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Salus Animarum Suprema Lex Esto (Canon Law 175)

The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law in the Church

Is the *Novus Ordo* Mass Valid?



Because of the Incessant Abuses We Witness, This Question will Not Go Away

Perhaps no other question is more routinely asked us than this

The *Novus Ordo* Mass is a valid Mass: Jesus Christ *is* truly present after Transubstantiation under the hands of the priest acting *in persona Christi*. *The Novus Ordo Mass itself is, at least in most places within America (and most of Europe) quite nearly a travesty of the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that had been celebrated for 2000 years (and briefly during the pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI) before that needless novelty we understand as “Vatican II”. It is, too often, nearly blasphemous, and my heart sinks when I think of the shameful things to which Our Blessed Lord is often subjected prior to His coming to us in Holy Communion in such parishes.*

If you are within a reasonable distance to a Traditional Latin Mass, or are among the fortunate few to have found a *Novus Ordo* parish with a *priestly* pastor who clearly understands and exercises the vertical dimension of his vocation (calling his flock to sanctity and to God; *not* to social justice, correctitude, and other irrelevant absurdities) I earnestly suggest *avoiding* the *Novus Ordo* Mass as an impediment,

and often even a detriment, to your Faith and your life in Christ. It is such a sad but necessary statement make.

However, for all *the banality of the Novus Ordo Mass and its conspicuous lack of anything verging on sanctity, it is ... at least for the 3-4 minutes* when the Sacred Species are Confectured into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ ... **Him**, *present to us!*

We must see Him very much as we would have seen Him on the Cross: disfigured, mocked, even unrecognizable within all that surrounds Him! But **it is**, *nevertheless, Him!* And for those 3-4 minutes we come face to face with our Lord and our God: we encounter **Him** ... in the crowd that does not *know* Him or even *see* Him, **He** sees **us!**

We must understand ourselves, as it were, as being in the crowd among the Roman soldiers, the Pharisees and the Sadducees; among those who ridicule Him and mock Him, and who would even spit upon Him! That is to say, among those *who do not know* Him, *Who* He is, nor *whence* He is.

Those who do know Him there are small in number: Mary His Holy Mother, Mary Magdalen, Saint John, Dismas, Longinus ... and although *we* are not saints, **us!**

Yes, **us** if only because we know Him and see Him in that mindless crowd and

in that bitter humiliation that was Calvary and that has become the Novus Ordo Mass.

This does not mean that we are saints and that we will go to Heaven. *No!* It means that we recognize the depths of our sinfulness and our unworthiness even to be counted among those who tormented Christ — for we do no less ... each and every time we sin! But *still* He looks upon us at the moment of Transubstantiation! Just because we *recognize* Him does not mean that we are *worthy* of Him! No! But at the very least ... *we know* that He is there, and that *He* knows that *we* know that *He* is there.

Find the Tridentine Mass, the Most Holy Mass of 200 centuries, at all costs! But if you cannot because of the wiles of the Evil One and the complicity of evil men at the highest levels in the Church, go to Him where no one else seems to *find* Him, or even *knows* that He is there. Sit quietly in your pew and engage in none of the nonsense and noise that would call you away from Him. But when the time of Canon of the Mass comes, and even the most wicked priest *cannot* change the words of Institution to his own liking — *then* ... *then*, kneel before our God, and tell Him that *you* have come for Him, and Him alone. He will know.

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Feast of Sts. Andrew Bobola and Eugene de Mazenod



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