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Diocese of Joliet Catholic Schools Celebrate Jesus in The Most Holy Eucharist

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Earlier in this school year, Rev. John Belmonte, S.J., Ph.D., Diocese of Joliet Catholic School Superintendent, announced that this year's devotional theme to be, "The Most Holy Eucharist: The Riches of His Glorious Inheritance." ...

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS THROUGHT THE JOLIET DIOCESE have been studying the Eucharistic Miracles of the World and discussing Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist, Bread and Wine that they receive at Mass. Each school in the Joliet Diocese has 8th Grade Devotional Leaders that spread the Good News of Jesus, specifically His True Presence, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. Throughout the school year, the Devotional Leaders visited classrooms to facilitate discussion about "The Most Holy Eucharist."

Many of you have probably seen the Visitation students praying in the Adoration Chapel. The Joliet Diocese students and their teachers have been keeping track of how many times during the week they have spent time with Jesus either at Mass and/or praying before the tabernacle or the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. When you love someone, you want to spend more time with them. Taking out of one's week to sit in Jesus' Presence definitely brings us closer to Him.

The relationship that we nurture with our children and Jesus is very important and lasts an eternity. If you have not brought your child to the Adoration Chapel thus far, do so this week. Remember Our Lord said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14).

One of the best dispositions for worthily receiving Holy Communion is to be resolved that Jesus shall reign forever the God of our Hearts, that is, that we will obey Him in all things, and refuse Him nothing that He demands of us, for it is in quality of king that He comes, and as the King of all bounty; He comes into our souls to be again born there, and to reign over our passions and affections. Bishop Richard Challoner

“...the true adorers that the Father seeks.”

From: *Sacrosanctum Concilium, nn.5-6:*

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council

As Christ was sent by the Father, so in his turn he sent the apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit. They were sent to preach the Gospel to every creature, proclaiming that we had been set free from the power of Satan and from death by the death and resurrection of God’s Son, and brought into the kingdom of the Father. They were sent also to bring into effect this saving work that they proclaimed, by means of the sacrifice and sacraments that are the pivot of the whole life of the liturgy.

So, by baptism men are brought within the paschal mystery. Dead with Christ, buried with Christ, risen with Christ, they receive the Spirit that makes them God’s adopted children, crying out: *Abba, Father*; and so they become the true adorers that the Father seeks.

In the same way, whenever they eat the supper of the Lord they proclaim his death until he comes. So, on the very day of Pentecost, on which the Church was manifested to the world, those *who received the word of Peter were baptized. They remained steadfast in the teaching of the apostles and in the communion of the breaking of the bread, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.*

From that time onward the Church has never failed to come together to celebrate the paschal mystery, by reading *what was written about him in every part of Scripture*, by celebrating the eucharist in which the victory and triumph of his death are shown forth, and also by giving thanks *to God for the inexpressible gift he has given in Christ Jesus, to the praise of God’s glory.*

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If We Are Not to be Scorched

Saint Irenaeus, d. 202 A.D.

When the Lord told his disciples *to go and teach all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God.

He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God’s creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father’s will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ.

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord’s ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the firstfruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and Strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an Advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

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Respect for Sunday

Very Rev. Cannon G.E. Howe (1)

Blessed (now Saint) T. More's Respect for Sunday – Blessed Thomas More, Chancellor of England, was an ardent supporter of Catholic belief. When going to chapel on Sundays he always appeared very well dressed. One day someone asked him how it was he was so particular in his dress on Sunday, and he at once made answer: "I have always dressed myself with care on Sundays, and on festivals, not to please the world, or through respect for any mortal but through respect and love for God." –*His Life*.

The Benefits of His Sacrifice

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen (2)

After changing the bread into His Body and the wine into His Blood:

He...gave it to them, *Mark 14; 22*

By that communion they were made one with Christ, to be offered with Him, in Him and by Him. All love craves unity. As the highest peak of love in the human order is the unity of husband and wife in the flesh, so the highest unity in the Divine order is the unity of the soul and Christ in communion. When the Apostles, and the Church later on, would obey Our Lord's words to renew the Memorial and to eat and drink with Him, the Body and Blood would not be that of the Physical Christ then before them, but that of the glorified Christ in heaven Who continually makes the intercession for sinners. The Salvation of the Cross, being sovereign and eternal, is thus applied and actualized in the course of time by the heavenly Christ.

When Our Lord, after He changed the bread and wine to His Body and Blood, told His Apostles to eat and drink, He was doing for the soul of man what food and drink do for the body. Unless the plants sacrifice themselves to being plucked up from the roots, they cannot nourish or commune with man. The sacrifice of what is lowest must precede communion with what is higher. First, His death was mystically represented; then communion followed. The lowest is transformed into the higher; chemical into plants; plants into animals; chemicals, plants and animals into man; and man into Christ by communion. The followers of Buddha derive no strength from his life but only his writings. The writings of Christianity are not as important as the life of Christ, Who living in glory, now pours forth on His followers the benefits of His sacrifice.

