully (d.1208). And in the 13th century, the elevation of the consecrated Chalice, for the adoration of the Precious Blood, was introduced.

SISTER MARY MAGDALEN, OP - "A TRUE DOMINICAN" PART I
Anita Elizabeth Braun - 100 years +- November 15, 1921— May 18, 2022



Many small moments form any real friendship. So, it is with a call to follow Jesus. Sister Mary Magdalen often reminisced with gratitude over the gifts from the Lord that prepared her heart to follow him alone as a Dominican Nun for over 80 years.



First, were her parents, Frederick and Terese Braun who fell in love, planned their future family and together designed the home of their dreams. Two years after their marriage they built that home in the small town of Verona, NJ. Sr. Mary Magdalen treasured the love and security of that small home. She fondly remembered her



parents sitting on the porch holding hands and talking softly.

When the Brauns arrived in Verona there was no Catholic Church, so their first little girl, "Anita Elizabeth" and her two older brothers Theodore and Vincent were baptized at Saint Aloysius Church in Caldwell, NJ. When Anita was nine she was delighted with the gift of baby sister, Bernice and a few years later a little brother, Norbert; his friends called him 'Dutch'.



In 1923, a temporary rector was assigned to the good people of Verona and Mass was celebrated in the new Verona High School. By 1924, Our Lady of the Lake Parish had built a small Church building which also had four rooms for a school with grades 1-8 staffed by the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell. Sister Mary Magdalen recalled



with a bit of humor how her father 'negotiated' with good sisters to make room for a Kindergarten, so Anita could 'go to school like her brothers.'



The spiritual heart of the Braun home was the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Sister recalled the picture of Jesus that hung over her parents' bed with all of their names listed below it. The loving gentleness of Jesus' face drew Anita into her parents' room to visit him, perhaps this was the source of her vocation.

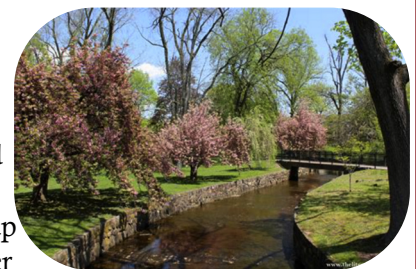
Anita learned much from her dad. They played the piano together and her gift as a proof reader must have been inherited, since her dad was a commercial printer by trade. Apprenticing with a large daily newspaper in Newark he spent the rest of his life in teaching the



trade in Newark public schools. A half-hour daily commute to and from Newark necessitated the purchase of a 'new'

black model A Ford. Sister was quick to add, "There were no used cars then, you know!" His teaching job and auto allowed Dad to give Mom a much-deserved summer vacation. He loaded the car with provisions and with Anita and her brothers in the rumble seat they headed north for Lake Hopatkong - to sleep in a tent, cook over a fire and wash in the lake. Riding in the open-air seat was great fun. When it rained, however, if car was moving up to speed, the air flow carried the water over their heads but when the car slowed they got drenched!

Growing up in a developing town provided special joys and adventures. There were new houses being built with scaffolding to walk; woods in which to pick violets or a wide brook to cross by stepping from stone to stone. There were cherry or apple trees to pick and good-natured neighbors who looked the other way. Railroad tracks to cross with expansive woodlands up the mountain to wander in alone. And the San Francisco-like Verona hills to peddle up and fly down. All of this beauty and



SISTER MARY JOSEPH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD, OP
Profession of First Vows - February 02, 2022

PROFESSION OF VOWS



Prioress: Dear Sister, God has consecrated you by water and the Holy Spirit at your Baptism. *Are you resolved* to be joined more closely to Christ and the Church by a new title of religious profession ... associated with the “holy preaching” of blessed Dominic ... doing all to the glory of God and for the salvation of both yourself and others?

Sister: I am, with God’s help and yours.

Prioress: *Sister Mary Joseph of the Precious Blood, OP,* what do you seek?

