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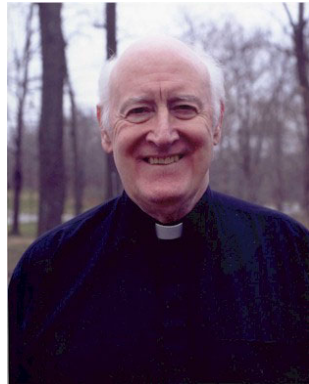
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to be free from evil and have peace. We ask Him to keep us free from sin and anxiety and hope for His coming. We pray that the kingdom and power and the glory are God's now and forever. We give to each other peace and we beg for forgiveness and mercy. We are sinful, but we want mercy. We stand. We should shout out to the Father, "Look how sinful we are!" We beg for mercy for our sins and those of all men.

"I experience the action of the Holy Spirit in a special way from the Consecration of the Mass. It fills me with such anticipation to receive Jesus, and I want to be holy. From the Consecration, I give myself to the Father, united in the Holy Spirit, in a special way. Consecrated to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, I experience God. I love the Mass so much. The rest of this book that follows are my experiences during Mass, after Communion, and other times. Many are experiences at Holy Cross-Immaculata Catholic Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. For four months straight I experienced special moments with my beloved Jesus there daily."⁵

Note: 5. Rita Ring, *The Mass: A Journey Into His Heart*, to be published by Shepherds of Christ Publications.

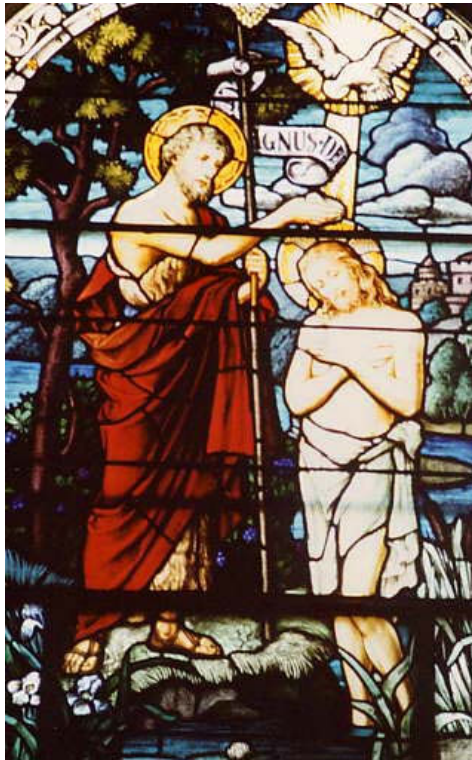
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Baptism of Our Lord

1. Jesus was baptized in the Jordan.
2. And when Jesus had been baptised he at once came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And suddenly there was a voice from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.' **Matthew 3:16-17**
3. In baptism we receive a sharing in His life.
4. God gives us so many gifts through baptism.

and Mary. We have given ourselves to Them. It is here, united to Christ in such oneness, that my sacrifice is received by the loving hands of the Father. It is in this oneness that He pours out His grace. We unite through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, and we beg for mercy as His creatures who have offended our beloved God. This is our gift to You, our beloved Father. As Vatican II says, in union with the priest, we offer the Son to the Father. We give Him the greatest thanks for this holy and living sacrifice. We unite with the whole Church. We ask to be nourished by His Body and Blood, to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and increasingly become one body in Him. We join with Mary and all the saints and constantly plead for help through this sacrifice. Through this sacrifice may we make peace with You and peace for the salvation of the whole world. We pray in love and faith for your pilgrim Church, for the Pope, our bishop and all bishops, all clergy and all people. We ask the Father to hear the prayers of His family and ask Him in mercy and love to unite all children the world over. We ask the Father to take all our brothers and sisters that have died, that were good, into heaven. And we pray that we will have the vision of Your glory, through Christ, Our Lord, and we pray through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. All glory and honor is Yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.

