

# From the Pastor's Desk

Since the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ on June 3, I have spoken of Christ's sacrifice as well as the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist. When Mass is celebrated it is certainly the "re-presentation" of Christ's sacrifice. Also, as Catholics we believe in the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist. It is truly a "Real" symbol. It is not just a "representation" of Christ's Body and Blood. **IT TRULY IS HIS BODY AND BLOOD!** We believe as Christ told us: "This is my Body and Blood given up for you", which points us to the Cross.



The third element is the aspect of "communion." The *Document on the Liturgy* which is the first document of Vatican Council II points to the fact that we as Catholics must participate with a full conscious active participation in the Liturgy. During the Mass, it is actually each of us participating in full "union" with Christ which is a very essential element of what the Eucharist is all about. Even if at a particular time in our lives – we can receive Christ only physically, we can open our hearts to receive him spiritually. Perhaps, we may be in need of spiritual healing. Through the sacrament of reconciliation/confession we can prepare to receive Him again fully. What a forgiving and loving God we have. We are so blessed.

It is one thing to recognize and to remember the sacrifice of Christ, also to truly embrace the "Real Presence of Christ" in the Eucharist. But the completion of this mystery truly has to be union or "communion" with Christ. That third element enriches and completes our understanding of the Eucharist. It is in the reception of Communion, of receiving His Body and Blood that we come into full union with Him! It is all three which help us have the fullest understanding of the celebration of the Eucharist.

Let us remember that what we do is because of God's love for us. Jesus gives His life for us. We embrace the mystery of the "Real Presence", and we enter into full communion with Him. Again, every time we participate in Mass we are invited to enter into full union with Him: **The Body of Christ** – we respond: Amen, Yes Lord I Believe. Thank you, Gracias

## St. Rosalie's Priests

June is Ordination month Anniversaries for our priests: June 9 – Father Ed (11 years), June 25 – Father Maddaloni (2 years) and June 26 – Father John (1 year). We are also very thankful that we will have one new priest in our Diocese this year: Father Leo Song, who studied in Rome, who will be ordained on June 23. We pray for vocations: *Ad Multos Annos!*

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*Summer Breezes and God's Blessings,  
Father Ed*

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