

Catechism of the Crisis in the Catholic Church “VIII The Catholic Priesthood”

- **What does the order of presentation in *Lumen Gentium* signify?**

The “order” in *Lumen Gentium* is in reality a big disorder since priesthood strictly so-called is put on the same plane as priesthood metaphorically so-called, as if they were two species of the same genus.

It clearly serves to muddle everything.

- **Has Vatican II’s exaggerated emphasis on the “common priesthood of the faithful” any consequences?**

Vatican II’s exaggerated emphasis on “the common priesthood of the faithful” was relayed far and wide by preaching and teaching, but also by the new Mass (1969), the new Code of Canon Law (1983), and the new Catechism (1993). Hence it has had tremendous consequences.

- **How did the new Mass emphasize the “common priesthood of the faithful”?**

One of the guiding ideas of the new Mass was precisely to show that the liturgy is an action of the whole People of God, and not just of the clergy. The “active participation” of the faithful had to be promoted. But this expression is ambiguous, as has been seen (the faithful ought to *actively dispose themselves to be united* to Christ’s sacrifice, of which only the priest is the *minister*). In fact, instead of fostering the *spiritual* and supernatural participation of the faithful, the new liturgy insists on their outward participation, and entrusts them with functions formerly reserved to sacred ministers (the readings, *etc.*). The priest is more the delegate and leader of the assembly than the minister of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Does the new Catechism also promote this error?**

The new Catechism of the Catholic Church (1992) adopts the ideas of Vatican II. It also states: “In the celebration of the sacraments it is thus the whole assembly that is *leitourgos*, each according to his function” (§1144). Now, the word *leitourgos* is a Greek word, and in the Byzantine liturgy, it is only used in reference to bishops, priests, and deacons, and never the assembly.

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Confessions:

Sundays:	7:20-7:50am; 9:50-10:20am
Thursdays:	10:30-10:50am
First Fridays:	6:30-6:50pm
Saturdays:	8:30-8:50am

Liturgical Offices

Sunday 11th March: Laetare Sunday, (I cl) *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am	Low Mass	ACI: A. Scarf	ACII: M. Massoud
10:30 am	Sung Mass		
5:30 pm	Vespers, Rosary and Benediction		

Monday 12th March : Ferial Day in Lent, (III cl)

St Gregory the Great, PCD

5:45 am	Low Mass
7:15 am	Low Mass
8:45 am	Benediction

Tuesday 13th March: Ferial Day in Lent, (III cl)

5:45 am	Low Mass
7:15 am	Low Mass
6:00 pm	Rosary and Benediction followed by Mass

Wednesday 14th March: Ferial Day in Lent, (III cl)

5:45 am	Low Mass
7:15 am	Low Mass

Thursday 15th March: Ferial Day in Lent, (III cl)

5:45 am	Low Mass
7:15 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Holy Hour followed by Mass

Friday 16th March: Ferial Day in Lent, (III cl)

7:15 am	Low Mass
8:50 am	Low Mass
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm	Low Mass

Saturday 17th March: ST PATRICK BC, (I Cl)

5:45 am	Low Mass
7:15 am	Low Mass
9:00 am	Low Mass and Novena to the Infant of Prague

Sunday 18th March: Passion Sunday, (I cl)

8:00 am	Low Mass	ACI: S. Pepping	ACII: J. Mezzano
10:30 am	Sung Mass		
5:30 pm	Vespers, Rosary and Benediction		

Altar Servers' Roster – Sung Mass 10:30am, 18th March, 2018

MCI:	I. Bril	ACII:	M. Didic
TH:	A. Amituanai	CB:	K. Goldsmith
BB:	J. Bril	TB:	I. Mamae
ACI:	L. Babate	TB:	Cyr Ulberg

In your charity please pray for the souls of:

Parish Help

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 17th March: Byrne

Morning Tea: Sunday 18th March:

8:00am	Mrs Memmolo & Mrs Bolognesi Coffee – Madeleine
10:30am	Melissa & Remona Amituanai Coffee – Monique

Announcements

Ormonde Lance Nisbet; Jean Carleton; Professor Robin Anderson; Anna Woods; Robert David Cox; Sr. Mary Bernard; Anne de Carvalho.

Other Mass Centres Next Sunday 18th March, 2018

Singleton: 10:00 am		
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MARCH is the month when we honour Saint Joseph in a special way. This can be done by saying a prayer to Saint Joseph or by setting up a little altar to him.

Book Launch: Fr Paul Robinson will be giving a talk on his new book at **12:30pm** after the second Mass **today**.

Friday Catechism: Classes for adults on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 8:20 pm.

Sunday Catechism: Classes today at 9:30 am

Handmaids and Altar Servers: Saturday 17th March. The recollection for the older Handmaids begins at 4:30 pm on Friday 16th March.

Piety Stall: Sunday, 25th March.

Indian Mission: Sponsors needed: If anyone would like to be part of a group sponsoring a child or elderly lady, there are three vacancies: two at \$5 each, and one at \$10, which could be split into two. Amounts are paid monthly. If interested please contact Patty Poole. Thank you and God bless you.