



O SACRED BANQUET 'CONVIVIVUM' ~ "SHARING OF LIFE"

"My flesh is real food and my Blood is real drink" John 6:55

"O Sacred Banquet," Saint Thomas Aquinas' Magnificat Antiphon for the Office of Corpus Christi is a profound, poetic summary of Eucharistic theology.

O Sacred Banquet,

The Latin word *convivium*, from *con vivere*, commonly translated as "banquet," means more than just the consuming of food. It speaks of coming together to celebrate a shared life. This sacred banquet is a true sharing in the Christ's Life. By his Incarnation God participated in our human life so that we could have a share in his Divine Life. By partaking of the Bread of Life, we assimilate Divine Life and are transformed.

Opusculum 57, in festo Corporis Christi, lect. 1-4

He who did not know sin became sin so that we could become the very glory of God. cf. 2 Cor 5:21

... in which Christ becomes our food

When we receive the Eucharist, we receive bread not only as food, an ingredient for life, but the Sacred Living Bread come down from Heaven. Jesus proclaimed to his disciples, "For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink." Jh. 6:55

Christ himself, true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this? No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift. *Opusculum 57.*



***O sacred banquet!
in which Christ becomes our
food, the memory of His
passion is renewed, the soul is
filled with grace, and a pledge
of future glory is given to us.***

Saint Thomas Aquinas

... the memory of His passion is renewed

'Renewed,' *recolitur*, a form of the Latin verb *recolere*, which means "to cultivate anew." In every celebration of the Eucharist, we re-cultivate and intentionally grow the memoria of Christ's Passion. This word, memoria, is very precious. The Holy Sacrifice is not a mere 'remembrance,' but it literally 'makes present again' Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

... the soul is filled with grace

This grace effects, in the soul, in an inexpressible 'sweetness' or 'spiritual delight.' No one can fully express the sweetness of this Sacrament, because its very source is the overwhelming love for us revealed in Christ's Passion. *Opusculum 57.* Grace is a participation in the life of God which introduces us into the intimacy of Trinitarian life. CCC

... and a pledge of future glory is given to us

For the Apostles the Last Supper was the fulfillment of ancient figures. But for those who were to experience the sorrow of his departure, his Real Presence was destined to be a unique and abiding consolation.

For us this consolation continues to abide, for:

"God has chosen to make known to us the glorious riches of this Mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Col. 1:25-27

NIGHT VIGILS TO WATCH AND PRAY

I remember you through the watches of the night. For You are my savior, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. Ps. 63:8

On their way to adoration the Nuns pray and ponder requests from our Prayer Intention Box and Boards.



Early Monks kept vigil, so as to be ready for the Lord's return. In keeping with this tradition Saint Dominic spent his nights in the Church, praying, sleeping as little as possible.

Blessed Jordan attested that, "Praying by night and preaching by day Dominic held all of God's people in the 'compassion of his heart.'"

Night and day the nuns, as they adore Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament, like their Father, hold God's people in their hearts. And with hearts enkindled by Christ's love they send that same Love forth into the world.



Our Dominican Family and our loved ones are ever in our hearts before the Lord.



A young Sr. Mary of the Annunciation with five of her sisters. In April, their children and grandchildren came to visit their Farmington 'sisters.' The 'Marsons, as always, filled our palour with warmth and laughter.

INTRODUCING OUR CORPUS CHRISTI NOVENA PREACHER

Father Bernard Knapke, OP



Fr. Bernard Knapke O.P., is a friar of the Eastern Province of Dominican Friars. Father Bernard grew up in Saint Henry, Ohio—a small farming community in the northernmost part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. While initially intent on becoming an engineer and raising a family, he began to consider the priesthood before graduating from the University of Cincinnati. In due time, he discerned a simultaneous call to priesthood and to religious life in the Order of Friars Preachers. It was especially in his philosophical studies and in his experience of the Church's



prayer in the liturgy that he came to know the love of Jesus more profoundly. Father Bernard was ordained a priest of Jesus Christ in 2022. After completing his License in Sacred Theology at the Dominican House of Studies in 2023, he received his first pastoral assignment at the Catholic University of America where he now serves as the Associate University Chaplain and Liturgy Coordinator.

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CORPUS CHRISTI NOVENA ~ SATURDAY, MAY 29TH thru SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

We will celebrate for each of these nine days together,

Friday, May 29th thru Sunday, June 7th

the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for our Novena Intentions with a Homily by Fr. Bernard Knapke OP.

Novena Weekdays begin with Mass at 7:15 PM

Saturday, May 30th & Monday, June 1st thru Saturday June 6th

followed by Compline - the Night Prayer of the Church



Trinity Sunday, May 31st Mass is at 11:00 AM

Corpus Christi Sunday, June 7th Mass at 11:00 AM followed by a Procession & Benediction

Note: There will be no 7:15 AM Mass during the Novena
 On Friday and Saturday: The Chapel will be open from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Our doors will reopen at 6:45 PM for the 7:15 PM Novena Mass.
 On Trinity Sunday, our Chapel will be open from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM
 Corpus Christi Sunday the Chapel will open at 9:00 AM and be closed after Benediction

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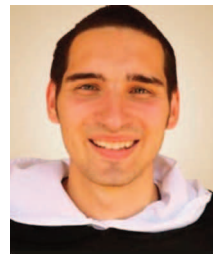
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*When I found Him
Whom my heart loves
... I would not let him go!*
Song of songs



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