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FROM BISHOP DOLAN

My dear Friends,

We are just concluding, as I write this, a month's worth of Masses, *holy* Masses, of every sort and description: the pontifical high Masses for Pentecost, the solemn high Masses for Corpus Christi and the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Masses before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, requiem Masses, low Masses, high Masses for the Pentecost Octave, and for each Sunday and many feast days.

But what about those who live too far away, who have no access to a good Mass, not only the old Latin by a valid priest, but a Mass which is not turned into a lie and a sacrilege by being offered "una cum, *one* with" the great modernist apostate in Rome, Bergoglio?

First of all, let me say that it is not a sin to miss Mass due to great distance or other excusing circumstances. It *is* a sin to attend the Novus Ordo, or even an otherwise valid Mass offered in union with the modernist false "Pope" and his hierarchy. (See "The Grain of Incense: Sedevacantists and Una Cum Masses" and "Should I Assist at a Mass That Names Benedict XVI in the Canon?" for a clear reasoned explanation. Both articles are available on traditionalmass.org)

But what to do if you have no good Mass available to you? Father Cekada recently advised a correspondent, "Deepen your own knowledge of the Catholic faith, educate yourself about the errors of the modernists, sanctify yourself, form the members of your family in the faith by word and example, do your best to keep a cheerful spirit in the face of adversity and put everything in the hands of God," and I heartily endorse his words.

What to do if you have no good Mass? Do everything you can at home, without a priest.

Set up a family altar or shrine. Enthroned the Sacred Heart there as King of Love in your home. (You may obtain the ceremonial from us.) Have and use blessed candles, holy water (we'll send you some if you'll only cover postage) as well as a blessed crucifix and statues and holy pictures, medals and scapulars. Procure and use the sacramentals throughout the year: Palm crosses,



"Send forth upon them Thy sevenfold Holy Spirit, the Paraclete from heaven." Bishop Dolan stretches his hands over the candidates for confirmation at the conclusion of the Pentecost Vigil ceremonies and pontifical Mass held at St. Gertrude the Great Church.

Assumption herbs and flowers, the Three Kings' blessing, blessed Palms, etc. Sprinkle your home with holy water frequently, bless your food and your children. Make frequent signs of the cross.

Set aside a time every Sunday for Mass prayers, spiritual reading and catechism, especially for children. Your Sunday devotional could take many forms:

- The Sunday Collect, Epistle and Gospel, with an act of Spiritual Communion
- The rosary and seasonal or fitting prayers, such as Litanies
- "Mass for the Absent" or Father Goffine's "Manner of Following Mass at Home," part of which we reprint in this newsletter
- Father Mateo's "Mass of St. John" from Jesus, King of Love: "Now, I am going to let you in on a secret – the secret of my spiritual life. When I travel on the train, I say, ten, twenty *Masses of St. John*' – Masses in honor of the Blessed Trinity. There is no prayer like that. I have but three devotions: My Mass, my bre-

viary, my rosary. The breviary is beautiful, but you cannot compare it with the Mass. There is no prayer like the Mass. As I travel, I offer my Mass on the altar of the holy Will of God, offering it in union with the thousands of priests saying Mass continuously, perpetually. I am tired, I cannot prepare conferences – I offer Mass instead. I said four or five Masses this morning. I do it the whole day. It unites my heart, my will with priests at the altar. When I awake during the night, the first thing I do is to take the shortest form of the Mass of St. John, ‘*Suscipe... Offerimus...*’ ‘*Hoc est enim Corpus Meum*’ ... ‘*Hic est enim Calix Sanguinis Mei ...*’ ‘*Domine, non sum dignus...*’ ‘*Corpus Domini Jesu Christi... Sanguis Domini Jesu Christi, custodiant animam meam in vitam aeternam. Amen!*’ (The offering of the Host, the Chalice, the Consecration, Domine non sum dignus, the Communion prayers of the priest.) I hope to die saying Mass—between two consecrations... Learn these prayers by heart and then during the day you can live the wonderful grace of your Mass. You have a few moments free—say a Mass of St. John. You wake up at night – say a Mass... I remember preaching in a big community in California. The Mother Superior said to me one day, ‘*Father, I want to thank you. Yesterday after your conference about Holy Mass I went to the infirmary to see a poor sister who suffers terribly and who cannot sleep at all, especially during the night. She was smiling. Mother, I have learned the secret of how to pass the night – the Mass of St. John. Thank Father for me for having told us about it.*’”

Set up a computer, and use the Internet to follow our almost daily webcasts of the Mass (the link is at SGGResources.org). Purchase a DVD of the Mass, such as our Three Traditional Masses DVD (also available at SGGResources.org) and watch and listen to it devoutly, uniting yourself with the Masses offered that day.