"We pray to the Father, with all our hearts and all our love, the 'Our Father.' We say every word. We say with such love, 'Our Father,' we pray that Thy kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. We want this kingdom here, we are all brothers and sisters and God is our Father and we want all men doing His will. We ask to be fed both spiritually and physically every day. We beg

"Love between two persons is mutual giving. It is interaction between two people. It is intimacy. It is dependent on how much we give. We receive intimacy, interaction, according to how much we put into it. God gives His all. We see Him hanging, covered with blood, crowned with thorns, hands and feet pierced. We see His precious heart, font of life and love and mercy, pierced. This is freedom. He shows us the way. We give ourselves. We sacrifice and beg to be made holy, beg to be like Him in this holy sacrifice. The most important aspect of our offering sacrifice is how we are in our heart. Are we one with Jesus, giving ourselves to our beloved Father Who is all worthy of our love? Who are we that God loves us creatures so much that He, Almighty God, becomes present, no less present than the day He walked this earth, through the hands of a man, and we take it so lightly. Think of Jesus calling out. Raise the Host high, beloved priests. This is the Son of God and you have been given the greatest honor on this earth.

"God comes to us. He gives Himself to us. Let us see ourselves as one in Him. Let us unite. Let us look at ourselves, all creatures of our beloved God, God, all Holy, all Magnificent, Almighty, all Powerful, and see what He gives us. Let us see ourselves as His creatures and Him as the Creator, and look at ourselves and see how we, and all men, are offending our precious God. As we unite, we beg, beg, with this holy sacrifice of His Son, for mercy. We watch it flow from the Father, in the Holy Spirit, through the font of grace and mercy, the pierced Heart of Jesus, through the heart of Mary, by the hands of the priest, who is one with Jesus, to us. We are so joined in such oneness with the Hearts of Jesus

5. We are commissioned to spread the good news.
6. Look at the light of the beautiful sunlit sky.
7. Jesus is the Light of the world.
8. God gives us the sacraments.
9. God gives us the priest.
10. ...‘This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.’ **Matthew 3:17**



The Wedding at Cana

1. There was not any more wine.

2. Mary told Jesus the problem.
3. Jesus turned water into wine.
4. Jesus gives the power to the priest to turn bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus.
5. What a gift God gives to us through the priest.
6. Jesus is the Light of the world.
7. Jesus wants us to focus on Him.
8. Jesus is the bridegroom of our soul.
9. Mary is there at every Mass interceding.



10. Mary's intercession is so powerful.

"When a priest is filled with the love of Jesus, He will unite more deeply with Christ in the great sacrifice being offered to the Father. In the holy sacrifice of the Mass, the faithful will see Jesus through the priest offering sacrifice to the Father. We will lift our eyes and we will feel, at this great sacrifice, the presence of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We unite in offering sacrifice to the Father. We all unite as one and give ourselves in such oneness with Jesus, in such love to the Father, in the Holy Spirit. We die to all those things that are not of Him and join in this great miracle taking place. The Father looks down and He sees the sacrifice of His beautiful Son through the consecrated hands of His holy priests. Heaven unites to earth. Earth cries out in such jubilation at the great gift given from the Almighty God, and we unite as creatures giving ourselves as a sacrifice to our beloved Creator. Do we experience the presence of God as His power flows through the hands of a man, the priest who takes ordinary bread and wine and changes them into the Body and Blood of our Lord? Do we hear Jesus cry out, as He did at the last supper, with the intensity in His voice reflecting all knowledge of the upcoming events of His passion and death?

"Do we hear the priest say the words of consecration with the emotion of Jesus, about to give His life for His beloved souls? And the earth stands still. There is, at that moment, the sacrifice of Calvary sacramentally made present through the hands of the priest. Oh, that God so loved this world to give His only Son as a sacrifice and that God wants us in this deep oneness with Him. I give You myself, my beautiful God, as You so willingly gave Yourself to me on Calvary. I want to die with You.

prayers they should participate knowingly, devoutly, and actively. They should be instructed by God's word and be refreshed at the table of the Lord's body; they should give thanks to God; by offering the Immaculate Victim, not only through the hands of the priest, but also with him, they should learn to offer themselves too. Through Christ the Mediator, they should be drawn day by day into ever closer union with each other, so that finally God may be all in all."⁴

Note: 4. Documents of Vatican II, *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, Nos. 47-48, America Press edition.

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10. Here are thoughts from one woman's spiritual journal on the Mass:

"The priest needs to feed the people with the love of God. When people come to the Mass and the sacraments, they are spiritually fed.

"The world cries out to be fed. The Church is the body of Christ. Jesus has chosen each priest and anointed him as Christ alive in this world today. The greatest calling is to be called to be a holy priest by our Lord Himself. How dearly He loves His beloved priests and longs for their love. As He suffered so during His bitter Passion for the lack of love of some of His chosen priests betrothed to Him, He was comforted by His holy priests. Jesus truly loves His sacred priests.

