

PASTOR'S CORNER

My Dear Faithful,

What is the value of one soul in God's eyes? The central devotion of July helps us answer this question. The first of July is the Feast of the Precious Blood, and this feast sets the devotional focus for the entire month. As we follow the praiseworthy custom of reciting daily the Litany of the Precious Blood, we begin to understand more deeply the value of that Blood.

The Precious Blood is the Blood of the Son of God: "Blood of Christ, only-begotten Son of the Eternal Father, save us!" The Old Testament instructs us that "the life of all flesh is in the blood" (Lev. 17:11). Hence, the Blood of Our Lord is Precious in that it represents the life of the Son of God made man. Nothing can have more value in the Eternal Father's eyes than this.

Now, it was this Precious Blood that was "shed profusely" during the Passion. In pouring out His Blood to the last drop on the Cross, Our Lord was pouring out His very life, as it were, and He thereby paid the debt of our sins: "Blood of Christ, price of our salvation, save us!" St. Peter would have us remember just how valuable this ransom was: "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things as gold or silver...but with the Precious Blood of Christ, as of a lamb unspotted and undefiled." (1 Pet. 1:18-19)

Coming back to our question, how valuable is one soul in God's eyes, we can now give an answer. One soul is worth the most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Each of us can say: "The Precious Blood was the price set on my soul and my Redeemer paid the price in full by shedding His Blood to the last drop. My soul is worth Our Lord's Precious Blood!"

This conclusion has many far-reaching consequences. I would like to point out one of these consequences to you. Last month I spoke to you about the mark of holiness in the Church. This month perhaps we can consider the dogma "Outside the Church there is no salvation" in the light of the Precious Blood.

We know that it is only within the Catholic Church that souls can be saved. One reason for this is that the Catholic Church exclusively possesses the seven holy sacraments. These sacraments, particularly Baptism and Confession, are the means of applying the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ to our souls. If the Precious Blood is essential for salvation—"Blood of Christ, without which there is no forgiveness"—then we must conclude that the sacraments which apply that Blood to our souls are equally essential.

This brings us to the point. Many poor sinners are lost because the Precious Blood has not been applied to their souls through the sacraments. If we valued the Precious Blood as we ought, we would also value souls purchased by that Blood. It would be very natural for us, then, to do our part as Catholics to bring souls into the Church where alone they can find the lifegiving sacraments.

But how can the average layman help in this? Isn't it the task of the priest to apply the Precious Blood through the waters of Baptism or through the words of absolution in Confession? Certainly, it is. That is not to say, though, that the Catholic laity does not have a part to play in this work. For a poor sinner to approach Baptism or Confession a God-given grace is required, and grace is "earned" by prayer and sacrifice. It is in this silent apostolate of prayer and sacrifice that every Catholic can and must help poor sinners.

A young St. Therese left us a beautiful example of this apostolate. Looking at the Precious Blood pouring from the wounds of her Savior on the Cross, she dreaded that even one drop of that Blood would fall to the ground unused. This thought gave her the impetus to gather the Precious Blood into a chalice, so to speak, and to pour that Blood onto souls. She did this by her prayers and sacrifices. In this way she fulfilled her mission as a Carmelite to work for the conversion of poor sinners. We are all familiar with the story of her first convert, Henri Pranzini, who moments before he was executed for his hideous crimes was suddenly converted through the prayers and sacrifices of the 14-year-old Therese.

