



We are continuing in *Ecclesia de Eucharista*, Pope St. John Paul II (2003)

December 25, 2022

“The seeds of disunity, which daily experience shows to be so deeply rooted in humanity as a result of sin, are countered by *the unifying power* of the body of Christ. The Eucharist, precisely by building up the Church, creates human community.” (#24)

January 1, 2023

“The *worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass* is of inestimable value for the life of the Church. This worship is strictly linked to the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. The presence of Christ under the sacred species reserved after Mass---a presence which lasts as long as the species of bread and wine remain---derives from the celebration of the sacrifice and is directed towards communion, both sacramental and spiritual.” (#25)

January 8, 2023

“It is the responsibility of Pastors to encourage, also by their personal witness, the practice of Eucharistic adoration, and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in particular, as well as prayer of adoration before Christ present under the Eucharistic species.” (#25)

January 15, 2023

“...the phrase in *persona Christi* means more than offering ‘in the name of’ or ‘in the place of’ Christ. *In persona* means in specific sacramental identification with the eternal High Priest who is the author and principal subject of this sacrifice of his, a sacrifice in which, in truth, nobody can take his place.” (#29)

January 22, 2023

“It is the Bishop who, through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, makes a new presbyter by conferring upon him the power to consecrate the Eucharist. Consequently, ‘the Eucharistic mystery cannot be celebrated in any community except by an ordained priest...’ (#29)

January 29, 2023

The Ecclesial Communities separated from us (from the 16th century onward) lack that fullness of unity with us which should flow from Baptism, and we believe that especially because of the lack of the sacrament of Orders they have not preserved the genuine and total reality of the Eucharistic mystery... The Catholic faithful, therefore, while respecting the religious convictions of these separated brethren, must refrain from receiving communion distributed in their celebrations so as not to condone an ambiguity about the nature of the Eucharist..." (#30)

February 5, 2023

"The fact that the power of consecrating the Eucharist has been entrusted only to Bishops and priests does not represent any kind of belittlement of the People of God, for in the communion of the one body of Christ which is the Church this redounds to the benefit of all." (#30)

February 12, 2023

"If the Eucharist is the centre and summit of the Church's life, it is likewise the centre and summit of priestly ministry." (#31)

February 19, 2023

"The centrality of the Eucharist in the life and ministry of priests is the basis of its centrality in the pastoral promotion of priestly vocations." (#31)

February 26, 2023

"The Eucharist thus appears as the culmination of all the sacraments in perfecting our communion with God the Father by identification with his only-begotten Son through the working of the Holy Spirit." (#34)

March 5, 2023

"Precisely for this reason (identification with his only-begotten Son) *it is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist.*" (#34)