"Jesus must live in the priest. The priest's every action must be one with Jesus. He is a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.



The Kingdom of God

1. The Sacred Heart of Jesus will Reign in the hearts of men.
2. Jesus wants us to give Him our heart.
3. We are commissioned in baptism to spread the good news.
4. Jesus loves His souls so much He gave His life for them.
5. Jesus wants all souls of the earth to honor Him as the Son of God.
6. Listen to the words of the Father ... 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.' **Matthew 3:17**
7. **Songs of victory in heaven**
After this I heard what seemed to be the great sound of

a huge crowd in heaven, singing, ‘Alleluia! Salvation and glory and power to our God! He judges fairly, he punishes justly, and he has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her prostitution; he has avenged the blood of his servants which she shed.’ And again they sang, ‘Alleluia! *The smoke of her will rise for ever and ever.*’ Then the twenty–four elders and the four living creatures threw themselves down and worshipped God seated on his throne, and they cried, ‘Amen, Alleluia.’

Then a voice came from the throne; it said, ‘Praise our God, you servants of his and *those who fear him, small and great alike.*’ And I heard what seemed to be the voices of a huge crowd, like the sound of the ocean or the great roar of thunder, answering, ‘Alleluia! The reign of the Lord our God Almighty has begun; let us be glad and joyful and give glory to God, because this is the time for the marriage of the Lamb. His bride is ready, and she has been able to dress herself in dazzling white linen, because her linen is made of the good deeds of the saints.’ The angel said, ‘Write this, "Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb," ’ and he added, ‘These words of God are true.’ Then I knelt at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘Never do that: I am your fellow–servant and the fellow–servant of all your brothers who have in themselves the witness of Jesus. God alone you must worship.’ The witness of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
Revelation 19: 1-10

8. God calls us to conversion.

7. *A Prayer for Intimacy with the Lamb, the Bridegroom of the Soul*

Oh Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world, come and act on my soul most intimately. I surrender myself, as I ask for the grace to let go, to just be as I exist in You and You act most intimately on my soul. You are the Initiator. I am the soul waiting Your favors as You act in me. I love You. I adore You. I worship You. Come and possess my soul with Your Divine Grace, as I experience You most intimately.



8. Vatican II tells us: "At the Last Supper, on the night when He was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of His Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the centuries until He should come again, and so to entrust to His beloved spouse, the Church, a memorial of His death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

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9. "The church, therefore, earnestly desires that Christ's faithful, when present at the mystery of faith, should not be there as strangers or silent spectators. On the contrary, through a proper appreciation of the rites and

6. *Prayer for Union with Jesus*

Come to me, Lord, and possess my soul. Come into my heart and permeate my soul. Help me to sit in silence with You and let You work in my heart.

I am Yours to possess. I am Yours to use. I want to be selfless and only exist in You. Help me to spoon out all that is me and be an empty vessel ready to be filled by You. Help me to die to myself and live only for You. Use me as You will. Let me never draw my attention back to myself. I only want to operate as You do, dwelling within me.

I am Yours, Lord. I want to have my life in You. I want to do the will of the Father. Give me the strength to put aside the world and let You operate my very being. Help me to act as You desire. Strengthen me against the distractions of the devil to take me from Your work.

When I worry, I have taken my focus off of You and placed it on myself. Help me not to give in to the promptings of others to change what in my heart You are making very clear to me. I worship You, I adore You and I love You. Come and dwell in me now.

-*God's Blue Book*, January 17, 1994

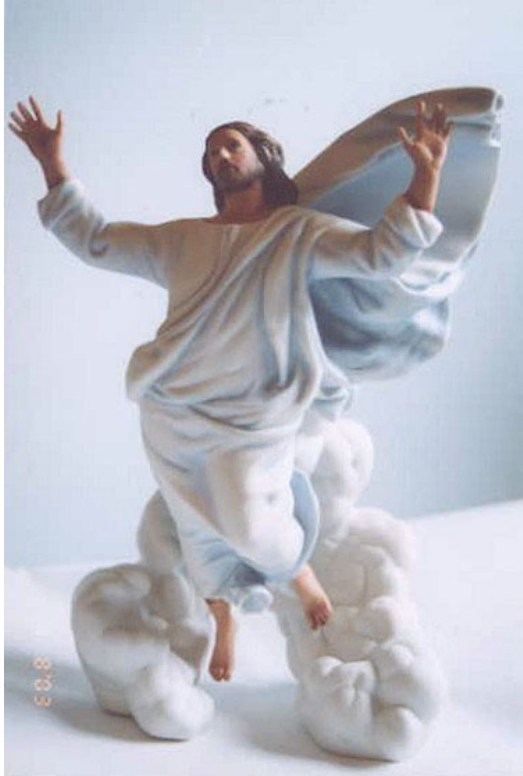


9. Mary has appeared at Fatima — she told us until a sufficient amount of people give their hearts to Jesus and Mary we won't have peace in the world.

