



POPE FRANCIS' LETTER ON THE LITURGY (7th installment).

The need for liturgical formation. If the liturgy is “the SUMMIT toward which the activity of the Church is directed, and at the same time the FONT from which all her power flows,” (Vat II, SC, n. 10), then there’s a lot at stake in the liturgical question. The Church wholeheartedly accepts the liturgical reform flowing from the decrees of Vatican II. But we still need a serious and dynamic liturgical formation in order to let ourselves be amazed at what happens in the celebration under our very eyes.

Let’s return to the Upper Room in Jerusalem. On Pentecost is born the initial cell of the new humanity; this is the Church. Only the community of men and women — reconciled because pardoned, alive because He is alive, true because dwelt in by the Spirit of truth — can open the cramped space of spiritual individualism.

It is the community of Pentecost that is able to break the Bread in the certain knowledge that the Lord is alive, risen from the dead, present with his word, with his gestures, with the offering of His Body and His Blood. From that moment on the celebration became the privileged place — though not the only one — of an encounter with Him. We know that only thanks to the grace of this encounter does a human being become fully human. Only the

Church of Pentecost can conceive of the human being as a person, open to a full relationship with God, with creation, and with one’s brothers and sisters.

This then is the decisive question of liturgical formation: How can we relate religiously as fully human beings. This is what the Liturgy makes possible. Reforming the rite and texts won’t help much without a double formation: formation *for* the Liturgy and formation *by* the Liturgy. The first depends upon the second.

It is time for the study of the Liturgy to spread to each of the faithful that all might grow in a knowledge of the theological sense of the Liturgy.

Let us always remember that the Church, the Body of Christ, is the celebrating subject and not just the priest. Obviously, to be able to lead their brothers and sisters, the ministers who preside in the assembly must know the way, know it from having studied it on the map of their theological studies but also from having frequented the liturgy in actual practice of an experience of living faith, nourished by prayer — and certainly not just as an obligation. On the day of his ordination every priest hears the bishop say to him: “Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord’s Cross.”

Thank You, Lord, for the rains.

Thanks too for the bed linens and towels sent to the rectory. Your pastor is touched by your generous response.



Beginning Experience of Eastern ND, offers **"Moving Forward with Hope...Coping with Life Alone"** Offered for widowed, divorced or separated persons.

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SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS:

Substitute priest, Fr Robert Karris

from Food for the Poor, Sep 3-4.

Wedding: Ricky Mauch & Heidi First,

SS Peter & Paul, Sat Sep 17, 4 pm

This will be the Sunday Mass

for the Mantador Parish this wkend.

Fr Michael's Welcome at Mantador, Sun, Sep 11.

✘ Mass times switched. ✘

Meal after 10:30 am Mass at the VFW.

REDEEMED EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE,

FARGO, SEPT 23-4, SEE POSTER IN CHURCH

St Anthony Fall Dinner

SUN, SEPT 25,

11:30-2:00.

MENU—FRIED CHICKEN

GREEN BEAN CASEROLE,

REAL MASHED POTATOES, DRESSING



Eucharistic



Adoration

Every Weds, St Anthony's, following 6 pm Mass until 9 pm. Benediction at 8:50 pm. Please use the sign-up sheet

back of church

Rectory needs: a work bench in the garage. Any spare lumber or tools? Thnx

Church Cleanup



Keeping the House of God beautiful!

August - Sts PP:

*Jeanne Lugert, Barb Severson, Sue Mauch, Tammi Althoff, Vanessa Haberman

St A: *Ashley Nelson, Jen Mauch, Jodi Lingen, Danette Onchuck, Diane Birchem, Laura Boyle



- ◆ Proposal: Who's interested in in helping schedule periodic outdoor care around St Anthony's?

◆ THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:



Ronna Althoff
Theresa Link
Luke Mauch
Cindy Reiland

Jeremiah & Ashley Nelson
Steve & Lisa Mauch