

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE PRAXIS (3-13-22)

PRAYER (Sign of the Cross/Act of Spiritual Communion)

In Nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things, and I desire Thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though Thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee. Amen.

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SACRED SEVEN

- ___ 1. The common understanding of one simple language amongst a given people assures us that this people will dialogue in truth and goodness.
- ___ 2. Two people may believe exactly the same thing without knowing a single word of one another's language.
- ___ 3. It is evident that the Apostles, having been taught directly by Jesus, clearly understood what He taught them before He ascended into Heaven.
- ___ 4. Trusting others because humans are generally good, Jesus taught His disciples to go out and—by affirming others in their lifestyles and dialoguing with them—to build through consensus a common global vision that today we call Catholicism.
- ___ 5. The Church teaches that freedom is the right everyone has to create his own self-definition and lifestyle.
- ___ 6. Tolerance of the evil done by a neighbor is an expression of love for them.
- ___ 7. Because man is created by God, we believe that a man can become truly wise without God.

PRAXIS: THE ROMAN RITE—DIFFERENCES AND DIRECTIONS

- I. Moving from the New Babel to a New Pentecost:
 - A. The First Babel:

“Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the earth” (Genesis 11:4).

 - 1. Focus on Man's power:
 - a. To build the City of Man (Not of God)
 - b. For Man to reach Heaven by his power (Not God's)
 - c. For Man to glorify his own name (Not God's Name)

- d. Uniting Man through Man's power and projects (Not through God's power and plan)
 - 2. Results:
 - a. Disorientation (Confusion of language)
 - d. Disorder (Scattering)
 - c. Men cover the face of the earth spreading sin and division
- B. The First Pentecost: "And behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49)
 - 1. Focus on God's power (grace/Holy Spirit):
 - a. To build the Heavenly Jerusalem and Christ's Kingdom
 - b. To enable Man to reach Heaven by God's power
 - c. To glorify Christ's Name and God's Name
 - d. To unite Man by God's power and divine plan
 - 2. Results:
 - a. Orientation (From worldly confusion to Gospel clarity)
 - b. Order (Gathering of "devout men from every nation under heaven"—Acts 2:5)
 - c. Men sent out to convert all nations by God's grace, that the Holy Spirit may cover and renew the face of the earth
- C. The New Babel:
 - 1. New focus on Man's power (Materialism—Communism/Masonry)
 - a. To build a New World Order (Not the Kingdom of God)
 - b. To make earth, heaven (Not make life on earth as it is in heaven)
 - c. To glorify Man (Not glorify God)
 - d. To unite the world through Man's great reset (Not unite Man through Christ's New Covenant)
 - 2. Results:
 - a. Disorientation (Loss of self-identity and meaning)
 - b. Disorder (Break down of individuals and all societies—atomization and alienation)
 - c. Current power brokers promote and promulgate a culture of destruction and death
- D. The New Pentecost:
 - 1. Orienting our entire lives to God so that our lives may be ordered according to His will in truth, freedom, and love:
 - a. To build God's Kingdom and the Father's Family
 - b. To make it on earth as it is in heaven
 - c. To glorify God so that our lives may reveal His glory
 - d. To unite the world through the Christ's Gospel and the grace of the Holy Spirit—the power of God
 - 2. Results:
 - a. Finding orientation through reality—identity and meaning

- b. Establishing order individually and within life-giving societies established freely in truth for holiness and love
- c. The true source of power brings the Body of Christ to full stature, establishes Christ's Kingdom, and extends the Father's Family

II. Signs of Renewal:

- A. Latin—Sacrifice/Humility/Unity:
 - 1. Learn the Rosary in Latin
 - 2. Move from the Gloria to the Credo to the Pater Noster
- B. Life of Grace grounded in doctrine, worship, works, and prayer
- C. Love as Vocation:
 - 1. For God, Christ, and His Church
 - 2. In Families
 - 3. In and through Religious Life

QUESTIONS

1. Pentecost reversed the problems flowing from Babel. How does Latin in the Roman Rite serve as a specific feature of this reversal?
2. What are the most difficult challenges and sources of discouragement I have faced in recent years? What signs and events have given me the greatest affirmation and hope in recent years?

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer—Include the “Signum Crucis,” “Pater Noster” (chant it), and the “Gloria.”
- II. Mid-Day Prayer—A particular examination of conscience with an Act of Contrition—Have I exercised the virtue of modesty? An Act of Spiritual Communion
- III. Daily Mental Prayer—Conversing with Jesus
- IV. Nightly Examination of Conscience followed by the Confiteor:

Have I:

 - A. Has the reverence I showed at Mass translated into respect that I show for others at home and in all my daily activities?
 - B. Have I worked to make my home a place shaped by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass?
 - C. Have I complained to God, Whom I worship at Mass, for not granting me through His crucified Son ONLY security and comfort, but also allowing me sorrows and sufferings?
 - D. Have I made decisions based on the lie that what matters most is security and comfort found through money and health on earth, or rather made decisions based on the truth that what matters most is the state of my soul and holding onto my heavenly inheritance.