10. Excerpt from *The Spirituality of Fatima*

...Tell everybody that God gives graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask grace from her, and that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be venerated together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Ask them to plead for peace from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the peace of the world to her.
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NOTES: 19. *Our Lady of Fatima's Peace Plan from Heaven* (Rockford: TAN Books and Publishers, Inc., 1983). p.9.



Transfiguration

1. The Transfiguration

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain on their own by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became brilliantly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking to Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus, ‘Rabbi,’ he said, ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved.

Let me be a holy sacrifice and unite with God in the sacrament of His greatest love.

I want to be one in Him in this act of love, where He gives Himself to me and I give myself as a sacrifice to Him. Let me be a holy sacrifice as I become one with Him in this my act of greatest love to Him.



Let me unite with Him more, that I may more deeply love Him. May I help make reparation to His adorable Heart and the heart of His Mother, Mary. With greatest love, I offer myself to You and pray that You will accept my sacrifice of greatest love. I give myself to You and unite in Your gift of Yourself to me. Come and possess my soul.

Cleanse me, strengthen me, heal me. Dear Holy Spirit act in the heart of Mary to make me more and more like Jesus.

Father, I offer this my sacrifice, myself united to Jesus in the Holy Spirit to You. Help me to love God more deeply in this act of my greatest love.

Give me the grace to grow in my knowledge, love and service of You and for this to be my greatest participation in the Mass. Give me the greatest graces to love You so deeply in this Mass, You who are so worthy of my love.

-God's Blue Book, December 27, 1995



The Last Supper

1. *Luke 22:20*

He did the same with the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you.'

2. Jesus wants us to come to Mass.
3. Jesus wants us to receive Him in Holy Communion.
(only baptized Catholics can do this)
4. Jesus wants us to be one body praying for the priests, the Church and the world.

5. *A Prayer before the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*

Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.
Mark 9:2-8

2. God gives us His Love, His Sacred Heart is burning and on fire for love of men.
3. Do you realize how bright the sun is.
4. Can you envision Jesus appearing so bright before you, you could hardly see — and yet you see Him and when you look away your eyes are blinded from the vision.
5. Hear the voice of the Father speak — ... 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.' Matthew 3:17
6. We cannot even imagine the beauty of our own graced soul.
7. God is Light.
8. God gives us Himself in the Eucharist.
9. We are able to go to the Church sometimes and worship before the exposed Eucharist.
10. God's love fills my heart — He is the Light
We must carry this love to others so they can see His life alive in us.



The Last Supper

1. Jesus was gathered with His Apostles at the Last Supper.
2. Jesus remains with us today.
3. Our priests have the power to change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus.
4. Our priests are so important to us.
5. This Movement Shepherds of Christ is to pray for the priests, the Church and the world.
6. The Mass is so powerful.

10. Jesus gives us the moon at night.



animals and all the creatures that creep along the ground.’

3. *Genesis 1: 27*

God created man in the image of himself,
in the image of God he created him,
male and female he created them.

4. Jesus took Peter, James and John up the mountain.

5. Jesus was transfigured before them.

6. Jesus wants us to be children that love to do God's will.

7. Jesus wants us to be children of the light.

8. Jesus wants our obedience and love.

9. Jesus gives us the bright sun.



7.



