

THE TREASURE OF THE EUCHARIST

Pope Benedict XVI, Shepherd of Truth

Notable quotations from Pope Benedict XVI and official teachings
of the Roman Catholic Church

“MOST BEAUTIFUL TREASURE”

The Eucharist is our most beautiful treasure. It is the Sacrament *par excellence*; it ushers us into eternal life in advance; it contains the entire mystery of our salvation; it is the source and summit of the action and life of the Church ...

“PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT”

It is ... particularly important that pastors and faithful be constantly committed to deepening their knowledge of this great Sacrament. In this way each one will be able to affirm his faith and carry out his mission in the Church and in the world ever better, remembering that the Eucharist bears fruit in one's personal life, in the life of the Church and the world.

“GOD'S LOVE”

Participation in the Eucharist does not distance our contemporaries. On the contrary, since it is the expression *par excellence* of God's love, it calls us to join forces with all our brothers and sisters to confront today's challenges and make the earth a place that is pleasant to live in.



“STRENGTH TO LIVE”

May all of you become ever more deeply aware of the importance of the Sunday Eucharist, because Sunday, the first day of the week, is the day when we honor Christ, the day when we receive the strength to live each day the gift of God.

“A PURE HEART”

I ... invite pastors and the faithful to take a renewed interest in their preparation for receiving the Eucharist. Despite our weakness and sin, Christ wants to make His dwelling place in us. This is why we must do everything in our power to receive Him with a pure heart, continuously rediscovering through the Sacrament of forgiveness that purity which sin has stained...

“ASK THE LORD”

In order that the People of God may never lack ministers to give them the Body of Christ, we must ask the Lord to make the gift of new priests to His Church. I also ask you to pass on the call to the priesthood to young men, so that they will joyfully and fearlessly respond to the Lord. They will not be disappointed. May the family be the origin and cradles of vocations..

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