



The Eternal High Priest Offers Himself on the Altar of Sacrifice

“The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, ‘You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.’” (Psalm 110:4)

“For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.” (Hebrew 7:26-27)

THE † ETERNAL † SACRIFICE

“How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Hebrews 9:14)

During the month of July, dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, we must appreciate those who have been given the power and authority to make Christ’s Eternal Sacrifice present on our altars every day, His priests. July began with the feast of St. Junipero Serra, that humble Franciscan missionary priest from Spain who suffered and toiled tirelessly to establish Christian missions in California, evangelizing and serving the natives of the land. The last few decades, however, have exposed the sad betrayal of the Eternal High Priest by those priests who have fallen under the power of the evil one in sex scandals and money corruption at the Vatican Bank and elsewhere. Satan knows if you attack the shepherd the sheep will scatter. What better way to destroy the Church from within than to target the shepherds? Pope Paul VI wrote a letter on June 21, 1972, titled “Terror and Ecstasy” with respect to the turmoil of the post-Vatican II era. In a June 29 letter that year, not published until 2018, he states:

“We would say that, through some mysterious crack—no, it’s not mysterious; through some crack, the smoke of Satan has entered the Church of God. There is doubt, uncertainty, problems, unrest, dissatisfaction, confrontation.... The Church is no longer trusted. We trust the first pagan prophet we see who speaks to us in some newspaper, and we run behind him and ask him if he has the formula for true life. I repeat, doubt has entered our conscience. And it entered through the windows that should have been open to the light; science.”

Priests, the hierarchy, need our prayers immensely for these reasons. Let us pray and fast in a special way this month of the Precious Blood of Jesus for the renewal of the priesthood, for holy priests, for the salvation of those who have fallen prey to the evil one, and for more vocations to the priesthood. Let us share our priesthood of the laity through Baptism and reclaim that traditional sacrifice in honor of the Passion of Jesus, the abstinence from meat on Fridays, the day of Jesus’ death, not just during Lent and Advent but all year long, and offer that sacrifice weekly for our Pope, bishops, priests and deacons, that God would grant them the grace of great holiness and unwavering fidelity to Him and to the Church, and a correct leadership of the people.

Our Lady of America addressed words of the utmost importance to her beloved sons, our priests, who must be dedicated to the most intense and extraordinary imitation of her Son in the perfect carrying out of His Eternal Priesthood.

“Beloved sons, so cherished and greatly blessed among the sons of men, be careful to uphold the sanctity and dignity of your calling. Let the faithful see in you the favored and especially loved imitators of the Son of God. Be modest in your dress and speech as becomes those of so exalted a vocation. The apparel and manners of a man of the world is not for you, who, though living in the world, must not take on its ways.

It is through you that the grace of the Sacraments is given to souls. Strive then to make yourselves more worthy receptacles to receive these graces and transmit them in turn to the souls under your care.

Dear sons, I ask you to practice self-denial and penance in a special manner, because it is you who must lead my children in the way of peace. Yet this peace will come only by way of the sword, the flaming sword of love. If, therefore, you love my Son and wish to honor me, heed my admonition and be the first to give the example of a life of penance and self-denial. Thus, by sanctification from within you, you will become a bright and burning light to the faithful, who look to you for help and guidance.

I am pleased, dearly beloved sons, by the honor and love you have until now accorded me. Will you now go forward and honor me yet more by taking my words to your hearts and doing what I ask?”

(Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil, The Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA, Tiffin, Ohio, Page 20.)

There are three orders of ordained ministry in the Church, the episcopacy, the priesthood and the diaconate. The Pope and bishops of the Catholic Church make up the magisterium whose responsibility it is to teach, preach and defend the Faith. That means, of course, to teach correctly in accord with divinely revealed truth contained in the Sacred Scriptures and Sacred Tradition. The chief duty of the priest is to offer sacrifice and praise to God. In the Eucharist the priest unites the offerings of the people with Christ's offering of Himself in atonement for sin and facilitates the union of Christ with His People, His Mystical Body, in what is scripturally understood as a spiritual marriage, a covenant with God, a holy communion in Love. Only a priest can consecrate bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ; only a priest can forgive sin in Jesus' name.



Our Lady gives further exhortation to all her chosen ones.

