

The Council of Trent's Response to Eucharistic Heresies (part I of IV)

Last week, led by Fr. Hardon, we reviewed the early heresies against the Holy Eucharist which began in the 11th century. Today, assisted by this same learned & holy priest, we present the Council of Trent on this important topic. (see [A Eucharistic Retreat](#), pp. 19-21).

During the 1500's, a form of Christian belief emerged that was decidedly not Roman Catholic. During the 1600's, this form of Christianity caused six entire nations to leave the Catholic Church and shaped, in great measure, the culture of our own nation. At base, this "new" faith rejects the belief that Christ, at the Last Supper, instituted a priesthood which would continue, until the end of time, to do what He himself did, namely, change bread & wine into His living Flesh and Blood.

In response to *this most divisive era of Christian history*, the Church convened a council at Trent, Italy which met over 18 years (1545 to 1563). Specific to our topic, this Council issued three documents: **On the Real Presence** (October 11, 1551); **On Holy Communion** (July 16, 1562); and **On the Sacrifice of the Mass** (September 17, 1562).

Relating to the Real Presence, five canons were composed, written by way of an "anathema," meaning, if anyone denies the statement, they are not Catholic.

The first anathema reads:

"If anyone denies that the Body and Blood together with the whole Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained in the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist but says that Christ is present in the sacrament only as a sign or figure or by His power, let him be anathema." (sess. 13, can. 1)

Fr Hardon's key words are: "the whole Christ, truly, really and substantially contained."

The Eucharist is *the whole Christ*. "Christ is present in the Eucharist with His human body and human soul, with His bodily organs and limbs and with His human mind, will, and feelings." *The whole Christ, are you listening*, includes His human emotions!

Christ is present *truly present*, not a symbol only. "There is no more precious truth revealed by Christ than the truth that He is on earth, the whole Christ, in the Eucharist."

Christ is *really present*, not a figure only. During the Council, St. Robert Bellarmine surveyed Protestant scholars for their understanding of "This is my body" for which he counted over two hundred interpretations, none of which agreed with the Catholic - and plain - understanding, namely, "It is *really* Christ."

Christ is *substantially present*, not merely present by His power. Christ is everywhere present by His power, and He is present in every person in the state of grace, but these are not the same as His Real Presence, which began at the Annunciation when He took on flesh in the womb of Mary. "Only in the Eucharist is Christ present with the wholeness of His Divinity and humanity."

To end, Fr. Hardon explains the verb "***contained***," saying, "the physical properties (appearances or accidents) of what had been bread and wine are, as it were, the container which holds the whole Christ within the limits of their physical extension." Again, regarding the Holy Eucharist, the substance changes, but what It is contained in remains the same. Thank you, Fr. John A. Hardon, SJ. + (June 18, 1914 - December 30, 2000)



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External Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul

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Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 07-05	Ex. Sol. of Ss Peter & Paul	2/G	
Mon 07-06	St Maria Goretti, <i>Virgin & Martyr</i>	3/R	
Tues 07-07	Ss Cyril & Methodius, <i>Bishops & Martyrs</i>	3/R	
Wed 07-08	St Elizabeth of Portugal, Queen, <i>Widow</i>	1/R	
Thu 07-09	Feria (6th Sunday after Pentecost)	2/W	
Fri 07-10	Seven Holy Brothers	3/W	
Sat 07-11	St Pius I, Pope & Martyr	3/W	
Sun 07-12	7th Sunday after Pentecost	2/R	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

Sun 07-05	(7 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frf)		
	(9 am) Anthony D'souza (frf)		rb A-M Saldanha
	(10:30 am) Sofia Cantero (frh)		rb M Cantero
	(1 pm) FssP & Preservation of TLM (frh)		
Mon 07-06	(6:30 am) Donatilde Zanca	(not at SFdS)	rb N Cardenas
	(9 am) Sofia Cantero		rb M Cantero
Tues 07-07	(6:30 am) Jorge L Figueroa	(not at SFdS)	rb V&K Repucci
	(12 pm) Rondal Gill		rb W B Hartlein
Wed 07-08	(6:30 am) Josiah Ii	(not at SFdS)	rb J Graebner
	(9 am) FssP Confraternity		rb T Kinsella
Thu 07-09	(6:30 am) Seth Thomas +	(not at SFdS)	rb T Thomas
	(12 pm) St Gerard Ministry		rb same
Fri 07-10	(6:30 am) Eileen Pasquale +	(not at SFdS)	rb E Alverson
	(7 pm) Priests of SFdS		rb T Kinsella
Sat 07-11	(7 am) Erix Hartein	(not at SFdS)	rb W B Hartlein
	(9 am) Meghan Baldwin		rb Bunnell family
Sun 07-12	(7 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frh)		
	(8:30 am) Dominic Alverson (frh)		rb W Fermanich
	(10:30 am) Fabiola Liliana Sanchez (frf)		rb J Sanchez
	(1 pm) Volunteers at SFdS		

Today, houses of the FssP may celebrate two Masses of the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul. **Today**, we will do so at the 10:30 am & 1 pm Masses. (The 7:30 am & 8:30 am Masses will be the 6th Sunday after Pentecost.)

Fr Hathaway thanks you for your prayers during his time away. His parents are well. They greatly appreciate that you let their son see them from time to time.

Last week's collection: cash \$3,697.52; online \$6,508.72; total: \$10,206.24.
Attendance: 7 am-no Mass; 9 am-253; 10:30 am-245; 1 pm-133; 631 total souls.

New Sunday schedule! Beginning today, the 9 am Mass will move to 8:30 am. This will allow for Catechism, when it begins, for a 9:30-10:15 am slot. (Catechism will now be 45 minutes in length.)

This week, (Fr Favole is on retreat. There is no 6:30 m Mass at SFdS this week. He will offer those intentions to where he is going.) Monday, staff meeting, 1 pm; Friday, 7 pm Mass & Holy Hour as normal; Saturday, no 7 am Mass.

Ready to Set out on a Mission? On this twelve-day mission trip to Guadalajara, Mexico, college-aged men (18-25) will draw from the deep well of God's love and meet real needs of those around them. Rooted in daily Mass (TLM), prayer, meditation, and spiritual formation from FSSP clergy, these men will be challenged to live out their identity as a beloved son of God. Mexico Mission Trip: December 31, 2026 - January 13, 2027. Located at Guadalajara, Mexico. Cost: \$3000.00. Application Deadline: December 1st. **See more and apply at** www.boscoministries.org/mexico-mission-trip.

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*"Where Peter is, there is the Church.
Where the Church is, there is Jesus Christ.
Where Jesus Christ is, there is eternal salvation."
St Ambrose (340-397)*

"There is one day for the passion of two apostles. But these two also were as one; although they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, Paul followed. We are celebrating a feast day, consecrated for us by the blood of the apostles. Let us love their faith, their lives, their labors, their sufferings, their confession of faith, their preaching."

St Augustine (354-430) Father & Doctor of the Church

Maxim of St Francis de Sales

I praise God for the constancy with which you bear tribulations. Nevertheless, I still see in you a little over eagerness and restlessness which form an obstacle to the final effect of your patience.