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FROM BISHOP DOLAN

My dear Friends,

The month of the Precious Blood is on the wane as I write this, but a particular devotion only underlines the importance of some one doctrine, some daily duty and dear love in the life of the Church. Today, for example, we opened our Boys' Camp with a sung Mass, the first of three. What a lesson is imparted and reinforced, when boys sing and serve the Holy Mass, and see their fathers as well as the priests, "the Fathers," doing the same. It is the Mass, the mystic making present sacramentally of Calvary's Sacrifice, the shedding of the Blood of Christ, which matters.

This is true of the most simple and silently whispered low Mass as of the pontifical high Mass with all of its music and stately ceremonial. But for our children to see that the daily Mass *is* important, that it is "worth our time" to sing it as it is meant to be sung, this is a precious lesson from the annals of the Precious Blood. Our children grow up with a true sense of values, of what matters, of the use of their time and the ordering of their day and week. This lesson taught by the fathers is caught and retained by the sons, and with it their Catholic Faith, their *Christendom* or Catholic culture and life. Ours it is to create it in the wasteland and wilderness of modern life.

The Mexicans have many devout sayings with which they sprinkle their speech. About future events they will add: "Si Dios quiere." The answer to this, I recently learned on a Mexican missionary trip, is "Primero Dios," God first.

Yes, indeed, God first for the children. Afterwards there's plenty of time for play and everything else, but first we *pray*, putting ourselves into it, proudly lifting up our voices in the Church's own song. What a lesson is this.

Earlier in July our girls, some 40 of them, were similarly privileged to spend three happy days with the Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas and all of the volunteer ladies of our Summer camp. They too began each day singing at Holy Mass, and hearing an appropriate sermon. Who knows the good done by this annual apostolate, and the blessings of the Precious Blood devotion each July, poured forth from the altar upon our youth.

This may be why the devil does his best to distract our attention from the Mass, to minimize the time we give it,



To whom he said: I say to you, that if these shall hold their peace, the stones will cry out. (Luke 19:40). Preaching Catholic doctrine is at the very center of the life of Bishop Dolan and all our clergy here at St. Gertrude the Great Church. Sermons are available at SGGResources.org.

and thus its importance in our lives. If we must go, he tries to send us to a bad one. Those of you who are now deprived of a good, Holy Mass, one that is not only valid but also not offered sacrilegiously in union with the heretic Bergoglio, surely appreciate what you have lost. You teach us a good lesson, to appreciate what we have, and to share it with others as much as possible.

Recently one of our young missionary Fathers had the joy of helping several families waylaid into the "home alone" position, to return to the Mass and Sacraments. What joy is theirs now in the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, offered in every Mass.

Two articles of our Fr. Cekada may be of assistance in today's "Mass confusion:" *Home Alone?* and the short summary of *The Grain of Incense*, explaining why *una cum* Masses are displeasing to God, and offend Him. You can access these articles at traditionalmass.org/articles or send a donation for postage and we'll send you a printed copy.

You may also request, for a donation, a printed copy of Fr. Mateo's *Mass of St. John*, as well as his home ceremonial for the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart. Do everything you can to sanctify home and family, the "domestic church." Remember, too, that if you have no parish of your

own, that you would be welcome to register as a virtual member of St. Gertrude the Great, supporting us and being spiritually supported by us in turn.

May the Blood of Jesus Christ, offered anew in each Holy Mass be your stay and support, your sweet refreshment and all of your hope. We teach this to our children, and try to live it ourselves each day.

Precious Blood of Jesus, save us!

– **Most Rev. Daniel L. Dolan**

We share with you a few picture taken at our Girls' Camp and at our Boys' Camp this July. Two very well-balanced programs of wholesome fun and relaxation as well as spiritual direction.



The Mass of Saint John

Offering of the Host

Accept, O holy Father, almighty and eternal God, this unspotted host, which I, Thy unworthy servant, offer unto Thee, my living and true God, for my innumerable sins, offenses, and negligences, and for all here present: as also for all faithful Christians, both living and dead, that it may avail both me and them for salvation unto life everlasting. Amen.

Offering of the Chalice

We offer unto Thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, beseeching Thy clemency, that it may ascend before Thy divine Majesty, as a sweet savor, for our salvation, and for that of the whole world. Amen.

The Consecration

“FOR THIS IS MY BODY.”

“FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TESTAMENT, THE MYSTERY OF FAITH; WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY UNTO THE REMISSION OF SINS.”

Domine, non sum dignus

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof; say but the word, and my soul shall be healed.

The Communion Prayers

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

