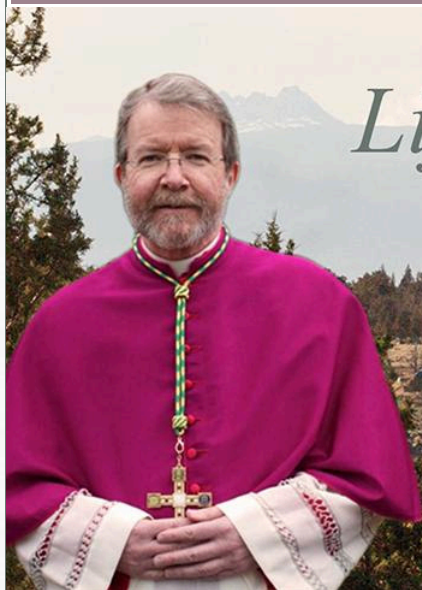


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Laws of the Eucharist

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Dear Friend in Christ,

A man asked Jesus, “What is the greatest commandment of the Law?” His answer cut to the quick. The first and greatest—love of God—can be distinguished, but not separated, from the second—love of neighbor as oneself.

Our Lord concretized this definitive clarification of God’s Law in His words at the Last Supper.



What we might call the first “commandment” of the Eucharist—“Take and eat”—commands us to receive the “Bread of God” in faith and put our love for Him in practice as we do so.

The second Eucharistic “commandment”—“Do this in memory of Me”—directs us to our neighbor in twofold fashion. We gather with our neighbors to “do” together the memorial sacrifice Jesus left us. And, in individual Eucharistic imitation of our Savior, we remember to “do” what He did when we let ourselves be handed over to the needs of our neighbor as our Redeemer handed Himself over for us.



In Christ Jesus,

Bishop Liam Cary