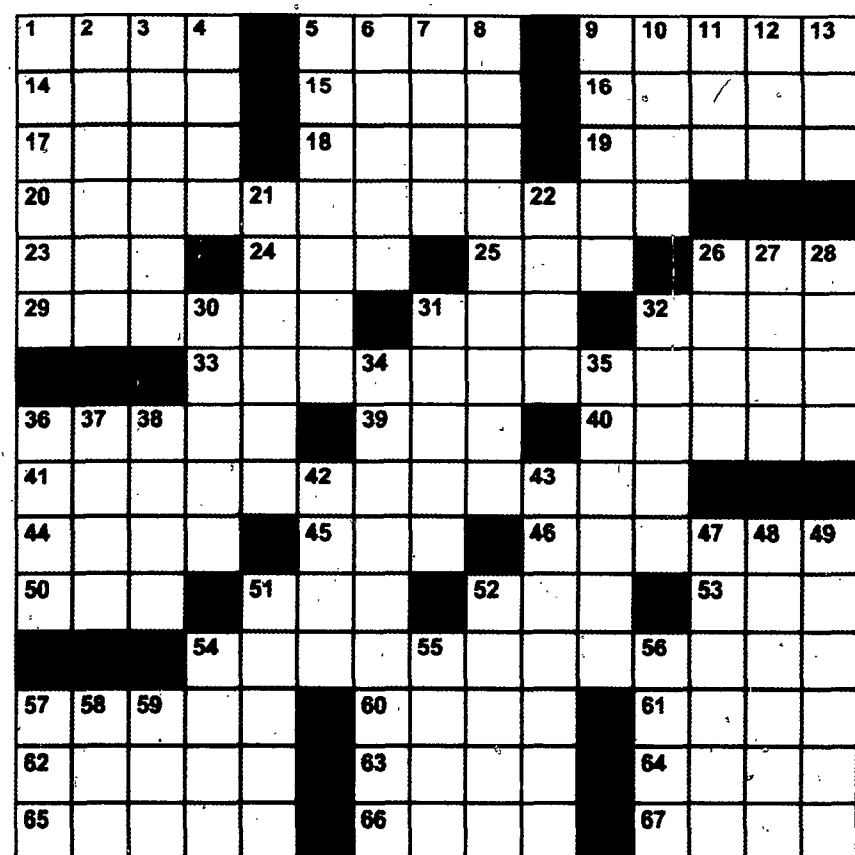


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ACROSS

- 1 Tract of land (abbr.)
- 5 Terrific, to today's teenager
- 9 _____ Room
- 14 Hosea, formerly
- 15 Whip
- 16 River in France
- 17 PDQ
- 18 Canal or lake
- 19 Despised
- 20 Old Testament book
- 23 Explosives (abbr.)
- 24 Sound of disgust
- 25 Poetic 'over'
- 26 Not well lit
- 29 Children's Television street
- 31 An ocean (abbr.)
- 32 Sound (comb.)
- 33 "_____ of war from sweeping across your land." (Lv 26:6)
- 36 "The bombs bursting _____"
- 39 Half a laugh
- 40 Spooky
- 41 Jacob's twelve
- 44 Loads
- 45 Last (abbr.)
- 46 Loafers
- 50 "I believe in _____ God..."
- 51 Gov't enforcement agency
- 52 Rel. Studies degree

- 53 Scottish not
- 54 Jesus descended from this line
- 57 Biblical mount
- 60 Ike and _____ Turner
- 61 "I have called you by name: you are _____." (Is 43:1)
- 62 Sailors' call
- 63 Type of grammatical phrase (abbr.)
- 64 Alcoholic beverage
- 65 Literary 'below'
- 66 Tennis great, Arthur _____
- 67 Partner of evens

DOWN

- 1 Drinks to one's health
- 2 Jewish sect at the time of Jesus
- 3 Responds
- 4 Car defaulted on
- 5 One to whom a solemn promise is made
- 6 Severe
- 7 _____ Minor
- 8 Mary is _____ of God
- 9 Church seater
- 10 What bells do
- 11 Mine
- 12 Wind direction
- 13 Color used in honoring the Holy Spirit
- 21 _____ uno
- 22 River in Africa
- 26 Jubilee _____
- 27 Sign above the cross
- 28 Fashion
- 30 Judas betrayed Jesus with _____
- 31 "Why do you put the Lord to _____?" (Ex 17:2)
- 32 5A, to their grandparents
- 34 Ancient name for the territory of Israel
- 35 Planted
- 36 Ratio words
- 37 Time of day Jesus died
- 38 Mother of Mary (var.)
- 42 Clothing design company
- 43 Travel cost
- 47 Committed a deadly sin
- 48 What it did after Noah entered the ark
- 49 Passover meals
- 51 "... go _____ and bear fruit." (Jn 15:16)
- 52 Abib or Chislew
- 54 Communion wafer
- 55 Ones, in Berlin
- 56 Pulpit
- 57 Cure leather
- 58 _____ Maria
- 59 Sheep sound

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Kids' Chronicle Answers from page B9:

- 1. Jesus, 2. Matthias, 3. Peter, 4. Stephen, 5. Cornelius,
- 6. Philip, 7. the Holy Spirit, 8. Paul

What is the proper posture when taking Communion?

B19

Faith & Family

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Q. Our pastor has announced in the bulletin that when we receive Communion, we are to make a bow of reverence toward the host before we receive standing. Where does he get the authority to do that? Some of us like to genuflect or kneel when we receive to show greater honor to the Blessed Sacrament. Some people pass right by the tabernacle after Communion without genuflecting. Is this correct? (Louisiana)



Father John Dietzen

Question Corner

A. In April, 2003, the U.S. bishops published the General Instruction of the Roman Missal for this country, after it was approved by the proper Vatican congregation. This instruction provides directions for priests, deacons and laity at Mass.

It says: "The norm for reception of holy Communion for the dioceses of the United States is standing.... When receiving Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the body of the Lord from the minister" (No. 160). That is the authority.

The document gives at least two reasons for this and other directions for postures and common actions at Mass. It is first of all "a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered for the liturgy; it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants" (No. 42).

Second, and perhaps more to the point, all the faithful are called on to offer themselves and show their religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them in the same celebration. Thus, says the instruction, "they are to shun any appearance of individualism or division, keeping before their eyes that they have only one Father in heaven and accordingly are all brothers and sis-

ters to each other" (No. 95).

What the bishops are saying is that no attitude of competition, or personal idiosyncrasy, or "I'm doing it holier than you are" should ever creep into the liturgy.

I realize some people feel a bow is not sufficient reverence for the Eucharist. But what is enough reverence? To even ask the question is to answer it. There is never "enough." If we all crawled up the aisle on our hands and knees it would still fall short.

Our conviction is that God is honored most of all by our sense of caring solidarity with each other, that our bodily posture expresses our desire to be a community of believers praying and worshiping together; to be in other words a people who support and love one another and God, and who reflect that unity of faith in our communal praise, especially in the Eucharist.

As for passing the tabernacle without genuflecting, after Communion we are all tabernacles, holding within us our Lord's eucharistic presence. Maybe the people who don't genuflect realize that.

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