

Adsum

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To our friends and benefactors:
The clergy, seminarians, and brothers wish all of you
a blessed Christmas and grace-filled New Year!



On December 12, 2012, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Fr. Carlos Borja (Oklahoma) was ordained to the holy priesthood; Rev. Frater Anthony Short, CMRI (Colorado), Rev. Mr. Nino Molino (Philippines), Rev. Mr. Jorje Linera (Argentina) were ordained deacons; Frater Michael Geckle (Ohio) received the minor orders of Porter and Lector.

Among the 16 priests who assisted at the Pontifical High Mass and ordination ceremonies, Fr. Alexander Krysov (Russia), Fr. Johannes Heyne (Germany), and Fr. Julian Gilchrist (Australia) traveled a great distance to be present for this special event in the life of the Church.

Please remember in your prayers all those who received Orders, especially our new priest, Fr. Borja. Thank you for your prayers, sacrifices, and support during this past year. May God reward you abundantly in time and eternity.

With my prayers and blessing,
Most Rev. Mark A. Pivarunas, CMRI



"Tu es sacerdos in aeternum!"



The Ordinandi prostrate before the altar during the Litany of the Saints



Frater Michael, CMRI receives the Order of Lector



Ordination of Deacons



*Imposition of Hands,
the Matter of the Sacrament*



*The Anointing of Hands with
the Oil of Catechumens*



*Father Carlos Borja offers his first Solemn
High Mass on December 13,
the feast of St. Lucy*



*Fr. Christopher Gronenthal (Deacon),
Fr. Johannes Heyne (Subdeacon),
Fr. Michael Anaya (Master of Ceremonies),
and Fr. Gregory Drahman, CMRI
assist Fr. Carlos Borja*

Father Connell Answers Moral Questions

by Very Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., S.T.D., LL.D., L.H.D.

The Special Efficacy of a High Mass

Question: In what respect can we say that a High Mass offered for a soul in purgatory is more beneficial than a Low Mass?

Answer: It would seem that the fruits *ex opere operato* (the benefit is given [to a soul in purgatory] by the very objective power of the sacrificial rite itself) -- that is, the benefits produced by the Mass as the offering of Christ as principal Priest and Victim - are the same in both a High Mass and a Low Mass. However, the liturgical additions of the High Mass-- the chant, the participation of the choir, etc. -- confer additional efficacy *ex opere operantis* (by virtue of liturgical additions). This efficacy includes greater honor to God and greater satisfactory benefit for those who are the recipients of the fruits of the Holy Sacrifice. From this standpoint we can say that a High Mass offered for a soul in purgatory is more beneficial than a Low Mass. This principle is well illustrated by the theological teaching that if a priest who received a stipend for a High Mass celebrates a Low Mass instead, he is later bound to offer a High Mass, with the intention of applying the special liturgical features for the person who had given the stipend, though he may apply the fruits *ex opere operato* for another intention.

Admission of a Married Person to the Religious Life

Question: Will a married person ever be admitted to the religious life while the partner remains in the world -- in other words, must both enter religion if one wishes to enter?

Answer : By the law of the Church a married person is forbidden to enter a religious institute validly, as long as he or she is bound by conjugal ties. However, the Church can give a dispensation from this ruling, and sometimes does give such a dispensation, even though the other party remains in the world. Thus, when a separation has taken place because of adultery, the innocent party is sometimes permitted to apply for admission to a religious institute. In commenting on this ecclesiastical prescription regarding the entrance of a married person into religion, Beste says:

As long as the bond of marriage lasts, even though a permanent divorce *a mensa et thoro* (from bed and board) has been obtained, neither partner may enter religion without a dispensation from the Sovereign Pontiff. This dispensation is rarely granted, and is given only for a just cause, provided that the danger that the party might be recalled (by the partner in the world) after profession is permanently removed. If there are children still in need of the care of their parents, it will be useless to seek the dispensation.

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