



# NEWSLETTER



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### JULY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 MEETING ROCKDALE 7:00 PM	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### NEWS

Our Installation of Officers meeting will be held in Rockdale on July 13, 2020. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. All incoming officers are expected to be there. Any other members are invited to attend, but their attendance is not mandatory. Dress for this occasion is Tux or dark suit, with Social Baldric or uniform. All attendees need to wear masks, preferably black color. There will be no dinner, only the meeting and Installation. Since there is no meal, the wives are not expected to attend. The officers to be installed are as follows:

Faithful Frier-Fr. Melvin Dornak

Faithful Scribe-Robert Zapata

Faithful Navigator-Adrien Drouilhet

Inner Sentinel-Charlie Watson

Faithful Comptroller-Martin Elman

Outer Sentinel-Frankie Wolf

Faithful Captin-Maurice Jurena

One Year Trustee-Pat Morgan

Faithful Admiral-Deacon Don Simms

Two Year Trustee-Jose Mancha

Faithful Purser-David Bonham

Three Year Trustee-Josiah Barrow

Faithful Pilot-Hubert Polansky

*By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotions.*

*July is devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus.*

In the past, the feast of the Most Precious Blood of Christ was celebrated on the first Sunday of July as confirmed by past Popes and recalled recently by Pope Benedict XVI in His speech after praying the Angelus on July 5, 2009.<sup>[1]</sup> He made special mention of Pope John XXIII's apostolic letter "Inde a Primis" (dated June 30, 1960) which explained the devotion's significance and approved its litanies.<sup>[2]</sup>

#### **The Old fulfilled in the New Covenant**

Sacrifice is the highest form of religious worship which man offers to God as an act of praise, thanksgiving, petition or atonement.<sup>[3]</sup> The most singular and pre-eminent sacrifice of the Old Law was the immolation of the Paschal Lamb which celebrated the sparing of Israel's firstborn from the fatal sword of the Angel of Death in Egypt at the time of Moses and Pharaoh.

The imagery of sacrificial blood from slain animals is made more vivid and meaningful if we recall Moses' words from the Book of Exodus, "*And he took the blood and sprinkled it upon the people, and he said: This is the blood of the covenant, which the Lord has made with you concerning all these words.*" (Exodus 24:8)

This old sacrifice took a new form in the New Testament when the Immaculate Lamb of God offered Himself on the altar of the Cross to redeem mankind from sin and the slavery of Satan. And during the Last Supper, Our Lord offered Himself in an unbloody yet real sacrifice when He uttered the following words:

"*For this is my blood of the new testament, which shall be shed for many unto remission of sins.*" (Matthew 26: 28) Truly, this "shedding of blood" or "pouring out of blood" took place and forms one of the glorious mysteries of our Faith.<sup>[4]</sup>

#### **The Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

Catholic doctrine teaches the faithful that the blood of Jesus Christ is part of His Sacred Humanity and hypostatically united to the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.<sup>[5]</sup>

And as such, it is worthy of adoration and veneration proper to latreutical worship (*cultus latria*) which is rendered only to God. In other words, we adore the human nature of Christ because of its intimate and eternal union with the Person of the Divine Word.

It is for this same reason that we honor the Most Sacred Heart or the Wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **The Devotion to the Precious Blood**

This devotion is one of the most ancient of pious Church practices. It is said that the Blessed Virgin venerated the Most Precious Blood of her infant Son on the day of His circumcision as she collected the first relics of His Precious Blood on a piece of cloth. On that momentous occasion she united her tears with that of the Word Incarnate on account of not so much of the sensible pain but of His supernatural sorrow for the hard-heartedness of mortals.<sup>[6]</sup>

It was the first of seven Blood-Sheddings of Our Divine Savior, The rest being:

2. The Agony in the Garden
3. The Scourging at the Pillar
4. The Crowning with Thorns
5. The Way of the Cross
6. The Crucifixion
7. The Piercing of His Heart

In his book, *The Precious Blood*, Father Frederick William Faber, D.D., calls St. Paul the Doctor of the Precious Blood owing to his evident fondness to preach on It in his epistles (Romans 3:25; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:12).

He recounts that the lives of saints are replete with devotion to the Precious Blood making special mention of St. John Chrysostom, St. Austin, St. Gertrude and St. Catherine of Sienna whom he considered the Prophetess of the Precious Blood for putting emphasis on It as the solution to the ills of her times.

Father Faber also remarks that the Precious Blood makes us appreciate more Christ's redemption of mankind, His sacrifice and Passion. It also makes us comprehend the beautiful doctrine and the august realities of the Blessed Sacrament as we kneel in front of the tabernacle in humble adoration. Over time the Church gave Her blessing to the devotion by approving societies like the Missionaries of the Precious Blood; enriching confraternities like that of St. Nicholas in Carcere, in Rome, and that of the London Oratory; attaching indulgences to prayers and scapulars in honor of the Precious Blood; and instituting commemorative feasts of the Precious Blood, Friday after the fourth Sunday in Lent and, since Pius IX, the first Sunday of July.<sup>[7]</sup>

*Sadly, however, the feast was removed from the church calendar in 1969, the argument being that the cultus of the Precious Blood is included in the Mass and Divine Office of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Nevertheless, it is still laudable and salutary to continue to see the month of July as dedicated to the Most Precious Blood, just as Blessed Pope Pius IX intended it to be.*<sup>[8]</sup>

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