



## THE MISSIONARIES OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

### GRACES FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

John Paul II wrote: "To evangelize the world, we need experts in the celebration of, in the adoration of and in the contemplation of the Eucharist..."<sup>19</sup> Through adoration, parishioners are experiencing God's love. This leads them to get involved in their parish community, which gives them the Eucharist. In their mission, they are at the same time supporting the Church and interceding for the world. In other words, their adoration becomes Trinitarian: in adoring the Son, they are led to the Father. In this dynamic, they receive a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit which leads them to involve themselves in the Church and the world.

**Social conscience:** In allowing the Spirit to act, the adoration of the divine Eucharist urges the soul to truly develop a social love, for which the common good is preferred to the particular. For Paul VI, "the Eucharist is of supreme efficacy for the transformation of the world into a world of justice, of holiness and peace."<sup>20</sup>

**Reparation for the sins of the world:** Jesus presents His Heart to St. Margaret Mary, sometimes like a sun of divine love, sometimes surrounded by a crown of thorns. It is both burning with love for men. On the other hand, he is offended by their ingratitude. This dual consideration must move us, firstly, to render love for love to the Heart of Jesus and secondly, to offer reparation for the insults He receives. To repair or to console the Heart of Jesus is to love Jesus with all your heart for those who reject or ignore Him. At Paray-le-Monial, Jesus said that this same Heart of flesh beats today in the Blessed Sacrament, for us who have not lived with him 2000 years ago. "Behold this Heart which has loved men so much, that has spared nothing in exhausting and consuming Itself in order to witness to them Its love. And in recognition, I receive from the most part nothing but ingratitude, by their irreverence and sacrilege, and the coldness and contempt they have for Me in this sacrament of love." Margaret Mary would pass all the time at her disposal to passionately love this Heart in the Blessed Sacrament, in reparation for those who do not know, ignore or despise It. John Paul II writes: "The encouragement and the deepening of Eucharistic devotion are proofs of that authentic renewal which the Council had fixed as its goal, and they are the central point. The Church and the world have great need of Eucharistic adoration. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not measure our time in going to meet Him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, ready to repair the great faults and great crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease."<sup>21</sup>

John Paul II presents adoration as an eminent service to humanity: "By adoration, the Christian mysteriously contributes to the radical transformation of the world..."

In Exodus 17, when the Israelites fought against the Amalekites, Moses interceded before God by raising his hands to ask for the victory. As his arms grew heavy, he enlisted the help of Aaron and Hur to hold his arms raised up to God. And the Lord gave a complete victory to his people ... In the same way, by perpetual adoration, an adorer is always present before the Lord in an unbroken chain of prayer and intercession. The heart of the parishioners is lifted up to God without cease; and God

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<sup>19</sup> Jean-Paul II, *Journée Mondiale pour les missions*, 2004.

<sup>20</sup> Paul VI, discours du Saint Père pour l'inauguration des œuvres sociales eucharistiques internationales à Dos Hermanas.

<sup>21</sup> Jean-Paul II, *Lettre Apostolique, 'Dominicae Ceneae'*, 1980.

gives the victory to his people, his Church. He sends His mercy, His peace and the light that chases the darkness from our hearts and the world. Also, in Isaiah 62:4, it is written: *“On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted watchmen, day and night, they will never be silent.”* When a parish is organising perpetual adoration, the “watchmen” are the adorers on the “walls” that are “never silent.” In other words, by their unceasing prayer, they are as though suspended between heaven and earth, bringing down upon humanity the outpouring of God’s mercy.

**Abortion:** Mother Teresa of Calcutta wrote: “If people spent one hour a week in Eucharistic adoration, abortion would cease.” Indeed, the perpetual adoration of the Eucharist, it is a little piece of heaven on earth, Jesus is adored on this earth without interruption, as in heaven where the saints and angels adored him continually. Divine life is spreading widely in hearts, protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

**Peace, order, security:** Jesus, speaking to St. Faustina said: “Humanity will not find peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy.”<sup>22</sup> Further, we read: “The Throne of Mercy, it is the Tabernacle.”<sup>23</sup> Thus, there can be no true peace in our hearts, families and the world without turning more toward the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.

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<sup>22</sup> Faustine Kowalska, ‘Petit Journal’, n. 300.

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