



EUCHARIST

How many people believe in the Blessed Sacrament, but don't act on their belief regarding what is due the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament; their belief is dead.

[Father Jordan, *Jordan Talks*, 1901/09/06]

*As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.*

[1 Corinthians 11:26]

Oh Bread of Angels, Oh heavenly banquet, ... / Oh ineffable mystery, Oh great condescension, / Oh food of the great, Oh Immaculate, / Oh one set apart from sinners, / Oh *my Lord and my God*, / You will come to me. Oh my love.

[Father Jordan, *Spiritual Diary*, 1/149]

I wish you a Eucharistic year. May you grow in love of the Blessed Sacrament and in the worship of Jesus' most Sacred Heart. May the love of the Eucharistic Savior penetrate you completely and [may this love] flare up in unselfish, sacrificial dedication to your heavenly bridegroom.

[Father Jordan address to the Sisters, *Jordan Talks*, 1913/03/11]

At his [Jordan's] First Communion, at the communion rail he attracted attention through his naughty behavior, and Pastor Kessler scolded him very severely on the following day; but Baptist answered seriously that it wasn't his fault, because above his head was a white dove and then it flew upwards to the sky. From then on, Rev. Kessler took special care of him.

[Widow Schlosser-Vonderach, quoted in Fr. Timotheus Robert Edwein, SDS, *Johann Baptist Jordan*, DSS XIII, p. 79]

On May 10, 1846, I received my first Holy Communion, during which I had the grace to weep out of interior joy, though I'm not one prone to be particularly pious.

[Blessed Mary of the Apostles, quoted in *Poems by Therese*, p. 100]

Reflection Starters

- How do I relate to Father Jordan's and Mother Mary's devotion to the Eucharist?
- What is my relationship with the "Eucharistic Savior" at Mass and in my life?

For Further Reading

Blessed Mary of the Apostles, "Our Exemplar" (1870), pp. 75-76, and "Before the Tabernacle," p. 101, *Poems by Therese*.