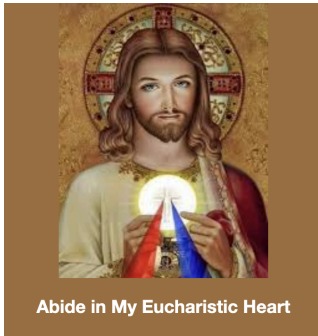


TASTE Reflection Questions
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Those in Whom the Spirit Dwells
Deacon Jim Munno

When you look at the Crucifix,
you understand how much Jesus loved you then.
When you look at the Sacred Host,
you understand how much He loves you now.
~ St. Teresa of Calcutta.



1. What did you find most interesting about this talk? (e.g. How does the Church and how can we protect ourselves from inadvertently speaking heresy)

2. Deacon Jim Munno quoted St. John Chrysostom, one of our Church Fathers, in his commentary on Ephesians 1:6. "It is thus that God has arrayed and adorned this soul of ours, and clothed it with beauty, and **rendered it an object of His delight and love**. Such a soul Angels desire to look into, yea, Archangels, and all the holy ones."

- How does it make you feel for your soul to be rendered an object of God's delight and love?
- Based on this, how does it make you want to respond?

3. Baptism not only purifies from all sins, but also makes the neophyte: 1) "**a new creature**," 2) an **adopted son of God**, who has become a "partaker of the divine nature," 3) member of Christ and **co-heir** with him, and 4) a **temple of the Holy Spirit**. (CCC 1265) This was one of many graces from Baptism Deacon Jim shared.

- Of these 4 points, which one impacted you the most? Why?
- Deacon Jim also highlighted 3 additional Baptismal graces – a) forgiveness of sins, b) incorporation into the Church, and c) an indelible spiritual mark. Did you gain any new insights? Discuss.

4. St. Athanasius stated that those in whom the Spirit dwells are divinized. The Catechism amplified this by stating: "Through the power of the Holy Spirit we take part in Christ's **Passion** by dying to sin, and in his **Resurrection** by being born to a new life; we are members of his Body which is the Church, branches **grafted onto the vine** which is himself." (CCC 1988)

- What do you think about the Holy Spirit dwelling within you and its impact on you?
- How does your dying to sin relate to Christ's Passion?
- How does your being born into new life relate to Christ's Resurrection?
- What do you think about the image of us being grafted onto the vine (Christ himself)?