A Prayer before the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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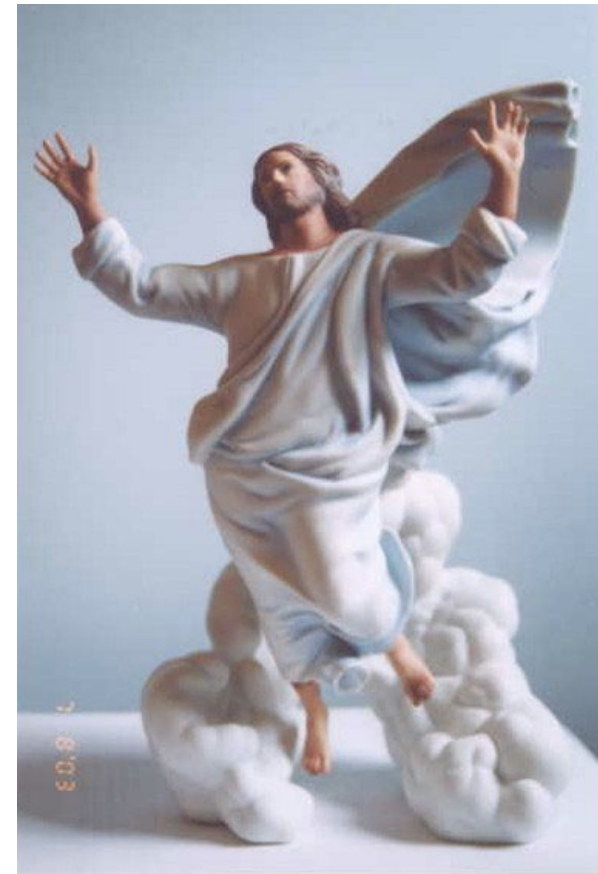
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8. Jesus died and Jesus rose on the third day.

9. " " " " " " " " " "

This is the paschal mystery.

10. God is with us today. He is no less present in the Eucharist than He was when He walked the earth.



Transfiguration

1. *Matthew 17:2-3*

There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as dazzling as light. And suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him.

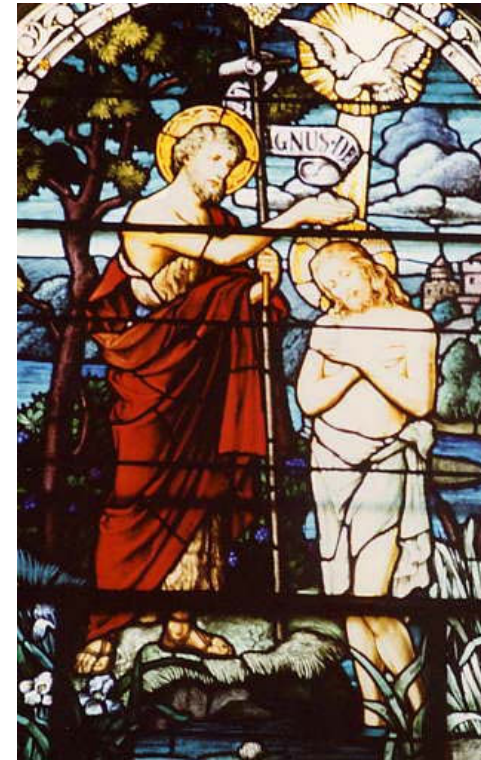
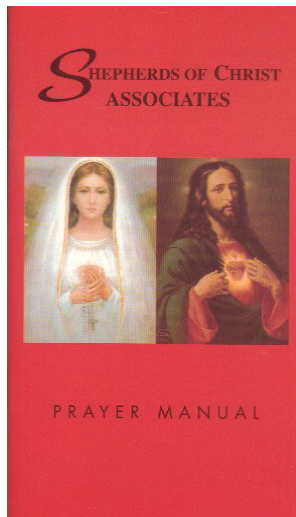
2. *Genesis 1:26*

God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild

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and even rebellious when confronted with the aspects of embracing God's will. Such resentment and rebellion, if consented to, becomes only a dead-end street, a path leading to bitterness and unhappiness. We know this. We know that the only sure guide we have in the quest for happiness is God's will. We know, despite what our feelings may tempt us to do, that the only way to true happiness is God's way. We know that God wants our happiness much more than we do ourselves. We know that if He permits suffering to cross our paths in doing His will, He likewise grants us the grace to encounter this pain properly and profitably as a step toward greater Christian holiness. We know, then, deep down at the center of our existence, that God's will is our happiness. *Excerpt from Priestly Newsletter 1998 Issue 5*

9. Our priests are so important to us to help build the Kingdom —
10. Jesus told Fr. Carter to begin these prayer chapters praying for the priests, the Church and the world — all over the world.



Baptism of Our Lord

1. Jesus is the New Adam.
2. God can give us very special grace from meditating on these Mysteries of Light.
3. There are three Persons in one God.
4. Study the picture at the beginning of these meditations.
5. We see Jesus, we see a dove above Jesus, which is telling us to think about the Holy Spirit.

