

PARTICIPATION is the key word in our Scriptures today.

Paul is very clear in his message to the Corinthians when he asks the questions: is not the cup we share our participation in the blood of Christ and is not the bread we share our participation in the body of Christ? Do we not share in the very essence of Our Lord's being when we participate in His church?

Though we were not able to share physically in the Lord's sacrifice for the last few months, we stayed connected by live stream and prayed together that Our Lord's sacrifice would not die in our St Thomas More family. We PARTICIPATED spiritually and shared that beautiful spirit of God's fellowship. It was affirming as Father Kiet would give a shout out to each person as they signed in to the live stream. Hello Gerhard, hello Rosie, hello Meredith and on and on. It was a wonderful display of our solidarity as a church family.

How fitting to be called back on the feast of Corpus Christi, the body and blood of Jesus our Savior.

When Jesus proclaims that He is the living bread, come down from heaven, He invites us to partake in the everlasting life that only He can offer. So when we decide to come forward to PARTICIPATE by receiving His Holy Communion we commit to doing all we can do to support the Body of Christ which is all the members of His church both living and dead. This is the essence of Christ's message.

We understand that we are partaking of the real presence of Christ when we receive the Blessed Sacrament in the accidental presence of the physical host. What we see with our eyes and taste with our tongue is the accidental form of bread. The meaning of accidental is "nonessential" or "incidental". We are called to see with our hearts the essence of Christ and the reason He remains with us.

It is the same God who directed His children as they wandered in the desert. The same God who provided for them in all their needs. Let us recognize that our purpose in life is to make God's message our message.

In order to truly understand we must first STOP and think about what we are committing to. One of the good things from this pandemic is that we were forced to stop. We were forced to have time on our hands for reflection on who we are and what is our purpose in life.

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THINK IT OVER (HAVEN'T I BEEN GOOD TO YOU?)

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