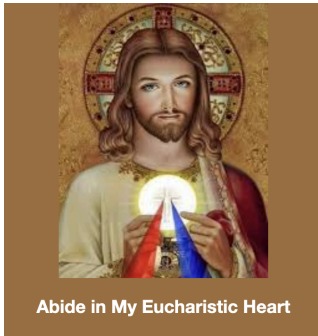


TASTE Reflection Questions
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Life in Christ, Life in the Spirit
Deacon Jim Munno

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?

2. Deacon Jim presented the contentious issue that has been debated for centuries ... What about Faith & works? He then cited James 2:14-17 which declares that Faith without works is dead.
 - When has your faith in Christ increased your love for others that it inspired you to do the works of God?
 - If faith without works is dead, can works without faith be dead? Why or why not?

3. Deacon Jim reminded us that the word compassion means to suffer with (com-passion). It's only in having suffered that we will be able to suffer with our neighbor and that we will be able to have compassion for them that flows from love.
 - When in your life, through your suffering, were you able to feel loving compassion for another?
 - How did it result in helping or supporting that person?

4. Deacon Jim quoted the Summa "If you do NOT have love, then the gifts of the Spirit will lie dormant in your soul" and then on the positive side – "The practice of a life of virtue is the key that unlocks the Gifts of the Holy Spirit"
 - Have you noticed that when you practice a life of virtue, your Gifts of the Holy Spirit expand, and then when they expand, your life of virtue expands even further, and so the cycle continues? Explain.
 - Which of the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit do you feel are most prevalent or need developing in your life? (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of God)
 - How can you cooperate with the Holy Spirit to achieve this?