

Body and Blood of Christ 2024

One of the most wonderful aspects of the Roman Catholic Tradition is its practical expression. Education has always been at the very centre of its activity's. Not simply to promote the faith, but also to liberate the poor from ignorance.

It has been at the root of many hospitals

At the formation of many social movements there has been the influence of the church. Even some football teams can trace their history back to a practical church looking for something positive for the youth.

This is not simply the result of right thinking

This is the consequence of our belief in the physical, the touchable, the tangible.

Roman Catholicism is not simply a collection of ideas

Roman Catholicism finds expression in physical realities.

The water of Baptism

The oils of ordination

The sexuality of marriage

And today especially

The bread and wine transformed into the body and blood of Christ

You will not

as you receive communion today

be given an idea

You will share in a physical reality

The grain which forms the flour is thus seen as expression of God's love

The rain which stimulated the seed planted is thus seen as an expression of God's love

The soil and even manure from which this plant drew nourishment are seen as an expression of God's love

Celebrated in the most Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ

Thus to declare yourself Roman Catholic is to declare your love for the Physical environment gifted to us

The very earth from which it came

You will not
as you receive communion today
be given an idea
You will share in a physical reality
The sacred host will be lubricated by the saliva in your mouth
It will follow the processes, chemicals, and digestive systems of your body
It will become a tangible part of your muscles, hair, breath blood.
It will generate a physical transformation of the greatest gift that God has given you
That is of the whole self you bathed, and fed, and cared for today
This physical process Celebrated in the most Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ
Thus to declare yourself Roman Catholic is to declare your love for your body which is beautiful
And which by faith you are obliged to care for

You will not
as you receive communion today
be alone
surrounded by your thoughts
You will be surrounded by the international church which is physical reality
The sacred host taken by the faithful of Kenya, Poland, India
Even in this building you are surrounded by people you barely know
Children who you do not understand
Adults you may not even like
Sitting in uncomfortable seats
Listening to music which vibrates in your ears
Living something that we have built together
This is not a notion
This is not an idea
This is a physical expression
Felt, lived, participated as community
Thus to declare yourself Roman Catholic is to declare your love for community

Community

Rich, poor, family, foreigner, familiar, tall, small

All loved by God

Thus by faith you are called to love.

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be given an idea

You will share in a physical reality

The Roman Catholic Faith is not a collection of notions and philosophy's

It is a physical reality

As seen

In The Body and Blood of Christ.