



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
July 15, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Joan Durand, a faithful counter of the Sunday offerings all Sunday mornings and frequent lector at daily Mass, was talking to a Baptist about the Mass. The good Baptist understands that Calvary was a SACRIFICE, but asked Joan why do we say the Mass is also a "sacrifice".

At the Last Supper Jesus consecrated bread and wine into His Body and Blood and then said to His apostles: "Do this in memory of me". The explanation Joan gave was that the real presence as we continue to re-enact the Lord's Supper based on John chapter 6 was satisfactory. Where Jesus was explicitly referring to His real presence was good enough. The Lord's followers receive Jesus, but why is the re-enacting of the Lord's Supper, a sacrifice?

Jesus did say about His Body being "given up" and His Blood "being shed" for the forgiveness of sins, Calvary had to be a sacrifice.

However, the Protestant's position, from the Bible, was that Jesus died once, never to die again. This is so true that His death is not repeated, but His act of offering Himself goes on until the end of time. When a mother goes through the pain of child-birth, once in time, that pain is never repeated; but that act of "being a mother" continues. So the offering once made in time on Calvary, continues until the end of time.

St. Paul also said in his 1st letter to the Corinthians, Ch. 11 in making reference to the Lord's Supper, AS OFTEN AS YOU DO THIS, YOU PROCLAIM THE DEATH OF THE LORD UNTIL HE COMES. Paul did not say, "you proclaim His last meal until He comes.". Paul said we are to proclaim His death until

He comes. In proclaiming His death we are proclaiming Him as a Sacrifice.

The tombs of the martyrs in the catacombs are where the bones of the saints were stored. The early Christians made little altars and offered the holy sacrifice on these altars. The Church from day one saw re-enacting the Lord's Supper as an offering to the Father, a sacrifice transcending time and space to that act once made on Calvary in a bloody way.

In the Mass just before we receive Jesus whom we offered to the Father, we refer to the Host five times as the LAMB OF GOD, the lamb being the typical offering of sacrifice, the offering of Jesus to the Father.

Next to the unconsecrated host on the patten at the 1st offering, we should put our own little personal sacrifices of life and of our duties performed according to our state of life. Then at the consecration our offerings are so close to the offering made to the Father, the offering of "this life-giving bread and the offering of this saving cup." No wonder so many people who know what the Mass is come to Mass.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



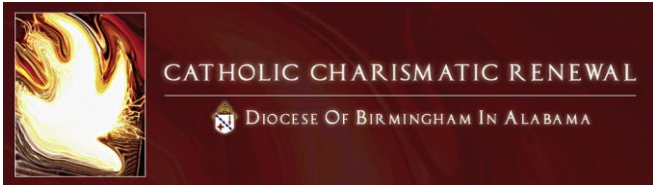
REGISTRATION for PSR now Open!

PSR Faith Formation classes for children and youth ages 3 years to 18 years opens **July 10th** for the 2018-2019 program year.

Classes begin August 19, 2018.

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PSR (Parish School of Religion) is for all children not attending Catholic school from ages 3-18! Preparation for Confirmation and First Communion for those not attending Catholic school is through our Faith Formation classes.



The 18th Annual CCROB Conference will be held on **July 27th and July 28th, 2018** in the Family Life Center at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 1728 Oxmoor Rd., Homewood, AL 35209. The conference theme is **“Receive the Father’s Love.”**

The speakers will be:

Fr. Greg Bramlage, Anders Thompson and Lisa Henderson, along with Mass celebrants, Father Paul Asih and Father James Hedderman.

The registration fee for individuals is \$20 and \$50 for a family of 3 or more.

To register, visit:

<http://catholiccharismaticrenewal.org/> or mail registration to: CCROB, PO Box 550335, Birmingham, AL 35255. For further information contact Ray Makofsky at 205-999-8947 or Dolores Hicks at 205-328-7112.

Faith Formation Rocks!



Help is definitely needed! What are you waiting for? Come join the band of faith sharers and become a Catechist! We cannot do His work without YOU Please prayerfully consider this ministry!

If you have questions, or are interested, Please call Suzanne 205-871-1431 or email dre@ourladyofsorrows.com

Christian Catering has various **positions open** at John Carroll Catholic High School beginning in August. Cashier, kitchen prep and fry cook needed. Hours are approximately 8-2:30 pm. Must be dependable. Please call Barbara- 790-2053

*Thanks to all who participated in the Doll Booth on the 4th, both workers and patrons alike. Hope to see you next year!
Mitizy and Susan
Winner of the the American Girl Doll:
Melissa Susenbach*

