

Pool Full of Graces

If your Church is presided over by a pious, saintly priest or bishop, then this Church is like a swimming pool full of graces. If you open your heart to this grace, you will go away saturated. Stay for five minutes with your heart open before the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and you will have gained more insight and knowledge than in a one-year course of study at the university.

The fact that GOD has made His abode with us, that He is present with us in Flesh and Blood in the Most Blessed Sacrament, for that we particularly want to show our gratitude to GOD today. We pray you: Be grateful that we have Priests, whose ordination makes it possible for the SAVIOUR to be present in the Most Blessed Sacrament and for us to receive Him. We owe GOD this debt of gratitude. Amen!

Excerpt from Sword-Bishop's sermon of 30 July 2006 – Feast of Dedication of a Church

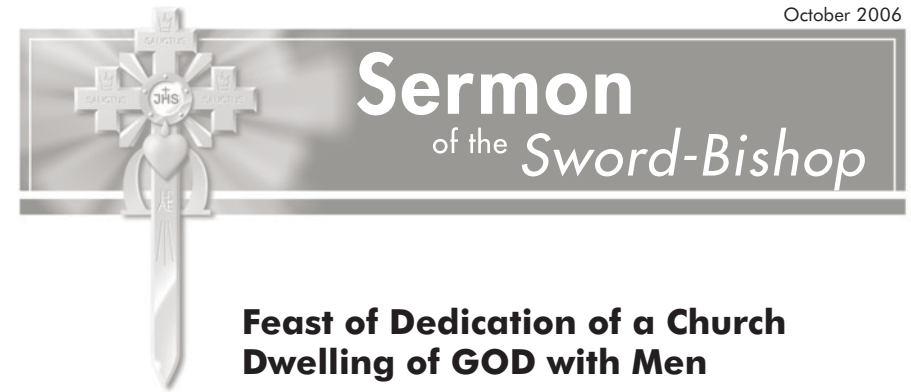


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Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,

**the + FATHER and the + SON
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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Sermon

of the *Sword-Bishop*

Feast of Dedication of a Church Dwelling of GOD with Men

Central Theme

Through the solemn consecration which the bishop gives to the church building, it becomes a holy place, the house of GOD, the real image of the great holy Church built from living stones on the rock. The highlight and completion of this consecration is the Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass, which the bishop celebrates to end the great solemnity, the first Sacrifice on the new altar. There the LORD Himself comes and takes possession of this house pervading it with His presence full of grace in Body and Blood in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. From then on the day of the consecration will be commemorated annually by a separate festivity, at which the same Mass will again be celebrated.

Tabernacle of GOD with Men

GOD Himself chooses dwelling places in the very midst of us men here on earth. Can we understand that at all? Today's reading affords some little glimpse of it: „And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice from the throne saying: „Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men! He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither sorrow, nor

crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things have passed away.' And he who sat upon the throne said: 'Behold, I make all things new.'" (Rev 21,2-5)

We Will Make Our Abode with Him

What lavish, laborious journeys do people undertake, when it comes to visiting sites of apparition or persons privileged by GOD. If one or the other found out that the SAVIOUR walks the earth again, they would spend everything they own to get there. My beloved: Here dwells the SAVIOUR! Here in the Sacred Host, in Flesh and Blood! – There is more merit for you in visiting the SAVIOUR hidden in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar than if you could see and hear Him in His bodily shape. „Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.“ (John 20,29) Moreover, you can receive the SAVIOUR in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. He will make His abode in your heart: „If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our abode with him.“ (John 14,23)

Unless the LORD Builds the House

If you are not able to receive the Sacraments because of a longer stay abroad, then tell us so that you may go out into the world with our blessing and we may advise you how to observe Sunday over there. Then you have a share in the graces of the Holy Sacrifices of the Mass, which we celebrate here. Always remember: If you go out into the world and find success and riches there, be careful: „Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman wakes in vain.“ (Ps 127,1) The chaos dragon helps one person on the road to success in order to distract him from GOD, the other he plunges into misery. If the Good LORD grants you riches and success, then He does so, that it may also serve for the good of all, to help the poor and less gifted.

Rejoice in the LORD

Our LORD and Master, JESUS CHRIST, dwells in the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Church with us. Here He is waiting that we may receive Him and take Him out into the world, that we may reveal His presence in our hearts with our lives. Laughing is not forbidden, you are still allowed to go and see a decent, good film in the cinema, you are allowed to meet friends, play soccer, all that is not forbidden. Your commitment to GOD, your God-loving nature will tip the scales in your favour – such behaviour works. GOD does not mind our enjoying ourselves and celebrating. That is why the Church celebrated Dedication day every year with a public festival, with a fair, with a big wheel, with a merry-go-round, candy floss and the like, in order also thus to show the joy that GOD in the Church dwells with us. Unfortunately, this festival has lost its meaning.

Angel of Your Church

In conclusion, we must not forget the incomprehensible host of Angels praising and worshipping the SAVIOUR in the Church in the Sacrament day and night. Ancilla writes about it: „Each parish has its own Angel. They are from the choir of the Principalities. They kneel before the Most Blessed Sacrament and pray day and night for the parishioners. ... As a six-year-old on my way to Church I used to invoke and greet the Angel of the same. Entering the Church I did not of course have any more time for the Angels, for my great love, the SAVIOUR, was already waiting there for my greeting ... The Feast of Dedication is a special day of joy for the choir of the Principalities. Every church is presided over by her Angel as a protector, and he offers up to GOD all sacrifices, all merits, prayers, victories since the last Feast of Dedication. What joy when the sacrificial bowl is really full and the incense of the prayers is constantly going up to Heaven! It is also the day on which the heavenly Prince blesses the house. This Angel does not forsake his parishioners and steadfastly prays to GOD entreatingly for them, implores courage and strength for them. A mother cannot pray more fervently for them than he, and hardly anyone thanks him for it.“