

Cardinal Newman Catechist Consultants - 8th August, 2018 - HANDOUTS n. 169*"Clear, brief and easily assimilated by all"***This Handouts continues on The Reform of the Reform****ALTAR BOYS & YOUTHS ARE NEEDED ON THE SANCTUARY, and no more unisex**

(1) It encourages "the less couth sex" to edify the faithful; (2) promotes vocations to *priestly fatherhood* in the sacred ministry or in families; (3) and inspires males in the manliness of Christ in His Action. (4) We can transform existing altar girls into new groups; (5) with their own special devotions before &/or after Mass, dress and functions, to serve the faithful before, during and after Mass, as choirs, welcomers, distributing and tidying up notice sheets, organizing Offertory Procession, florists, sacristans: a new sort of Children of Mary. For more details, see pp. 25-26.

FAITH & DEVOTION to live in Christ Jesus

Our vocation is to **holiness** (VCH LG n. 42) There is no lay **apostolate** without it. It is **urgent** — now. The soul of the apostolate is the interior life. Growth in holiness depends on contact with God. Quality contact with God depends on earnest **Confession** and properly prepared **Holy Communion**s. Liturgy makes Christ's Mysteries become ours: His words, Revelation, Pascal Mystery and charity. His visible presence passed over into sacraments (St Leo the Great, *Liturgy of the Hours*, vol. II, p. 641).

His Mysteries of Salvation are re-enacted in, and empower, the Mass and other Sacrament.

Thereby we enter into His Mysteries and into Him. and into the life of the Blessed Trinity.

His Mysteries are further praised and contemplated in *The Liturgy of the Hours* and meditated in the 20 Mysteries of the **Rosary**, which are sometimes enriched with Bible texts (only by agreement of participants) or pictures, and most of all His abiding Presence in the tabernacle or the monstrance.

THE LORD'S DAY — the Day of Christ's Resurrection from the Dead

We can strive to restore **Sunday** to its God-status and a rest day from work *such as human nature needs*, for renewal of body and soul and enhancing family bonds. No more economic determinism!

TRANSLATIONS from the *Novus Ordo* Latin

There should be no more textual changes, not for years — tinkering is destabilizing, even if it were to bring in more sacral language like archaic 2nd person pronouns as on. pp. 2, 5, 6, 9 and 18.

And **NO UNISEX**: no further surrender whatever to its false science, philosophy and femspeak!

THE FORGOTTEN PRESENCE — "The Lord is in this place and I knew it not!"

In the Development of Doctrine and of Devotion over centuries and millennia, the faithful came to recognize the **Abiding Presence** in the Sacrament reserved for the dying and sick in the tabernacle: it really is the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, under the appearances of wafer bread, and, at Mass, of the consecrated wine as well.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a special blessing.

Without Mass "facing the people," tabernacles can be restored to altars. Hear a Pope prophesy:

The altar is more important than the tabernacle, because on it is offered the Lord's sacrifice. In the tabernacle, on the other hand, He is present as long as the consecrated species last, yet is not making a permanent sacrificial offering. ...An awareness of their unity is more important than a realization of their difference. It is one and the same Lord Who is immolated on the altar and honoured in the tabernacle, and Who pours out His blessings from the tabernacle. ...A person who is thoroughly convinced of this would avoid many difficulties. He would be wary of exaggerating the significance of one to the detriment of the other. There is... a tendency to... a lessening of esteem for the presence and action of Christ in the tabernacle. The sacrifice of the altar is held sufficient, and the importance of Him Who accomplishes it is reduced. Yet the person of our Lord must hold the central place in worship, for it is His person that unifies the relations of the altar and the tabernacle and gives them their meaning... to separate tabernacle from altar is to separate two things which by their origin and nature remain united.