Pope Paul VI: Second Miracle Approved

In the February 15th issue of *The Wanderer* the following article appeared (bolding is ours, ed.):

Approval Of Miracle Opens Door To Paul VI's Canonization

By HANNAH BROCKHAUS

VATICAN CITY (*CAN/EWTN News*) –The Congregation of the Causes of Saints has approved the second miracle needed for the canonization of Blessed Pope Paul VI, allowing his canonization to take place, possibly later this year.

According to *Vatican Insider*, The Congregation for the Causes of Saints approved the miracle by a unanimous vote February 6. The next step is for Pope Francis to also give his approval with an official decree from the Vatican. Then the date for the canonization can be set.

The miracle attributed to the cause of Paul VI is the healing of an unborn child in the fifth month of pregnancy. The case was brought forward in 2014 for study.

The mother, originally from the province of Verona, Italy, had an illness that risked her own life and the life of her unborn child, and was advised to have an abortion.

A few days after the beatification of Paul VI on October 19, 2014, she went to pray to him at the Shrine of Holy Mary of Grace in the town of Brescia. The baby girl was later born in good health, and remains in good health today.

The healing was first ruled as medically inexplicable by the medical council of the congregation last year, while the congregation's consulting theologians agreed that the healing occurred through the late Pope's intercession.

The February 6 meeting with cardinals was the final step before Angelo Cardinal Amato, head of the congregation will take the miracle to Pope Francis, who has the final say in its approval.

After the pope issues a decree approving it, the date of the canonization will be announced during a consistory. According to *Vatican Insider*, the canonization may take place in October of this year, during the Synod of Bishops on youth.

The miracle for Paul VI's canonization echoes that of his beatification. **The first miracle took place in the 1990 in California. A then-unborn child was found to have a serious health problem that posed a high risk of brain damage. Physicians advised that the child be aborted, but the mother entrusted her pregnancy to Paul VI.**

The child was born without problems and is now a healthy adolescent. He is considered to be completely healed.

Pope Paul's cause for canonization was opened in 1993. In December 2012, Pope Benedict XVI recognized the "heroic virtue" of Paul VI giving him the title "venerable". He was beatified in Rome on October 19, 2014.

Paul VI was born Giovanni Montini in 1897 in the town of Concesio in the Lombardy region of Italy. He was ordained a priest at the age of 22. He served as archbishop of Milan before the election as Pope in 1963. He died in 1978.

As Pope, he oversaw much of the Second Vatican Council, which had been opened by Pope St. John XXIII. He also issued a new Roman Missal in 1969.

Paul VI promulgated the encyclical *Humane Vitae* (Of Human Life, ed.) in 1968, which reaffirmed the Church's teaching against contraception.

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One wonders what the odds are: that the two miracles for the canonization of the author of *Humane Vitae* would both occur to human infants in their mother's womb. Are they not signs from heaven validating the Church's teaching as put forth in that most important papal letter?

In No. 20 of the encyclical Pope Paul VI wrote:

The teaching of the Church on the regulation of birth, which promulgates the divine law, will easily appear to many to be difficult or even impossible of actuation. And indeed, like all great beneficent realities, it demands serious engagement and much effort, individual, family and social effort. More than that, it would not be practicable without the help of God, who upholds and strengthens the good will of men. Yet, to anyone who reflects well, it cannot but be clear that such efforts ennoble man and are beneficial to the human community. Editor.

Mississippi Enacts Strongest Pro-Life Law In The Country

By Calvin Freiburger (3)

JACKSON, Miss. (*LifeSiteNews*)—Mississippi has become the first state in the U.S. to ban abortion at 15 weeks.

Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant on March 19 (Feast of St. Joseph, ed.) signed a law restricting abortions earlier than any other state in America.

Bryant, a Republican, says that HB 1510 will help bring Mississippi closer to his goal of making the state "the safest place in America for an unborn child."

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The Eucharistic Miracle of Moncada, Spain (4)

Baby Jesus in Host Ends Priests Uncertainty about Validity of His Ordination

The election of Pope Urban VI (April 18, 1378) was strongly opposed by the French Cardinals, who wanted a French Pope in the hopes that he would transfer the Holy See back to Avignon. On September 20, 1378, they elected the anti-pope Clement VII. The schismatics immediately tried to seize Rome by force of arms, but their attempts failed. Therefore they retreated to Avignon, where Clement VII continued to act as if he were the legitimate pontiff.

During this period of great uncertainty Fr. Mosen Jaime Carros, a priest in Moncada, was living in anguish, thinking that his ordination was invalid since the Bishop appointed by the anti-pope Clement VII had ordained him. Every time he celebrated Mass he greatly feared he was deceiving the faithful by distributing unconsecrated hosts. He was also terrified that none of the other sacraments he was performing were valid. The priest ardently prayed for the Lord to give him some sign of confirmation. He received an answer on Christmas Day, 1392.