We know in this mystery, the voice of the Father was heard saying

This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

6. From meditating on these mysteries of light, I feel I am getting special grace to know each Person of the Trinity more deeply.
7. In every moment I live, I have this deep relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
8. Since the Holy Father gave us the direction to meditate on these mysteries my deep love for each Person of the Trinity has increased.
9. I know each Person Father, Son and Holy Spirit so deeply and love Them so very much.
10. God is with us. He has given us the Holy Father to guide us. God works through those He puts over us. God wants us to have structure and to obey those over us who are living the way God wants them to live.

5. When speaking of the above scripture about the Finding in the Temple, Fr. Carter wrote

The scene reminds us of the guiding principle of Jesus' life-loving conformity to His heavenly Father's will. In some way Jesus knew He was supposed to remain in the temple at this particular time although Mary and Joseph were returning home. His course of action was no different in this instance than it had been in the past and would be in the future. His Father's will was made manifest and he obeyed. His Father showed the way and he followed. The Father's way was always Jesus' way, all day, everyday, in all matters. As followers of Jesus, his guiding principle has to be ours also.

Excerpt from Priestly Newsletter 1998 Issue 5

6. *Matthew 12:46-50*

He was still speaking to the crowds when suddenly his mother and his brothers were standing outside and were anxious to have a word with him. But to the man who told him this Jesus replied, 'Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?' And stretching out his hand towards his disciples he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.'

7. *Matthew 7:21*

'It is not anyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," who will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven.

8. It is obvious from all the above that conformity to God's will in love is the only way, although not always an easy way. At times one can be tempted to be resentful



Kingdom of God

1. *Luke 2: 46-50*

It happened that, three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' He replied, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he meant.

2. Jesus came to this earth. Jesus walked the earth, Jesus told us how we must act to build the Kingdom.
3. Jesus gives us His word.
4. Jesus gave us the seven sacraments.



Marriage at Cana

1. God has given us the sacrament of marriage.
2. Jesus performed His first miracle at the marriage at Cana.
3. God calls people to different vocations in life.
4. Religious are called to a very special relationship with Christ through the vow of celibacy.
5. Through their sacrifice, Religious can help make reparation to God for the sins of the flesh in the world.
6. At the marriage at Cana, Jesus showed his support for community life.
7. At the marriage at Cana, Jesus shows us that we can ask Mary our Mother to intercede for us.

8. At the marriage feast at Cana Jesus changed water into wine at Mary's request.
9. Mary shows her faith, that she believed Jesus would handle the situation at her request.
10. We pray through the powerful intercession of Mary our Mother.



Kingdom of God

1. *Luke 17:20-25*

Asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was to come, he gave them this answer, 'The coming of the kingdom of God does not admit of observation and there will be no one to say, "Look, it is here! Look, it is there!" For look, the kingdom of God is among you.'

Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judaea, he went and asked him to come and cure his son, as he was at the point of death. Jesus said to him, 'Unless you see signs and portents you will not believe!' 'Sir,' answered the official, 'come down before my child dies.' 'Go home,' said Jesus, 'your son will live.' The man believed what Jesus had said and went on his way home;

7. *Isaiah 9: 1*

The people that walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
on the inhabitants of a country
in shadow dark as death
light has blazed forth.

8. *Isaiah 9: 5*

For a son has been born for us,
a son has been given to us,
and dominion has been laid
on his shoulders;
and this is the name he has been given,
'Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace'

9. Mary is the Mother of Jesus.

10. Mary has powerful intercession.



Marriage at Cana

1. Jesus calls us to live out our vocation in a certain way.
2. Water was changed into wine at the Marriage at Cana.
3. Jesus is the Savior of the World.
4. The priest has the power to change wine into the Blood of Jesus.
5. Think about the miracles Jesus performed on earth.
6. *John 4: 46-50*

He went again to Cana in Galilee, where he had changed the water into wine. And there was a royal official whose son was ill at Capernaum; hearing that

He said to the disciples, 'A time will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of man and will not see it. They will say to you, "Look, it is there!" or, "Look, it is here!" Make no move; do not set off in pursuit; for as the lightning flashing from one part of heaven lights up the other, so will be the Son of man when his Day comes. But first he is destined to suffer grievously and be rejected by this generation.

2. One of Fr. Carter's favorite scriptures was

Matthew 7:21

'It is not anyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," who will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven.