Venerable Pius XII: International Congress on Pastoral Liturgy, at Assisi, 1956

- Restore **Communion kneeling at altar rails**: it's far more reverent, and actually faster, and there is no need for bows or genuflections since kneeling counts as adoration.
- Meanwhile, recognize the contradictions on genuflections in GIRM between nn. 160 and 274-275.
- Limit extraordinary ministers of Communion for numbers >50; and use Both Kinds only for small groups.
- Encourage Communion on the tongue: it saves irreverence and is the default setting in GIRM n. 161.

Catena Aurea**A Golden Chain of texts on the Presence of God****O God Almighty, the mystery awesome & wondrous**

Truly Thou art a **hidden** God, the God of Israel, the Saviour. (Isaiah 45:15)
 Heaven and earth are full of Thy **glory** (cf. Isaiah 6:3)
 Be **still**, and know that I am God. (Psalm 46 [45]: 10)
 Speak, Lord, Thy servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:10)

O Blessed Trinity, the Holy One

Jesus rejoiced in the **Holy Spirit**... and said, "All things have been delivered to Me by **My Father**; and no one knows the **Son** except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. Come unto Me..." (Luke 10: 21; Matthew 11:27-28)
 Glory be to — the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. (Luke 2:14; Matthew 28:19)

O Son Incarnate

In the beginning was the **Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God;
 the same was in the beginning with God;
 all things were made by Him, and without Him was nothing made that was made...
 and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld **His glory**,
 the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1,2,14)

The Real Presence of Jesus Christ

contained in a Presence-Sacrament, offered in a Sacrifice-Sacrament, received in a Communion-Sacrament.
 And behold! I am with you always — [until] I come in **glory**. (Matthew 28:20; cf. 25:31)
 With desire have I desired to eat this passover with you, before I suffer. . . . (Luke 22:15)
 Do this in memory of Me (Luke 22:19)
 Eat this Bread and live for ever. (John 6:58)

His Abiding Presence in**the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar of Sacrifice**

Truly, the Lord is in this place *and I knew it not*... How awesome is this place!
 It is none other than the House of God and the Gate of Heaven. (Genesis 28:17)
 The Lord is in His holy temple; let the whole earth keep **silence** before Him. (Habakuk 2:20)

Our situation is perilous and deteriorating

We are failing to Hand on the Faith to the younger generation, "the faith once delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3), a "trust committed to us" (cf. 1 Timothy 6:20) in Catholic Schools. See Conclusions p. 20.

The evidence is there for all to see: hundreds of children in school playgrounds, all healthy, scrubbed and uniformed, yet at best a mere **handful** seen at **Sunday Mass**. After 13 years in Catholic Schools, few boys and girls graduate as practising Catholics committed to the lay apostolate.

Vocations to priesthood or Religious Life are sparse, and even to marriage becoming scarcer, also begetting children — evidence is in the Parish Registers of Marriages and Baptisms.

Check it out for yourself. Ask pupils, "**What did Jesus do and why did He?**" Or ask them, "Say the Apostles' Creed. Name the Sacraments. Recite the Ten Commandments and the *Our Father*."

The Catholic Schools cannot cope with their vast majority of lapsed Catholics and non-Catholics. Sometimes they corrupt children even of practising parents. For decades, Catholic education lacked solid religion teaching, an absolute necessity for lay apostles. And many teachers lack **faith and fervour** — unlike Catholic homeschoolers. Homeschoolers do not identify education with schools, nor even with a schooling. See VCII GE on *Christian Education* nn. 1-3 on an upbringing at home (including n. 1 for sex education); n. 5 says "the special mission of schools is nurturing the intellectual faculties".

MENDING THE MESS — Bishops & Priests: we are the teachers of the teachers: pp. 27-28

Catholic home-schooling (tutoring/education) has proved successful for a really Catholic education.

Parent-run schools are another alternative. They are freer from interference from the failed theories of Church and government bureaucrats. Their simple secret: an upbringing and schooling by loving mothers and fathers, or professional teachers devoted to their Faith in Jesus. (See p. 12)

The most vital part of a Catholic education is not academic success, but an upbringing, and then accompanied by a fitting level of academic schooling, for young disciples to become adult lay apostles.