

**This Week's Message  
from Fr. Amesse  
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A couple weekends ago, I watched a movie. It was on the life of Chiara Lubich. She was the foundress of the Focolare movement. Chiara began with other women caring for the needs of the poor. The members off the Focolare practiced the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. How must we open our hearts to those who are in need? We must be realistic. Christian realism sees the abyss of sin, but in light, hope is greater than any evil, and is given by Jesus Christ's act of redemption, in which sin and death are destroyed: in Him God reconciled man to Himself.

We place in our homes images of God, the Blessed Mother, and the saints. Do these images help us to live the Gospel? I am sure they do. We want so much to imitate the goodness of God whom we see in these sacred images. When we die we shall see Him as He is.

St. John Damascene once said, "The beauty of the images moves me to contemplation as a meadow delights the eyes and subtly infuses the soul with the glory of God." These icons make us realize that he gives to us new life. They assist us in worshipping God.

But the greatest act of worship is done at Mass. What does worship mean? God gives Himself to us and we give ourselves back to Him. At Mass God is present in a very different way than at other times and places. God bursts into our little lives. He lives in us, we live in Him.

Will Pope Leo XIV help us to understand better the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church? I believe that he will. Pope Leo will help us to live like Christ. He will show us what it means for the Church to be the Body of Christ. Through Baptism and the Eucharist there is an inseparable union between us and Jesus.

The Body is inseparable. Jesus is the Head. We are the Body.

**I remember you at Mass!  
You pray for me. I pray for you.**