



REFLECTIONS

HOLY EUCHARIST = THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE.

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus Christ himself is the Way as he said it "I am the Way". Certainly, this is right, for through him we have access to the Father God. Since, the Way is not separate from its end but joined to it, Jesus added: The Truth and the Life. Thus, he himself is at once, both the Way and the Goal (end). In his human nature, Jesus is the Way; in his divine nature, he is both Truth and the Life. Speaking as man he says, I am the Way: Speaking as God he says, I am the Truth and the Life. This End is the object of all human desire and we desire above all two things. We want to know the Truth first and second we want to exist and live (Life). Christ is the Way by which we come to know Truth, though He is that Truth. "Lead me O Lord, in Truth and I shall enter into your Way" we pray. Christ is also the Way to Life, though He is also that Life. "You have made known the Way of Life" we pray.

Therefore, Jesus designated the end of the Way by Truth and Life. First, Jesus himself is Life, for Life is in him; then, He is the Truth because He is the Light of men and the Light of Truth. If then, you are looking for the way by which you should go, take Christ, because he himself is the Way. This is the Way, walk in it. So, Augustine says: Make man your way and you shall arrive at God.

It is better to limp to Him along the Way than to stride along off the Way. For one who limps along the Way, even if one makes slow progress, comes to the End of the Way. But, one who is off the Way, the more quickly he runs, the further away is he from his goal. If you are looking for a goal hold fast to Christ, because He himself is the Truth, where we desire to be. "My mouth shall reflect on the Truth" the Psalmist says. If you are looking for a resting place, hold fast to Christ, because He himself is the Life. "Whoever finds me, finds Life and receives Salvation from the Lord". Therefore, hold fast to Christ if you wish to be safe and you will not be able to go astray because He is the way. He who remains with Him does not wander in trackless places: he is on the right way. Moreover, He cannot be deceived because He is the Truth and He teaches every Truth. "For this I was born and for this I have come" He says. He can never be disturbed because He is both Life and the giver of Life. "I have come that they may have life and have it more abundantly" He says.

Hence, the Holy Eucharist we celebrate today fulfills all the above.

May the Holy Eucharist be our daily food.

(Based on Reflections by St. Thomas Aquinas.)

God bless.

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