



# Encountering Christ

through the  
*New Translation of the Roman Missal*



## II. Signs and Symbols: Reflection & Discussion

1. "Why do you think he no longer loves you?" asked one friend of another. "Because when he left for work this morning I realized he said 'I love you' out of habit . . . not because he really meant it." Do I sometimes find myself reciting prayers at Mass out of habit, devoid of adoration and maybe even of love?
2. Why will having to pay closer attention to the prayers we pray at Mass with the new translation help renew and restore the original adoration and love for which these prayers were intended?
3. What are some very important ways in which Sacred Language helps move us to a deeper meaning beyond the mere words to a heavenly reality?

## III. Gathering Rite: Reflection & Discussion

1. What are the four very real ways we encounter Christ in the Mass?
2. Why is silence before Mass important with helping us in our encounter with Christ?



3. In what way does the response, "And with your spirit" bring us to a deeper realization that we are not just at a social gathering encountering people but are at a sacred gathering encountering the Lord?
4. The new translation of the Confiteor replaces the threefold "Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault." When you really mess-up with a close friend and you go to apologize, how many times do you repeat yourself? How will repeating ourselves help us when apologizing to God?

#### **IV. Liturgy of the Word: Reflection & Discussion**



1. In what important way does God come and lovingly talk to His children at Mass?
2. Who are we responding to when we say "Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ"?
3. How does going from "we" to "I" in the Creed help us to take more responsibility for what we believe?
4. How does professing "of all things visible and invisible" strengthen our belief in what can only be seen with eyes of faith? Such as God? Such as the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist?

5. In professing "confess" instead of "acknowledge" how are we dragged from just an intellectual stating of our faith with our minds to a confession of our faith from our hearts, to the point that we are willing to die for our faith?

## V. Liturgy of the Eucharist: Reflection & Discussion



1. Our response to the priest's proclamation "The mystery of faith" is directed towards Whom?
2. As we respond to "The mystery of faith," in what way has the Lord's presence just been made very real for us? Jesus is now present to us how?
3. How does participating in this very real presence of Christ engage us? Transform us? Make our lives different? Assist ongoing conversion to take place? Help us to be more fully incorporated into the Body of Christ?
4. Where am I in my Spiritual housekeeping?

## VI. Sending Forth: Reflection & Discussion

1. How do the responses, gestures and postures of the people assure that the participation of all is fostered, making the entire celebration resplendent with beauty and noble simplicity?
2. What role does the Mass have in transforming the Pilgrim People of God?
3. How can the new translation help us as a Pilgrim People of God to more faithfully move forward into the future as witnesses of the Gospel in words and deeds?
4. In what ways can the new translation help us to have a deeper encounter with the presence of Christ?

