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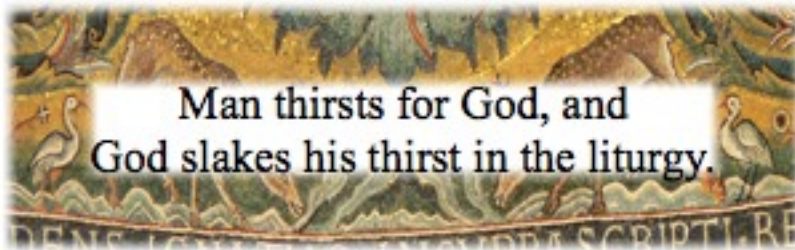
COURSE 3
PRAYER & SACRAMENTS: Liturgy & Eucharist





Everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
Hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an
everlasting covenant.

Isaiah 55:1,3



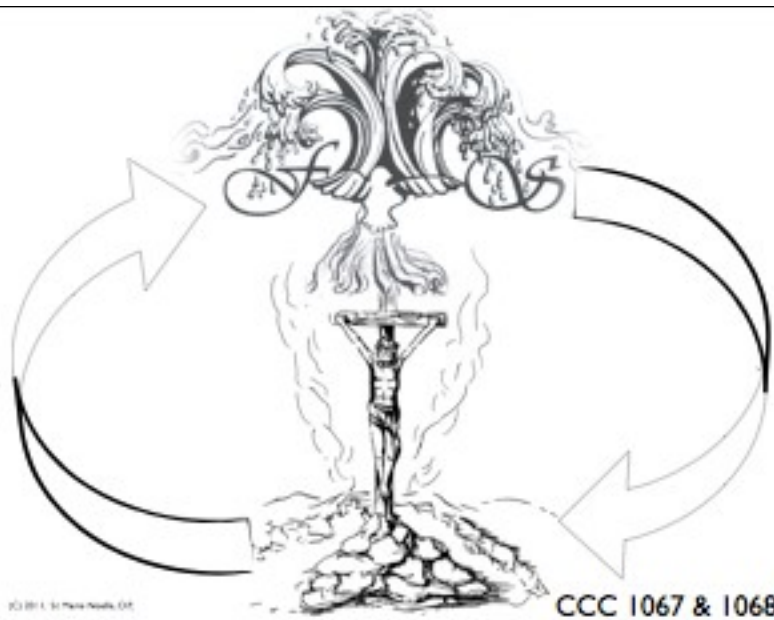
Man thirsts for God, and
God slakes his thirst in the liturgy.

Liturgy *leitourgia*

Greek: “public work” “public duty”~
“service in the name of/on behalf of
the people.”

Christian: “...the participation of the
People of God, the Church in "the
work of God."

CCC 1068-1069



Liturgy

Work of the Holy Trinity

- God the Father -- the Source and Goal who sent the Son to reconcile us
- God the Son -- reconciles us to the Father through the Paschal Mystery
- God the Holy Spirit -- makes present and dispenses the mystery of Christ

CCC 1076-1112

Liturgy

“In the earthly
liturgy we
share in a
foretaste of



that heavenly liturgy which is
celebrated in the Holy City of
Jerusalem...”

CCC 1090



CCC 1090, 1137

Liturgy

presentation
of man's
sanctification

under the
guise of signs
perceptible
by the senses

CCC 1070

Liturgical Catechesis

“The aim of
catechesis is to insert
others into the
mystery of Christ.”

Catechesi Tradendae, 5



Liturgical Catechesis

Liturgical catechesis aims to initiate
people in the mystery of Christ (It is
'mystagogy.') by proceeding from the
visible to the invisible, from the sign to
the thing signified, from the
'sacraments' to the 'mysteries.'

Signs & Symbols, Words & Actions, Singing & Music, Holy Images

CCC 1074-1075; 1145-1162

Liturgical Catechesis

“Catechesis is intrinsically linked with the whole of liturgical and sacramental activity, for it is in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist, that Christ Jesus works in fullness for the transformation of men.”

Catechesi Tradendae, 23

actuosa participatio

“As many people as possible, as often as possible, visibly engaged in action.”

participation in the action of God Himself

exterior act + interior disposition of the heart

activus + actuosa

Sacrosanctum Concilium, 14

actuosa participatio

“Participation refers to a principle action in which everyone has a part. What is this principal action? The real ‘action’ in the liturgy is the action of God Himself. God Himself acts and does what is essential.”

The Spirit of the Liturgy-Joseph Ratzinger, 173

Liturgy

“ Every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the priest and of his Body which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others. No other action of the Church can equal its efficacy by the same title and to the same degree.”

Sacrosanctum Concilium, 7; CCC 1070

Liturgical Catechesis

The Liturgy is:

- ~ the font from which all Her power flows
- ~ the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed
- ** the privileged place of catechesis

CCC 1074



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