

If you want to please God,
then become God through the Holy Eucharist.

God did not want us to eat the forbidden fruit and become like him.

He wants us to eat the Bread of Life and become him.

Become the Eucharist in the tabernacle of the world.

"Our sharing in the body and blood of Christ has no other purpose
than to transform us into that which we receive."

Saint Pope Leo the Great - Doctor of the Church

"If you receive worthily, you are what you have received."

Saint Augustine - Doctor of the Church

"For the Son of God became man so that we might become God."

Saint Athanasius - Doctor of the Church
and known as the “Father of Orthodoxy”

“By the mystery of this water and wine
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.”

The Catholic Mass

“For in him dwells the fullness of the deity bodily,
and you share in this fullness in him,
who is the head of every principality and power.”

Saint Paul, the Apostle - Colossians 2: 9, 10

“I pray not only for them,
but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
so that they may all be one,
as you, Father, are in me and I in you,
that they also may be in us,
that the world may believe that you sent me.”

Jesus, the Son of God - John 17: 20, 21

Jesus Christ is God.

And the Catholic Church is the Body of Christ on earth.

And the Mass is the source and summit of the Catholic faith.

And the Mass includes this prayer:

“By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.”

And so we must live his divinity with gratitude, and without interference, everywhere and always.

Father,

Here is the quote from St. Augustine that is similar to your beautiful concluding prayer this morning about sharing the divine nature.

It is in a separate box in the article, "We are Made for Communion with God" in the first edition of *Pittsburgh Catholic* magazine.

"If you, therefore, are Christ's body and members, it is your own mystery that is placed on the Lord's table! It is your own mystery that you are receiving!"

I believe that this idea is the crux of the Christian faith, and that it is hidden in plain sight from the vast majority of the world's Catholics.

And I wonder what the world could do for God if we all realized this great truth and availed ourselves of its power and grace.

Sincerely,

Joseph Carducci

Thank you for sharing this.

I hope you have a blessed Sunday.

Father Tom

Friends,

Some people might wonder if beautiful cathedrals or other church buildings are necessary in the practice of Christianity.

And I believe that these structures can be a tremendous help in living the Christian life.

First of all, they point to the grandeur of God almighty.

And secondly, they point to our own grandeur, since we share in the divinity of Christ when we worthily receive him in the Eucharist.

And we must remember to bring into the world what we have received from Christ as members of his body.

If we fully accepted his gracious gift, we could do the work of God in our world with great power and love.

And so, we should see ourselves as being described by the beauty of these structures, and become more motivated to serve God because of them.

Sincerely,

Joseph Carducci