

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE—BUILDING GOD’S KINGDOM FROM WITHIN (2-9-20)

CAMPAIGN PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Saint Joseph, son of David and Patron of the Universal Church,
we entrust our campaign—Building God’s Kingdom from Within—to your intercession.
The heavenly Father made you foster father of His Son, our King,
and husband of His Son’s mother Mary, our Queen.
Indeed, God the Father gave you responsibility
for His Family and for the building of His Kingdom.
Therefore, Saint Joseph,
as father, foster in us authentic adoration of The Bread of Life;
as husband, teach us true devotion in purity of heart for Mary;
as visionary and carpenter and saint,
help us to accept God’s designs delivered to us by angels,
to build a church beautiful and magnificent like Mary,
and to worship the Bread of Angels in both Spirit and Truth.
Finally, may your example of radiant simplicity and profound silence
be manifest in the particular church God builds through our hearts and hands,
and may the Father bring to completion whatever good work
He has begun in each of us, for His glory and blessings upon all. Amen.

- I. *Lex Credendi, Lex Orandi, Lex Aedificandi:*
 - A. *Lex Credendi*—Rule of Belief
 - B. *Lex Orandi*—Rule of Prayer (Worship in Spirit and Truth)
 - C. *Lex Aedificandi*—Rule of Building (Place to Worship in Spirit and Truth)
- II. Historical Development:
 - A. Moses and the Tabernacle
 - B. Solomon and the Jerusalem Temple:
 1. *Ulam* (porch)
 2. *Hekal* (Holy Place)
 3. *Debir* (Holy of Holies)
 - C. Catholic Church:
 1. Narthex
 2. Nave
 3. Sanctuary = Heaven already anticipated and experienced under signs but not yet fully realized—the privilege and certain place in time for encountering the eternal God through:
 - a. The propitiatory Sacrifice
 - b. Representing the one Sacrifice in an unbloody manner
 - c. Celebrating a memorial to effect a mystical reality
 - d. Celebrating a paschal meal distributed as Holy Communion
 - D. True Development—Continuity: Robust Truth, Radiant Goodness, Rich Beauty
 1. *Integritas*—what is essential to completeness
 2. *Consonantia*—what is proportional, fitting, harmonious, and orderly
 3. *Claritas*—what is radiantly clear, beautiful, and awe-inspiring
 4. Development in belief, worship, and architecture involves:
 - a. Strengthening and deepening truth
 - b. Unveiling and extending goodness
 - c. Enhancing the beauty of truth and goodness

5. Discontinuity arrests development of truth, goodness, and beauty in belief, worship, and architecture through:
 - a. Acts of disobedience and pride
 - b. The spread of error and ignorance
 - c. Increasing disorder and confusion
- III. *Lex Orandi*—Seeking Continuity in time of “Mass” Confusion:
- A. Summorum Pontificum—Apostolic Letter given Motu Proprio by Pope Benedict XVI on July 7, 2007
 - B. Two Forms of the Mass of the Roman Rite:
 1. Extra-Ordinary Form of the Mass—Roman Missal promulgated by St. Pius V and revised by Saint John XXIII in 1962
 - a. “Never abrogated”
 - b. Should be “duly honored”
 2. Novus Ordo published by Saint Paul VI in 1970 and updated by Saint John Paul II (Third Typical Edition of the Roman Missal)
 - C. Since these two forms are “two usages of one Roman rite,” we should find:
 1. Recognizable continuity between them
 2. Authentic development from the old to the new:
 - a. To enhance reverent participation and actual piety in worship
 - b. To deepen intellectual formation in truth, goodness, and beauty
 - c. To strengthen the will for holy lives and public witness
 - d. To make earth more like heaven, and to draw our hearts toward heaven so forcefully that we desire this for everyone
 - D. An Example Regarding Continuity: Orientation Versus Disorientation
 1. *Ad Orientem* (“to the east”), *Ad Deum* (“to God”), (“to the Cross’)
 4. *Versus Populum* (“toward the people”)
- IV. *Lex Aedificandi*—Seeking Continuity in a Time of “Mass” Confusion:
- A. Focus:
 1. Should be toward Christ/God/Heaven/Saints and Angels (Opening to Heaven)
 2. Should not be toward the Personality of the Priest/Earth/Parishioners (Closed Circle on Earth)
 - B. Example—The Communion Rail and Traditional Reception:
 1. Eternal/Heavenly are separated from the Temporal/Earthly
 2. Kneeling—True Unifying Personal Equality through Humility and Reverence
 3. Uniqueness of Receiving on the Tongue—Accepting Heavenly Food from Christ as Christ

TABLE TALK QUESTIONS

- I. Are there any aspects of the *Novus Ordo* that indicate authentic development in worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth?
- II. In your experience, after Mass, which seems to have affected you more—the homily you have heard (whether negatively or positively), or the Eucharist you have received?

TIME FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (FR. JACK/KEN CHIVERS)

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer: “Renewal of Baptismal Promises,” “Angel of God,” “Glory Be,” and “The Anima Christi”
- II. Mental Prayer During the Day (15-30 minutes):
 - A. The Rosary
 - B. Journal Meditation:
 1. 5-10 Minutes of Scriptural or spiritual reading
 2. 5-10 Minutes writing to either the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit
 3. 5-10 Minutes recording what you believe God is saying to you
- III. Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition:

Saint Paul writes to the Romans: “[God] will repay everyone according to his works, eternal life to those who seek glory, honor, and immortality through perseverance in good works, but wrath and fury to those who selfishly disobey the truth and obey wickedness. Yes, affliction and distress will come upon everyone who does evil, Jew first and then Greek. But there will be glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does good, Jew first and then Greek. There is no partiality with God” (Romans 2:6-11).

1. Consider each good deed you have done today with the right intention and in the proper circumstances that you believe would withstand the scrutiny of the Holy Spirit of Truth.
2. Consider each wicked deed you have done today in selfish disobedience, considering the good (true or apparent), the intention, and the circumstances.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit strengthen in your soul the gifts of knowledge, understanding, wisdom, and counsel to help you always desire true goods with right intentions in the proper circumstances.