Sister: God’s mercy and yours.



I, *Sister Mary Joseph of the Precious Blood, OP,* make profession and promise obedience to God, to the Blessed Mary, to the Blessed Dominic, and to the Master of the Order of Preachers and to you, Sister Mary Peter, Prioress of this Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, and to your successors, according to the Rule of Blessed Augustine and the Constitutions of the Nuns of the Order of Preachers, that I will be obedient to you and to your successors, for three years.



Homily

Deacon John Ley, preacher and Sister’s proud Dad.

Blessing of the Scapular and Presentation of the Veil
 by Fr. David Santoro, Chaplain



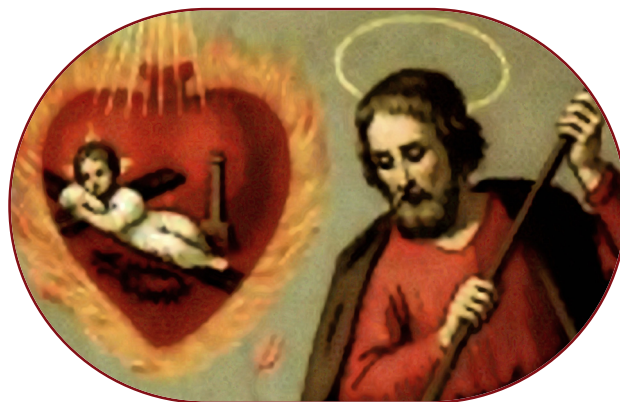
The Signing of the Book of Professions

The newly professed, now signs the Book in which the act of Profession has been recorded.
 Sister’s new Constitutions and Liturgy of the Hours are in the foreground.

Presentation of the Book of the Constitutions and a book of the Liturgy of the Hours



Profession Motto
 Go to Joseph



SAINT JOSEPH AND THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

The early Tradition of the Church holds that, like St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph was sanctified by the Holy Spirit in his mother’s womb. Their sanctification was due to the anticipated merits of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Since St. Joseph was to be the husband of Blessed Virgin Mary and foster father to the Son of God. In God’s Providence he was washed, in the *‘Precious Blood of the Lamb.’*



CELEBRATIONS



WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Above: Sister’s mother - Mary Ley, Sr. Mary Rani - Novice Mistress, Sr. Mary Peter - Prioress, and Sister’s father, Deacon John Ley.

Below: In the foreground, with Sister and her parents, are Sister’s sister, Marie Therese and Mrs. Barb Klinger whose friendship and prayer support nourished her vocation.



WITH HER SISTERS:

Immediately after her profession of Vows Sr. Mary Joseph came to the Community Room to be greeted by each of her sisters.

Sr. Mary of the Immaculate Conception’s smile shows the special bond that they share.

Special meals, special cakes and, of course, many beautiful gifts from benefactors, family and her sisters in Community completed Sr. Mary Joseph’s first day in her new black veil.



CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY 2022 ~ CELEBRATING TWO NEW BEGINNINGS

This is my Body ... This is my Blood. cf. Lk. 22:19



Beginning on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Blessed Carlo Acutis will serve as the patron of the first year of a three-year USA Eucharistic Revival project in preparation for the National Eucharistic Congress to be held in Indianapolis in 2024.

Troubled by a 2019 Pew survey, the US Bishops saw the pressing need to re-teach the truths Eucharistic and rekindle devotion in the hearts of the faithful. The survey showed that nearly 70% of all self-identified Catholics believe that the consecrated bread and wine at Mass are not Jesus, but just "symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ." You cannot love what you do not know.

Thus, the bishops have entrusted this critical mission of reviving faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist to the intercession to Blessed Carlo. The Blessed is an English-born Italian Catholic who died of



leukemia in 2006 at the age of 15. Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament was his first love. He said, "the more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven."

