



Pastor's Message

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Pope Francis shared a beautiful thought in his recent document, *Amoris Laetitia*. Our Holy Father penned, “Loving another person involves the joy of contemplating and appreciating their innate beauty and sacredness, which is greater than my needs.”

Certainly, he is correct. When we love another person, there is no greater gift which can be bestowed on the individual. And, when we grasp as fully as possible the innate beauty and sacredness of the recipient of that love, then a beautiful experience occurs in the lover. The lover can remove from his/her mind needs of self. During the time of the loving, the needs of the beloved are the most important, rather than the lover's needs.

It seems to me, on Holy Thursday, we commemorate the evening when our Lord Jesus Christ, at the Last Supper, did exactly what Pope Francis has penned. Our Lord Jesus, at that sacred supper, lovingly recognized the great need of all people to be with Him, after He would leave us on earth. By giving of His Holy Self, the innate beauty and sacredness of each person being created in the image and likeness of God, is divinely enhanced! And, He did so with the realization on the next day, He would suffer the most cruel crucifixion.

Thank you, Jesus. Thank you for the Holy Eucharist!
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