Sign up as a virtual member of St. Gertrude the Great. Support us as you would your own parish. Stay in touch with us. Read the Sunday Bulletin, which you may receive by mail or online. We will try to send a priest to you, if at all possible, at least from time to time. We may also know of other good priests in your area, or be able

to help you find one.

What do I do if I have no Mass? Do *something*. Do everything you can! God asks no more, nor is He ever outdone in generosity. May the Sacred Heart reign as King of Love in your home.

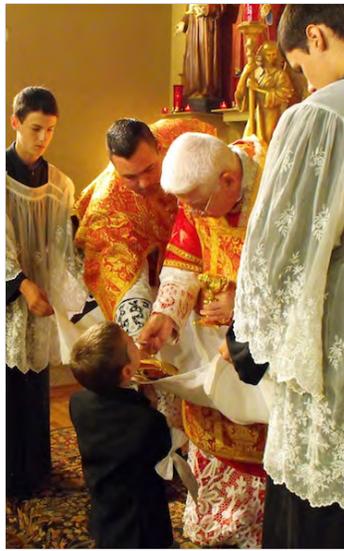
– **Most Rev. Daniel L. Dolan**



After receiving the sacrament of confirmation the day before, the First Communion class at St. Gertrude the Great Church received Our Lord for the first time on Pentecost Sunday. (Below) The pontifical high Mass began with the vesting of the bishop. Bishop Dolan reminds the young First Communicants of the wonderful thing that is about to happen – the reception of Our Lord in the Eucharist!



We at St. Gertrude the Great in Ohio enjoyed a beautiful summer-like Sunday for our observance of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The previous Thursday, the actual Feast itself, was observed with a solemn high Mass, the singing of the entire Divine Office by our clergy, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by the faithful. (Below) The beautiful weather was not to last though, as steady rains and a thunder storm dampened our plans for a picnic and bonfire on the verdant parish grounds. Not to be deterred, Bishop Dolan had the inspiration of a make-shift "bonfire." After a picnic style dinner of bratwurst, hot dogs, and the usual delicious picnic side dishes was served in our nearly completed cloister, a brazier was lighted and the fire blessed. Campfire songs, an amusing story by Father Cekada, a marshmallow roast, and the recitation of the rosary rounded out a damp, but very successful, evening.





The Solemnity of Corpus Christi was celebrated at St. Hugh of Lincoln Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin not only with a procession with the Blessed Sacrament through the surrounding neighborhood, but also with the reception of First Holy Communion for some young parishioners from the hands of their pastor Father McGuire.

Manner of Following Mass at Home

For those who on account of sickness, old age or for other sufficient reasons cannot assist at holy Mass, especially on Sundays and Holydays.

Prefatory Remarks

Bear in mind, O Christian soul, that those who would be present at the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, if it were possible, such as the sick, the infirm, the aged, fathers or mothers who must remain at home with the little children, and for other reasons, are all included in the holy Sacrifice, that is, take part in the prayers of the Church, in the blessings and merits of the Sacrifice, if they have a sincere desire to hear Mass.

The holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered for all the faithful. As Christ offered Himself for all men on the cross, so He now offers Himself in the Mass in an unbloody manner for all, hence all partake of the blessings and merits of His sacrifice who assist at Mass with sentiments pleasing to Him. And if you are kept at home, the priest prays, the Church prays, our Savior Jesus Christ offers Himself, and the merits and blessing of the holy Sacrifice flow to you, if you only heartily desire it, and unite your prayers at home with the prayers of the priest and the whole congregation. Therefore kneel in spirit before the altar and devoutly make a

Good Intention

My Father and my God, Thou knowest how sincerely I would like to assist at the Sacrifice of Thy beloved Son, my Redeemer, which is now being offered to Thee upon the altar by the hands of the priest; but obstacles as Thou knowest, prevent me. Because I cannot now be present in Thy holy house, do Thou graciously look down upon the desire of my heart, and let me have part in the prayers of Thy holy Church and in the blessings and merits of Thy divine Son, who died for me on the cross, and again offers Himself in an unbloody manner upon the altar. With the same intention with which the priest offers the holy Sacrifice on the altar, I also offer it to Thee for Thy praise and glory, in thanksgiving for all gifts and graces which Thou hast granted me, to reconcile Thee with me, a poor sinner, and for forgiveness of my sins, and with the most fervent petition, that Thou wilt be to me in my cares and afflictions a gracious Father, and for the sake of Thy Son Jesus not refuse me Thy aid.

O my holy Guardian Angel, do thou stand by my side and unite thy prayers with mine, that they may be acceptable to God's Majesty, and do thou, my beloved Mother Mary, assist me that I may attend in spirit the unbloody Sacrifice of the Mass with the same intention as thou didst have, when thou didst assist at the bloody Sacrifice of the cross. Amen.