

Let's Communicate... How Sacraments Fit In?

Becket Hall:
I have many friends who happen to be Protestants and a number of other friends who profess no religion at all. After observing for many years the lives of these persons have lived very good, charitable, and neighborly lives, I have begun to wonder if there is really any advantage for the Catholic, who has available to him the Mass and the sacraments. I would appreciate your comment on this subject.

Joe II:
Although we feel that the sacraments and the Mass can be a strong help to the Christian, we agree with you that there are many persons who, while lacking the fullness of the sacramental life and perhaps even professing no religion at all, nonetheless lead good, moral lives. Like you, we have found this to be true of many people we know.

We view the sacraments as being visible signs which have been given to us by Christ and which we have the power of bringing our own lives gradually into a closer union with Christ and His life of love. Yet, we also see that it is possible to attain such a life of love and concern for our fellow man without ever receiving the sacraments. What then is the value of these sacraments? Perhaps we can best explain their value through an analogy.

Let us compare the man who becomes a "Christian" without ever having received any sacraments to the man who learns a foreign language without a text book and without any formal instruction. Such a person can become quite fluent in this new language, and his sole basis for learning is simply experience.

As frequently as possible he exposes himself to this language in both its oral and written forms. And eventually, by observing those who speak and write the language well, he begins to develop these abilities within himself. This is very similar to the case of the man who feels an internal need to break out of the shell of his own selfishness and to go out to his fellowmen. He simply observes how this out-going is achieved by others, and soon he begins to love in the same way.

In a similar vein, let us compare the Catholic, who has the advantage of the sacraments, to the man who learns a foreign language with the assistance of a text book and formal instruction. Theoretically, it would seem that he could not only become more fluent but also do so more rapidly; for in addition to his actual experience with the language as it is written and spoken, he would have the advantage of having his experiences systematically organized and put into a sharp focus. He would learn much sooner why certain words or phrases are such as they are.

But there would also be present a grave danger that he might feel that his textbook study and formal instruction could serve as a substitute for actual experience with the language. A language never developed and put to use outside of the classroom will always remain somewhat dead, meaningless, and artificial.

Through our faith in Christ we hold that the sacraments do indeed impart to us the grace or strength to imitate Christ in our lives. These sacraments take the natural events of our lives, such as birth, nourishment, adulthood, and death, and show

25 Years Ago

(From Catholic Courier, Dec. 3, 1942)

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how they are tied in with our underlying spiritual lives and then how we as unified human beings can become more like Christ. However, just as the man who studies a language must combine formal instruction with experience in order for his knowledge of that language to become real and genuine, so too the Catholic must not divorce the sacrament from his daily living, the very part of his life that the sacrament are intended to sanctify. Otherwise, in receiving the sacraments, he could be nothing else than insincere, and for him they would be merely a sham, an artifice.

The Mass we also feel to be important in much the same way that the sacraments are.

From the beginning of time man has felt a strong need with himself to worship his Creator in a formal, community effort. Christ perfected these efforts when he instituted the Mass, the sacrifice which actually accomplished man's redemption.

Through the Mass we are able to join ourselves in the perfect sacrifice of the Son to the Father. We can also express our gratitude to God for all that He has given to us and done for us. The Mass is also the opportunity for us to ask of God forgiveness for all the times we have failed to respond to Him and have turned away from Him.

In addition, the Mass, through the scriptures it contains and the self-reflection it encourages as well as the spiritual strength it imparts, can be a great help towards incorporating Christ into our everyday life. But such can never be done unless we first seek and ask for this help and then through every effort on our part, accept this help when it is offered to us.

Perhaps these ideas can serve as a started to you and to us and done for us. The Mass is in our own ordinary living.

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