That day, a woman named Angela Alpicat attended Mass with her five-year-old daughter, Ines (the future St. Ines de Moncada). At the end of Mass, the little girl refused to leave the church, imploring her mother to let her remain there to play with the beautiful Child the pastor had held in his arms during the Consecration.

On December 26, Lady Angela went to Mass again, and when the priest lifted the Host, the little girl again saw the Child in the hands of the priest. At the end of Mass, Lady Angela told the priest about her daughter's visions. Fr. Carros immediately examined the girl. Little Ines answered all the priest's questions without difficulty. The priest, however, wanted to test her further and invited her to attend Mass on the following day. That day, he took two hosts, but he consecrated only one of them. Then, taking the *consecrated* Host, the priest asked the little girl what she could see in his hands. She answered, "I see Baby Jesus." Then he lifted the *unconsecrated* host and asked the same question. "I see a little white disk," Ines answered. The priest was overwhelmed with joy, and the whole congregation exulted in seeing the validity of their pastor's ordination confirmed. Although an anti-pope had ordained the Bishop who ordained Moncada's pastor, Fr. Carros, God had remained faithful to the apostolic succession determined by the imposition of the Bishop's hands.

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5)

St. Peter Julian Eymard, of France, had a strong devotion to the Holy Eucharist and Our Lady and began his priestly life in the Society of Mary. "But his heart burned with the desire to establish perpetual adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament exposed upon a royal throne and surrounded by a large court of adorers. On February 2, 1851, at the shrine of Fourvière, the most Blessed Virgin had made him understand its necessity. 'All the mysteries of my Son have a religious order of men to honor them. The Eucharist alone has none' After several years of prudent reflection and interior combat, encouraged by Pope Pius IX, he founded the Congregation of the Most Blessed Sacrament at Paris on May 13, 1856" (St. Peter Julian Eymard: Apostle of the Eucharist Novena, p. 20).

The title of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament was first given to Mary by St. Peter Julian Eymard in May 1868, while speaking to his novices. A few years later he described what her statue should look like: "The Blessed Virgin holds the Infant in her arms; and He holds a chalice in one hand and a Host in the other." He exhorted them to invoke Mary: "Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us who have recourse to thee!"

Later, Pius IX enriched the invocation with indulgences. Twice, St. Pius X did the same. On December 30, 1905, he granted a 300 days indulgence to the faithful who pray: "Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, pray for us." "This title, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, is perhaps the most meaningful of all," said St. Pius X.

In 1921 the Sacred Congregation of Rites authorized the Blessed Sacrament Congregations to celebrate each year, on the 13th of May, a "solemn commemoration of the Blessed Virgin," with the intention of honoring Mary under the title of "Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament." And of course this Feast is still celebrated today with great joy by all the spiritual sons and daughters of St. Peter Julian Eymard.

Pope Bl. John XXIII codified the title of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament when he declared St. Peter Julian Eymard a saint on December 9, 1962, at the end of the last session of the Second Vatican Council.



Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Feast Day May 13

“It is highly significant that the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin took place on 13 May 1917, Feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. This title was called by Pope St. Pius X ‘the most theological of all Mary’s titles after that of Mother of God.’ When she opened her hands on the children and communicated to them streams of intense light, which overwhelmed their souls causing them to feel ‘lost in God’ Whom they recognized in that light, they threw themselves to the ground in adoration (just as the angel had taught them) and poured out their love of the Blessed Sacrament in a transport of praise.” (6)

“The Final Confrontation”

Pope Saint John Paul II

“As stirring as Wojtyla’s Philadelphia speech was, the cardinal made a particularly dramatic statement in another address during his U.S. tour that summer. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, which published this statement when Wojtyla became pope two years later, the cardinal said the following in September 1976:

“We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through. I do not think that wide circles of the American society or wide circles of the Christian community realize this fully. We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-Church, of the Gospel versus the anti-Gospel. This confrontation lies within the plans of divine Providence; it is a trial which the whole Church, and the Polish Church in particular, must take up. It is a trial of not only our nation and the Church, but in a sense a test of 2,000 years of culture and Christian civilization with all of its consequences for human dignity, individual rights, human rights and the rights of nations [emphasis added].” (7)

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In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph.

Our Lady at Fatima, The 13th of July, 1917,

A NEW SONG

St. Augustine (From a sermon.)

My dear brothers and sons, fruit of the true faith and holy seed of heaven, all you who have been born again in Christ and whose life is from above, listen to me; or rather, listen to the Holy Spirit saying through me: *Sing to the Lord a new song*. Look, you tell me, I am singing. Yes indeed, you are singing; you are singing clearly. I can hear you. But make sure that your life does not contradict your words. Sing with your voices, your hearts, your lips and your lives: *Sing to the Lord a new song*.

Now it is your unquestioned desire to sing of him whom you love, but ask me how to sing his praises. You have heard the words *Sing to the Lord a new song*, and you wish to know what praises to sing. The answer is: *His praise is in the assembly of the saints*; it is in the singers themselves. If you desire to praise him, then live what you express. Live good lives, and you yourselves will be his praise.

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