

See You In The Eucharist

I'm going to depart from the topics contained in today's readings... please don't tell my homiletics professor back in the Denver seminary...

Let me start by explaining a bit of background. You may know that for 14 years, my dear wife Dee (RIP) and I did a podcast on the worldwide web... it was called Catholic Vitamins... Vitamin A for Adoration, B for Beauty in the Church, etc.

One of the people we interviewed and came to know somewhat was a Catholic composer and singer named Danielle Rose. She was very good to us — very available. And one particular song she wrote was called I'll SEE YOU IN THE EUCHARIST. If you go on Youtube on your computer, you can see her doing a testimony for why she wrote that song... she was telling the crowd at the event that she was performing at in Duluth Minnesota about coming to the realization... the absolute belief in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Some of Danielle's words were these.... I was on a retreat when I was a freshman at Notre Dame... and I got to thinking about the Eucharist... and saying to myself... If that's really Him... if Jesus is truly there, then I wouldn't need anything else.

And if that was really Him, then that would change everything in my life. I started going to daily Mass and I would pray to the Lord... Lord if this is really you, I want you to help me believe cause I really need to know..”

This went on for the next three years... and I came to realize that I did believe... I KNEW HE WAS PRESENT in the Eucharist.... And it came to me that at the Eucharist, we were present with the entire body of Christ.... And that all of our ancestors and the saints and Mother Mary are all there with us as we receive... In fact they are more present with us there than when we were living with them on earth.

Danielle began to become emotional... wiping tears from her eyes... and she said that is how and when the song See you in the Eucharist began to have a profoundly new meaning to her. Not only was Jesus there... but all of our friends and relatives... living and deceased.... Those who are in the corporate Body of Christ in the Church are present to us when we receive the Eucharist. I want the whole world to know that...

And when I have to say goodbye to friends... when there are people who have moved away or passed away... I will see them all Really see them all in the Body of Christ in the Eucharist.

So — you can look at the almost 10 minutes of her testimony on Youtube... and/or you can listen to the song SEE YOU IN THE EUCHARIST... it's a little bit upbeat... different than what we use for music here at Holy Nativity... but the music and the message of the song are truly beautiful...

The opening words of her song: I will meet you at the table... I will meet you in His Heart... in the company of angels... in the place where all things start... though I cannot see your face, I will see you in the Eucharist.

If you are not a computer oriented person and you'd like to see either the testimony of Danielle Rose or hear the song, let me know and I'll see if we can get together and make it happen.

Blessings.