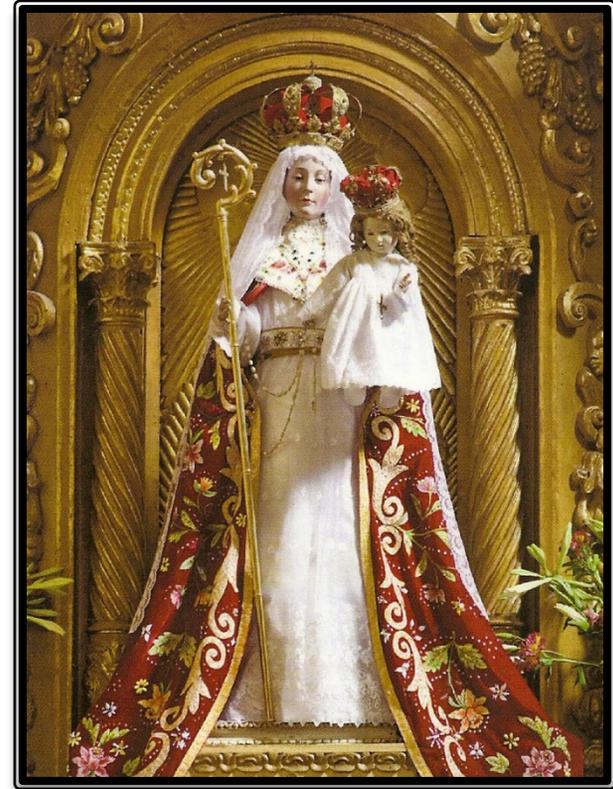
Let us follow her example. Out of love for the Precious Blood shed for us on Calvary let us gather that Blood into chalices and apply It to souls by our prayers and sacrifices. What a beautiful and rewarding apostolate. Could a Catholic who properly values the Blood of the Son of God and the souls purchased by It do otherwise? "Blood of Christ, stream of mercy, save us!"

With my prayers,
Fr. Nicholas McManus

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MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	FEAST	MASS	CONFESSIONS
Saturday, July 10	The Seven Holy Brothers	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sunday, July 11	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Sunday, July 18	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Saturday, July 24	Our Lady on Saturdays	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sunday, July 25	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 AM	7:00 AM
Sunday, Aug. 1	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	1:00 PM	12:00 PM

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COLLECTIONS

First Collection	Operating expenses for OLGS.
Second Collections	<i>Please write the purpose of your donation on the memo line on your check.</i>
-Sunday, July 4	SSPX U.S. District Education
-Sunday, July 11	St. Isidore's Priory
-Sunday, July 18	OLGS Building Fund

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Annual Parish Picnic** will take place on Sunday, July 25 at Legion Park on 10th Avenue in Mandan. Volunteers are needed to prepare for the picnic and to oversee activities the day of the picnic. If you're able to help, please contact Mr. Bill Gieser at 701-425-8318. Please note these adjustments in the Mass Schedule:
 - Dickinson: Mass at 8:00AM, Confessions at 7:00AM
 - Mandan: Mass at 1:00PM, Confessions at 12:00PM
- **Holy Name Society.** Members will receive Holy Communion together and recite their pledge after Mass on Sunday, July 11.
- **Mothers of Lu Prayer** will be recited at the Communion rail after Mass on Sunday, July 4.
- **The Eucharistic Crusade** intention for July is "That Our Lord Jesus Christ reign over our ungodly societies".
- **Visiting Priests.** Please give a warm welcome to Fr. Dominic May who will be visiting on Sunday, July 11 and Fr. Kenneth Dean who will be visiting on Sunday, July 18.
- **Month dedicated to the Precious Blood.** July begins with the Feast of the Most Precious Blood, celebrated on July 1. The addition of the Litany of the Precious Blood to your daily family Rosary is highly encouraged.
- **Requiescat in Pace.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marcia of Terra Dei. She passed away peacefully on the roadside while making her way to Mass on Sunday, June 20. The funeral will take place in Illinois, but Fr. McManus will offer a Requiem Mass for her at OLGS on Saturday, July 24. Please also remember her family in your prayers during this time of mourning.
- **Camp De Smet.** Fr. McManus recommends to your prayers Camp De Smet, which he will be directing in Black Hawk, CO from July 13-22. Please pray particularly that the camp is fruitful and that all the staff and campers remain safe from injury, sickness, or any other incidents.
- **Modesty in Dress.** Now that summer is here, we need to be especially on guard against the baneful influence of modern fashions. Women and girls must imitate Our Lady and set a good example to others by always dressing modestly. Men and boys must also be cognizant of inappropriate and immodest dress.
- **Monthly Novena to St. Joseph.** Those participating in the monthly novena to St. Joseph are invited to come to the church on Monday, July 19 at 6:00PM to begin this month's novena. Novena booklets are available from Mrs. Mary Schneider.

A copy of this bulletin is available online at www.olgsdickinson.org/schedules. Please check the website for changes to the Mass schedule due to weather.