3. Fr. Carter spent His whole life learning about the spiritual life, writing about it as a holy priest of the Church and learning how to love his brothers more deeply. This helped us in the Movement to learn from all his direction how to love God and one another more perfectly.
4. We are building the Kingdom of God by how we love God, love one another and try to serve God by doing His will.
5. In many situations we can settle something selfishly or settle it in a way of love to help build God's kingdom.
6. Disobeying God's law is not being loving.
7. Parents need to discipline their children in love and help build the Kingdom, by helping them grow into loving persons.

8. We are sinners, we try to do what God wants, those in authority do what they do lovingly to build the Kingdom.

9. Jesus obeyed His Father – He shows us how to be obedient and He loved those under Him so much He gave his life for them.

10. We must do what we know God wants of us in a loving way. It isn't loving to not do God's will.



Transfiguration

1. The bread and wine is changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus at Mass.
2. God can give us a grace to help change our hearts.
3. God wants us to cooperate with the special graces He gives us.

A Song from Jesus

by Rita Ring

REFRAIN

F Am

I come to you with great - est love, I

Dm Am Bb

am your lov - ing Sav - ior. I am your God, I

F Bb F

died for you, I come to you this day.

VERSES

F Am

1. You are My pre - cious lit - tle one, I
2. Reach out to Me and do not fear, I

Dm Am Bb

love you oh so dear - ly. Come close to Me, My
want to be so close to you. You are My child, My

F Bb F D.C.

lit - tle one, I loved you to My death.
pre - cious one, I love you ten - der - ly.

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3. *Philippians 1: 21-24*

Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would be a positive gain. On the other hand again, if to be alive in the body gives me an opportunity for fruitful work, I do not know which I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and to be with Christ, and this is by far the stronger desire—and yet for your sake to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need.

4. Christ is the New Adam.

5. Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

6. We are here to help carry out the mission He began.

7. We are commissioned in baptism to spread the good news.

8. *John 3:16*

For this is how God loved the world:
he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish
but may have eternal life.

9. Man is tainted.

10. Christ is the Redeemer of the World.

4. Jesus took Peter, James and John up the mountain.

5. Jesus was transfigured before them.

6. God gives us Himself in the Holy Eucharist.

7. We can not imagine how beautiful our own graced soul is when we are in the state of grace.

8. Jesus wants our souls to be full of light and radiant with His grace.

9. God gives us the gift of baptism.

10. God offers us a special sharing in His life.



The Last Supper

1. *Luke 22:19-20*

Then he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' He did the same with the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you.

2. God has given the priests the power to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus.
3. Our priests today are being persecuted.
4. In parts of the world where priests are trying to spread Christianity they are being persecuted.
5. We do not know in many places of the world how very hard it can be for our priests in some areas where people don't believe that Jesus is the Son of God and priests are persecuted for teaching the truth.
6. The Eucharist is such a gift.
7. The devil doesn't want us to know how powerful the Eucharist is.
8. The priests is a gift from God and the devil wants to do all he can to stop them.
9. The Mass is so important to us.
10. The priest is so important to us. Jesus gave Fr. Carter this Movement — Shepherds of Christ to pray for the priests, the Church and the world. These are the prayers Jesus told Fr. Carter to pray in the Prayer Manual —

the Spirit who bestows new life and demands that it be lived.

"No matter how many and great the obstacles put in His way by human frailty and sin, the Spirit, who renews the face of the earth (see Psalms 104:30), makes possible the miracle of the perfect accomplishment of the good. This renewal, which gives the ability to do what is good, noble, beautiful, pleasing to God, and in conformity with His will, is in some way the flowering of the gift of mercy, which offers liberation from the slavery of evil and gives the strength to sin no more. Through the gift of new life, Jesus makes us sharers in His love and leads us to the Father in the Spirit."⁶

Note: 6. Pope John Paul II, Encyclical Letter, *Dominum et Vivificantem*, Pauline Books and Media, No. 67

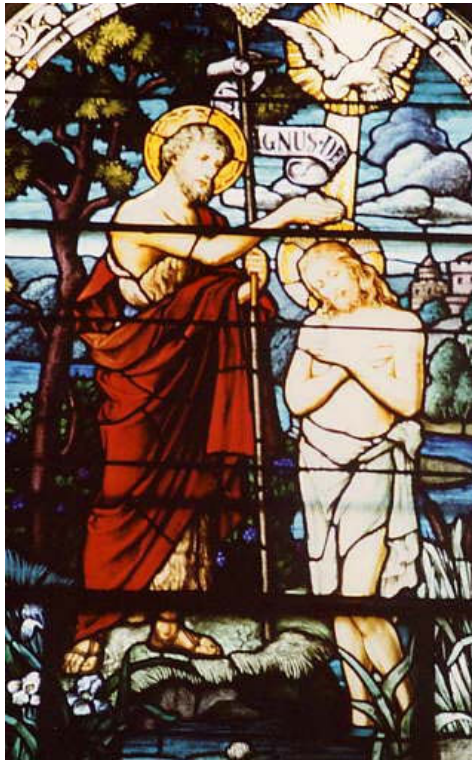
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2. *Matthew 3: 13-17*

