

## Restoring the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

### I. GOD is all!

- ➔ God is the beginning, the center, and the end of our entire religion!
- ➔ “*My God and my All.*” - St. Francis of Assisi (that is Catholicism!)

### II. GOD created us to be HOLY!

- ➔ He created us to be *united to Him* by knowing, loving, and serving Him on this earth  
→ in order to be *united to Him* forever in the beatific vision of Heaven.
- ➔ *Union with God* made the saints Saints

### III. The fundamental (= most important) duty of man is to orientate (direct) his person and his life towards God.

- ➔ Can we do this on our own? No! We need God’s help [grace].
- ➔ *God* draws us to Himself. *He* takes the initiative. He provides the means for us to achieve union with Him.

Man turns *properly* to God when he:

- (1) Acknowledges God’s supreme majesty and supreme authority
- (2) Accepts divinely revealed truths with a submissive mind
- (3) Obeys God’s law
- (4) Centers in God his every act and aspiration
- (5) In summary, when he offers due worship to the One True God

God gives us everything we need to be holy, to be *united to Him*.

- (1) He reveals and gives *Himself* — Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
- (2) He reveals all the truths concerning His plan to save us.
- (3) He gives His law which is truth.
- (4) He gives us His Spirit.
- (5) He gives us His Sacrifice.

### IV. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

- ➔ The reality of God must pervade every aspect and detail of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.
- ➔ It is only through the Mass that man can fulfill his fundamental vocation (not just his duty but the purpose of his entire being.) This is because it is the Sacrifice of Jesus Himself!
- ➔ Without this due worship, we are utterly lost, we are disoriented.
- ✘ The true Catholic Mass must be **theocentric**, that is, *centered on God*.
  - ↳ The grave problem of the New Mass is that it (the rite/all of the externals) is no longer theocentric; instead, it is *anthropocentric*!
- ✘ However, the Mass is not simply theocentric; it is much more than that - its *beginning* is **God**, its *center* is **God**, and its *end* is **God**.
- ✘ Our Savior Jesus Christ instituted it, He is the *priest*, He is the *victim*, and His *one sacrifice* is offered for the glory of God.

## V. The Four Acts of Sacrifice

- ✘ God *must* be adored at Holy Mass, and this adoration must pervade every aspect of the Mass because God *is* the Creator of all things, He *is* Lord, King, and Ruler, He *is* the supreme Good and the Most Holy One. The Traditional Latin Mass marvelously expresses **the sacrifice of adoration**.
- ✘ God *must* be thanked at Holy Mass, and this thanksgiving must pervade every aspect of the Mass because God *is* the Origin and Source of truth, beauty, and goodness. All and every good that man possesses comes from God! The Traditional Latin Mass marvelously expresses **the sacrifice of thanksgiving**.
- ✘ Expiation *must* be made to God at Holy Mass, and this expiation must pervade every aspect of the Mass because God *is* infinitely Holy and infinitely Good, and He *is* offended by sin. Man *must* beg for God's pardon and render due satisfaction for sin. The Traditional Latin Mass marvelously expresses **the sacrifice of expiation**.
- ✘ God *must* be supplicated at Holy Mass, and this petition and supplication must pervade every aspect of the Mass because God *is* the Giver of all graces. Man *must* beg and pray to obtain these graces and to live in God's grace. The Traditional Latin Mass marvelously expresses **the sacrifice of impetration** or petition.

🔔 **St. Leonard of Port Maurice** divides the Mass into four parts and the corresponding "acts of sacrifice" on the part of the faithful:

- From the Beginning to the Gospel → **Adoration**
- From the Gospel to the Consecration → **Expiation**
- From the Consecration to Communion → **Thanksgiving**
- From Communion to the End → **Impetration**

⇒ Only the **Traditional Latin Mass** fulfills these four acts of sacrifice *perfectly*.

⇒ Every aspect and *every* detail of Holy Mass must point to God.

*[This is true of the Traditional Latin Mass, it is not so in the New Mass].*

⇒ Every aspect and *every* detail of Holy Mass must, first and foremost, give honor and glory to the Triune God. *[This is true of the Traditional Latin Mass, it is not so in the New Mass.]*

Remember, our Catholic Faith teaches us that *God is all*  
—the beginning, the center, and the end—  
all glory and honor to Him now and forever!