



It is the nature of food that it should be eaten.
It is the nature of food that it should be consumed.

Food exists only that it may be devoured.
Drink exists only to be poured out.

Food is food, not for its own sake,
but to give life to the hungry.
Drink is drink, not for its own sake,
but to give joy to the drinker.

Food and drink are creatures which achieve fulfillment
in being put at the disposal of others:
they exist to serve the needs of others;
their destiny is met in their destruction.

When the Lord Jesus, shortly before he was betrayed,
took bread and wine as symbols of himself
and gave them to his disciples
he expressed himself perfectly:
bread that we might have life,
wine that we might be glad;
one bread, broken and shared in friendship,
one cup, pledge of a common destiny.

This bread is my body, which is for you;
this cup is my blood, poured out for you.

He is for us.
It is the story of his life.

-Mark Searle

Opportunities for Observing the

Year of the Eucharist **2005**



*As often as the commemoration of this victim is celebrated,
so often is the work of our salvation being done.*

—Roman Missal

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Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, April 2, 2005, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

St. Rita High School

7740 South Western Avenue, Chicago, 60620

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Archdiocese are strongly encouraged to attend this reflection day. **Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.** will begin the day with prayer and a keynote presentation. Two sets of workshops/ breakout sessions and lunch will follow.

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I would like to rekindle this Eucharistic "amazement"...

The Second Vatican Council rightly proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is "the source and summit of the Christian life".

To contemplate Christ involves being able to recognize him wherever he manifests himself, in his many forms of presence, but above all in the living sacrament of his body and his blood.

Truly this is the *mysterium fidei* which is accomplished in the Eucharist: the world which came forth from the hands of God the Creator now returns to him redeemed by Christ.

The Eucharist, as Christ's saving presence in the community of the faithful and its spiritual food, is the most precious possession which the Church can have in her journey through history.

—Pope John Paul II

from Encyclical Letter "Ecclesia de Eucharistia"

Day of Reflection for Parish Adoration Chapel Leaders

Saturday, May 14, 2005, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Our Lady Mother of the Church

8747 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, 60656

Sponsored by the Pope John Paul II Adoration Association (773-582-9222, www.pjp2ea.org).

While they were talking and discussing,
Jesus himself came near and went with them.

—Luke 24:15

Eucharistic Rally

Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18, 2005

Marytown

1600 West Park Avenue, Libertyville, 60048

Co-sponsored by Marytown and the Pope John Paul II Adoration Association (773-582-9222, www.pjp2ea.org).

Eucharistic Procession to Grant / Millennium Park

(Tentatively scheduled for) Friday, August 5, 2005

On the evening of August 5, in collaboration with the Supreme Council Meeting of the Knights of Columbus, the Archdiocese will observe the Year of the Eucharist in a significant manner. Starting at the Chicago Hilton Hotel there will be a Eucharistic Procession with the Knights and with other Lay Ecclesial Movements. The Procession will end at Grant / Millennium Park, where there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with hymns and songs of praise, the proclamation of Scripture and Benediction. All Catholics in Chicago are encouraged to be present and participate.

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago (www.archdiocese-chgo.org) and the Knights of Columbus.

For God would make himself
Wholly like them,
And he would come to them
And dwell with them;

And God would be man
And man would be God,
And he would talk with them
And eat and drink with them;

And he himself would be
With them continually
Until the consummation
Of this world.

John of the Cross
Sixteenth century



On the night of that Last Supper
Seated with his chosen band,
He, the Paschal victim eating,
First fulfills the Law's command;
Then as food to his apostles
Gives himself with his own hand.

—Thomas Aquinas (Thirteenth century)