Then Jesus appeared: he came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him, with the words, 'It is I who need baptism from you, and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that uprightness demands.' Then John gave in to him.

And when Jesus had been baptised he at once came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And suddenly there was a voice from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.

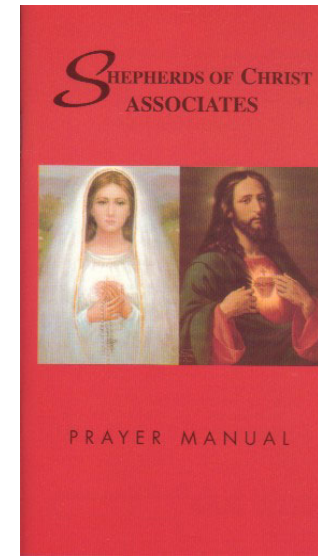
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Baptism of Our Lord

1. Pope John Paul II observes: "Jesus Christ was sent by the Father as the revelation of God's mercy (see John 3:16-18). Christ came not to condemn but to forgive, to show mercy (see Matthew 9:13)..."

"No human sin can erase the mercy of God, or prevent Him from unleashing all His triumphant power, if we only call upon Him. Indeed, sin itself makes even more radiant the love of the Father who, in order to ransom a slave, sacrificed His Son: His mercy toward us is redemption. This mercy reaches its fulness in the gift of



July 31, 1994

"My beloved priest-companion, I intend to use the priestly newsletter, *Shepherds of Christ*, and the movement, *Shepherds of Christ Associates*, in a powerful way for the renewal of My Church and the world.

"I will use the newsletter and the chapters of *Shepherds of Christ Associates* as a powerful instrument for spreading devotion to My Heart and My Mother's Heart.

"I am calling many to become members of *Shepherds of Christ Associates*. To all of them I will give great blessings. I will use them as instruments to help bring about the triumph of the Immaculate Heart and the reign of My Sacred Heart. I will give great graces to the members of *Shepherds of Christ Associates*. I will call them to be deeply united to My Heart and to Mary's Heart as I lead them ever closer to My Father in the Holy Spirit."

- Message from Jesus to Father Edward J. Carter, S.J., Founder, as given on July 31, 1994 feast of Saint Ignatius Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus (The Jesuits)

A Priest Is a Gift from God

by Rita Ring

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C F C Am C

A priest is a gift from God. A priest is a gift from God.

F C F G

This is My Bod - y, This is My Blood, A

VERSES 1, 3

C F C C F G

priest is a gift from God. 1. Come to Me, My chil - dren,
3. Come to Me, chil-dren of God,

C F G C F G

I want to pos-sess your soul, I love you so ten - der - ly,
I want to pos-sess your soul, I give My-self to ___ you

C F G C F C

I want you to love Me too, A priest is a gift from God.
in the Ho - ly Eu - cha - rist, A priest is a gift from God.

F G C F C

I tell you My chil - dren, a priest is a gift from God. To -
I tell you My chil - dren, a priest is a gift from God. To -

F G C F G

day is the day the Lord has made, Wake, My chil-dren from your sleep,
day is the day the Lord has made, Wake, My chil-dren from your sleep,

C F G

Come My chil - dren to My al - tar, ___ A
Come My chil - dren to My al - tar, ___ A

VERSE 2

C F C to Refrain C F G

priest is a gift from God. 2. Come to Me, My lit - tle children,
priest is a gift from God.

C F G C F G

I want to pos-sess your soul. Give your hearts to Je - sus and Mar - y,

C F G C F C

You will be one in Our Hearts, A priest is a gift from God.

F G C F C

Of - fer sac - ri - fice My chil-dren, A priest is a gift from God.

F G C F G

One in your heart, one in your mind, one ___ in this ho - ly ban - quet,

C F G C F C to Refrain

Come My chil-dren to My al-tar, A priest is a gift from God.

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