“I ask greater sacrifices of the most favored and beloved of my children. I ask in the Name and for the love of my Son, Who so desires it. If I ask for reform of life, it is first from the chosen that I look for it. They must, by the example of a sacrificial life, lead the way for souls to union with Christ, honoring the Father by putting on His Spirit and His likeness in all things.” (Diary, Page 24, February 11, 1958.)

But Jesus, too often betrayed by His chosen ones, spoke differently to Sister on July 18, 1959. His words reflect those of Our Lady of La Salette who warned Rome would lose the Faith and would become the seat of the anti-Christ and would preach the anti-Gospel of the One World Order.

“Oh, the pride of souls! How they resist My grace! O My priests, My religious, what would I not do for you if you would only let me! I come daily laden with graces, which you daily refuse. What am I to say of you, my best beloved? How long will you resist My love? It is from you I expect everything, and you give Me but the husks of your affection.

How long will I bear with you, O My chosen ones? How long will you spurn My approaches?

My little white dove, it was this ingratitude on the part of My priests and My religious that caused Me so much sorrow in My passion. Oh, how they resist My grace! How they fight against My love! So fearful are they that I will deprive them of their tawdry trinkets that they turn their backs lest they see the reproach in My eyes.” (The Diary, Page 33.)

In her February 20, 1954 letter to Father Paul Leibold, Sister related Our Lord’s questions to His priests and religious. **“Where are your prayers, oh My Priests and Religious, where are your sacrifices? Do you not know that sinners will not be converted unless prayer and penance call down the grace of God upon them?** Jesus said they, in particular, are responsible for the souls of poor sinners whom He has entrusted to their care as their spiritual fathers and mothers. If they do not become saints, there will be no hope for poor sinners, for He wishes to save poor sinners through their sacrificial lives. Jesus asked that Father Leibold double his efforts to make Jesus’ love for sinners known and called him a priest after His own heart, promising to be with him through all his trials and sorrows. He bid Father not to get discouraged, for He, the Great High Priest, would go before him, carrying the heaviest part of his cross.

“I seek always the humble and lowly of heart and since I have found two such, so I have entrusted to them a great Mission, but become not vain, for I have chosen him and you only because of your unworthiness and lack of virtue. Let this thought be with you always, that you may remember that it is I working through you, Who sanctify you for His glory and the salvation of souls. You are poor instruments in My hands, but through you a Great Work will be accomplished. I am the Great Sculptor of souls. With hammer and chisel I form them that they may glorify My Father by their beauty and perfection. Be pliant in My Hands, oh My two lowly ones, My Chosen Priest and My little white dove, and then will you be formed into My likeness and through you I will be formed in souls.”

In his December 20, 1935 encyclical, ***Ad Catholici Sacerdotii***, Pope Pius XI called for reparation for the wickedness of our age, especially regarding the attacks upon the priesthood and the Church.

... the priest is the most valorous leader in that crusade of expiation and penance to which we have invited all men of good will. For there is need of reparation for the blasphemies, wickedness and crimes which dishonor humanity today, an age perhaps unparalleled in its need for the mercy and pardon of God. The enemies of the Church themselves well know the vital importance of the priesthood; for against the priesthood in particular, ... they direct the point of their attacks. It is the priesthood they desire to be rid of; that they may clear the way for that destruction of the Church, which has been so often attempted yet never achieved. (Paragraph 7.)

Priests must be mediators between God and humanity, pastors, bridges. Their lives must be consecrated entirely to offering God public prayers and sacrifices in the name of the people, so all may acknowledge God as the Supreme Lord, the first beginning and the last end of our lives, giving Him due thanks and propitiation.

And thus, the ineffable greatness of the human priest stands forth in all its splendor; for he has power over the very Body of Jesus Christ, and makes It present upon our altars. In the name of Christ Himself he offers It a victim infinitely pleasing to the Divine

Majesty. "Wondrous things are these," justly exclaims St. John Chrysostom, "so wonderful, they surpass wonder." (Paragraph 16.)

"The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After this, there is nothing more but heaven itself." (St. Peter Julian Eymard)

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

Please join us in Prayers of Devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus for the conversion of sinners and the salvation of souls, for our priests.

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