A Spirituality for the Priest: Apostolic, Relational, Liturgical


Introduction

"Families" and "spiritualities" in Catholicism

Need for an apostolic, relational, liturgical spirituality

The role of the liturgy in an apostolic, relational spirituality that is suited for priests?

Liturgy

Liturgy is the celebration of the paschal mystery of Christ in communities of faith presided over by the ordained in ritual actions through words, actions, signs and symbols that are a privileged means to the end which is nothing less than communal and personal self transcendence and conversion to the gospel, as we await and welcome the coming of God’s kingdom in its fullness. The thesis: liturgy articulates and shapes the range of relationships in which the (parish) priest is involved and that the celebration of the liturgy gives shape and right order to those relationships. These are (regularly) articulated in the prayers and rites of the liturgy priests are privileged to preside over.

Spirituality

Spirituality is a way of thinking and acting shaped primarily by the church’s corporate experience of God, who is immanent and transcendent, revealed yet remains hidden, a triune God who invites us into a deep and abiding relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit and through them with the

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whole church and the wider world. Spirituality enables church members to maintain corporate values and minority positions with confidence in the face of contrary cultural pressures because of the power of God's enlivening Spirit within and among us. Spirituality guides a person's understanding of the world and it provides a basis for discipline in one's life.

God.

Church leaders, Church Universal and Local

Priest – Presbyters

Other Pastoral Ministers

Staff

Lay Volunteers

Parishioners and Those We Serve

Priestly Life and Job Satisfaction

Priestly Sanctification

Presiding at Liturgy

Liturgy for and with the people

Challenges

Communal Spirituality

Fellow Presbyters

Diminished Ability to Know the Folks.

Ministries not Ministers.

Conclusion

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