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The Every Catholic Guy

## Paying for Sacrilege

Shortly after the French Revolution, a priest working in a hospital for the wounded and sick, was called to the side of a dying soldier. “My friend,” he said to the suffering man, “I hear your wounds are very serious.

The soldier, who was very calm, answered, “Father, please lift the covers off my chest.” The priest did so, and was horrified to see that both of this unfortunate man’s arms were missing. And now, Father, please lift the covers off my feet.” Again the priest did so, and his horror was even greater when he saw both of the man’s feet were also gone. The priest said, “My poor friend, I feel sorry for you.”

“No, Father, I don’t deserve your pity. I suffer only what I deserve. Sometime ago, along with a few of my friends, I saw a large crucifix standing at the side of the road. It had escaped the rage of the revolutionists, so we began immediately to destroy it. I was the worst, because I’d climbed up and knocked off the arms and feet of the figure of Jesus, so that the body fell to the ground. Shortly after we returned to the camp, we were called to arms for an attack. I was one of the first to fall in battle, wounded as you see me now; yet I thank God for opening my eyes through this misfortune. I realize now the sacrilege I committed. Since God has already punished me here on earth for it, I trust that, in His mercy, He’ll spare me in eternity.”

The evil and sacrilegious act of this soldier is nowhere near as bad as someone who receives Holy Communion in a state of mortal sin. By doing so, that someone desecrates something far more holy than a crucifix. In receiving Holy Communion while in mortal sin, that someone desecrates the very body and blood of Jesus Christ. Such an act deserves punishment like that which the unfortunate soldier received.

Far more people apparently receive Communion sacrilegiously than we’d like to think. Obviously, I can’t and don’t know when someone receives sacrilegiously, because I’m not God, and He hasn’t given me the gift of being able to read souls. So I base my assertion on what Catholics actually say during surveys, and since people are usually hesitant to say things of themselves that are not favorable, I can only assume the sad results of these surveys are actually worse than they seem.

According to several different surveys, all taken of pew-sitting Catholics, nearly 70% of men regularly view pornography, 90% of married Catholics use artificial contraception—and we’ll not even bother talking about *unmarried* Catholics, 17% don’t believe in the “God of the Bible”, 42% don’t believe there are any moral absolutes, and 70% no longer believe in the Real Presence. I

could give you many more statistics from the free admission of Catholics, but I think you get the picture.

Sacrilege is a particularly evil mortal sin. When a sacrilege is committed against the Holy Eucharist... well, I honestly can't think of anything more evil. Yet Catholics continue to commit this sacrilege each week. Every. Single. Week.

Why does this evil occur regularly each week? Well, there's plenty of blame to go around. To be perfectly honest, I think the laity are least of all to blame. Catholics simply haven't been adequately catechized for almost sixty years. So the first place blame should be placed is with the bishops. After Vatican II, all catechesis was so watered down that what was taught barely resembled Catholicism. Although catechesis began to improve throughout the '90s, it was still so milquetoast that Catholics were cheated out of absolute divinely revealed truth.

Priests are also to blame for the lack of proper catechesis. (Don't worry; your priest isn't one of those I'm referring to, and I know that because he's making this available to you.) Many pastors worry about absolute orthodoxy offending people, so they fear that teaching it will cause parishioners to leave... with their wallets. Of course, that's something they've learned from their bishops, which is why the best priests are often relegated to parishes in the hinterlands—away from the most affluent Catholics. Again, however, this doesn't apply to your priest, so take great comfort in that. Also, there are some very notable exceptions among the bishops.

When blame needs to be laid at the feet of the laity, though, is when they realize they don't know the faith well and simply won't do anything about it. Based on my experience, I'd say that's about 95% of the people occupying a pew. You see, natural law tells us that the human mind is made for truth. When people refuse to investigate and seek out truth (and the highest truth is the divinely revealed variety), then they're responsible for their offenses against nature for willfully remaining in their ignorance.

So how do we rectify this situation? Well, I've got an entire system set up for you. The beginning of this system is the very bulletin insert you're reading now. The next phase is to visit [JoeSix-packAnswers.com](http://JoeSix-packAnswers.com) to sign up for a free email course, consisting of very short lessons that arrive in your inbox every three days. When you do that, you enter the third part of the system: you begin to receive invitations to the free webinars I host to teach you everything you could possibly need to know about the faith. If you have questions during the webinar, you can personally interact with me to get those questions answered. I don't make a dime off of this. I just want to help you be able to avoid life like the poor soldier at the beginning of this installment... or worse.

So if you care at all about your eternal destiny, here's what you need to do. First, make a good examination of conscience and go to confession; it's probably been a while. Second, visit [JoeSix-packAnswers.com](http://JoeSix-packAnswers.com) to get on my list. Third, when webinar invitations arrive, register for the webinar. Fourth, put the webinar date in your calendar... *and be there*. Fifth, after you've registered, forward the invitation to family and friends who you know need to be there as well.

If you're viewing pornography, using contraception, have trouble with believing in God, don't believe in the Real Presence, or don't believe there are moral absolutes, you need these webinars. I'll not only teach you what the constant 2000 year teaching of the Church is, but I'll teach you *why*, and prove things like the existence of God.