St. Augustine taught that, "We become what we gaze upon." The closer we come to Jesus the more we become our true selves. Bl. Carlo continues to challenge us, "All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies." cf. carloacutis-en.org.

In order to make his love for the Eucharist 'contagious', Carlo used his technical prowess as an amateur computer programmer to share information online about Eucharistic miracles.

The Miracle at Lanciano was his favorite. See carloacutis.com.

**750 A.D.
Lanciano, Italy**

The Flesh and Blood of Lanciano therefore are just the same as they would be if they had been drawn that very day from a living human being.

Below the heart arteries and veins can be easily identified, as well as a double slender branch of the vagus nerve.



CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY PROCESSION - COME ADORE THE LORD WITH ME, PSALM 34: 4



This year, weather permitting, we will renew our traditional celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi with an outdoor Procession of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction in our Chapel.

INTRODUCING OUR CORPUS CHRISTI NOVENA PREACHER

Father Christopher Johnson, OP



Fr. Christopher Damien Johnson, OP grew up in the greater Twin Cities area of Minnesota. He studied history and education at Loras College in Dubuque, IA and after graduating he taught high school social studies for five years before entering the Dominican Order.

Father made solemn vows in the Province of St. Albert the Great in 2018. Then on the Solemnity of St. Dominic in 2020 he was ordained a priest. He currently serves as Chaplain at Fenwick High School in Oak Park, IL where he also teaches theology and history.

When Fr. Christopher is not teaching or working in campus ministry, he enjoys reading, running, spending time outdoors and seeking to learn more about our wonderful world. Some day, he hopes to travel to Europe and tour lands of our Holy Father Dominic.

Fr. Christopher's significant role models and patrons after the Holy Family, St. Dominic and St. Thomas Aquinas are St. Damien of Molokai, Bl. Jerzy Popieluzsko, Bl. Stanley Rother, and Bl. Solanus Casey, OFM.



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CORPUS CHRISTI NOVENA SCHEDULE JUNE 11 - 19

Each of these nine days together, *June 11th - 19th* we will celebrate: the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for our Novena Intentions with a Homily by Fr. Christopher Johnson OP



Novena Weekdays begin with Mass at 7:15 PM

Saturday, June 11th

Monday thru Saturday June 13 thru June 18

followed by Compline - the Night Prayer of the Church

Novena Sundays begin with Mass at 11:00 AM

Trinity Sunday, June 12th

Corpus Christi Sunday, June 19th

Mass concludes with a Procession & Benediction see p. 6

Note: There will be no 7:15 AM Mass from June 11 - 19

On Friday and Saturday: The Chapel will be open from 8:00 AM-2:30 PM. Our doors will reopen at 6:45 PM for the 7:15 PM Novena Mass.

On Trinity Sunday, our Chapel will be open from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM

Corpus Christi Sunday the Chapel will open at 9:00 AM and close after Benediction

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SR. MARY MAGDALEN ~ Cont. from page 3

VOCATION NEWS

solitude nurtured her contemplative soul.



Upon graduation from grammar school Anita enrolled at Mount Saint Dominic Academy in Caldwell - Class of 1938. This brought four very active years,

where mathematics, Latin and biology competed successfully with editing the school newspaper, Sodality, the Debate Club and Varsity Basketball.

All of these grace-filled moments prepared the future Novice Mistress, Prioress and Conference President to become a true Dominican and a faithful Cloistered Nun living "alone with the Alone" in the Monastery of St. Dominic, Newark, which she entered on August 15, 1938.

Continued in next Echoes

Vocation Discernment Overnight Retreat

*When I found him whom my heart loves.
 ... I would not let him go. Cf. Song of Songs 3:4*

Recognizing and persevering in God's will: a discernment retreat with the Cloistered Dominican Nuns of the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament

July 22-23, 2022

For single Catholic women aged 18-35

A New Video



"From the beginning, I longed to live the contemplative life."
 -Sr. Mary Rani, O.P.
 "The Habit of Prayer"

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