

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE PRAXIS (10-14-18)

ACT OF HOPE

O Lord, I hope by Your grace for the pardon of all my sins,
and after life here, to gain eternal happiness because You promised it,
Who are infinitely powerful, faithful, kind, and merciful.
In this I hope and intend to die. Amen.

PRAXIS: BAPTISM AND THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS—SPIRITUAL WARFARE

- I. Fundamental Division: Holiness Versus Sin (The Knowledge of Good and of Evil)
 - A. Personal Relationships: A Child of God or a Slave of Satan
 1. God the Father of Truth and Life OR the Father of Lies and Murder
 2. The Son (Slain Lamb) of the Father OR the Dragon's Wounded Beast (Anti-Christ)
 3. The Holy Spirit OR the Wonder-working Beast (Anti-Holy Spirit)
 4. Mary and the Saints (her children) OR the Whore of Babylon and her lovers
 5. Michael/Gabriel/Raphael/Guardian Angel OR Satan and his evil minions
 - B. Spiritual Battle in the Soul
 1. Memory: Filled with the Truth of the Father OR the Lies of Satan
 2. Intellect: Having the Mind of Christ OR the Mind of the Anti-Christ
 3. Will: Freedom in the power of the Holy Spirit OR Slavery under the power of the Evil One
 - C. Triple Attack of Evil and the Triple Victory of Grace
 1. The World (All about me/Vanity—Power/Fame/Money) **CONQUERED BY** Prayer (All about God/Humility—Hiddenness/Evangelical Poverty)
 2. The Flesh (Lust/Sensuality/Slavery) **OVERCOME BY** Fasting (Chastity/Discipline/Freedom)
 3. The Devil (Pride/Taking) **DEFEATED BY** Almsgiving (Loving/Giving)
- II. Perfect Holiness = Complete Separation from Sin through Mercy and Grace
 - A. God = "Holy, Holy, Holy" = Unchanging
 - B. Man = Good AND Evil = Wounded/Lapsed: Called to Healing/Conversion
 1. Mind: By the Truth (Right Reason) and the Faith (Revelation)
 2. Heart (Will): By good decisions (Virtue)
 3. Affections/Emotions: By self-control and submission to Truth/Faith
 4. Body (Image—an Icon of God)—By grace and virtue revealing and giving God for others to know and accept Him—"This is My Body, given"
 - a. Reveals God (The Word—Truth and Meaning)—Proclaiming the Gospel
 - b. Offers God (Sacrifice and Service—Self-giving to God and Neighbor)—Love/Evangelization
- III. Baptism: "Full of Grace"
 - A. A holy child chosen by the Heavenly Father and given His Son and Holy Spirit, Mother Mary, and Mother Church
 - B. Another "Christ" as Priest, Prophet, and King
 1. Priest—To sacrifice my life to the Father for the benefit of others
 2. Prophet—To speak the Truth of right reason and revelation

3. King—To conquer sin in myself and in the universe
- C. Living in the freedom of the Holy Spirit on Earth by defending and preparing for my true home awaiting me in Heaven
- D. Re-born to be nourished and strengthened by
 1. The Faith (Belief)
 2. Worship in Spirit and in Truth (Sacraments)
 3. Witness (Evangelization/Apostleship)
 4. Prayer

DIALOGUE QUESTIONS (T/F)—Because I am Baptized:

- I. God will be sure to keep the Devil from tempting or troubling me. ____
- II. I have the opportunity to use suffering and trials to benefit me and others. ____
- III. The Devil is able to see that I am a chosen child of God. ____
- IV. I have the ability to dwell in God and to have God dwell in me. ____
- V. I have the power to bless God and other people. ____
- VI. I will suffer more than unbaptized persons if I do evil or go to Hell. ____
- VII. I have fewer responsibilities than those who are unbaptized. ____
- VIII. My sins have been covered by the Blood of the Lamb so that I will go to Heaven no matter what I do on earth. ____
- IX. I am necessarily better than someone who is not Baptized. ____
- X. I should rejoice and give thanks even when I am physically sick or financially poor. ____

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer: “Act of Faith,” “Spiritual Communion”
 My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You.
 Amen.
- II. Mental Prayer During the Day (20-35 minutes)
 - A. The Rosary
 - B. Journal Meditation
 1. 5-10 Minutes of Scriptural or spiritual reading
 2. 5-10 Minutes writing to either the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit
 3. 5-10 Minutes recording what you believe God is saying to you
- III. Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition
 - A. Sharing in Christ’s priesthood by the grace of my Baptism, have I offered all my life to God the Father by being Christ for others today?
 - B. Sharing in Christ’s prophetic power by the grace of my Baptism, have I thought, spoken, and acted as a witness to Christ and His Gospel?
 - C. Sharing in Christ’s kingly power by the grace of my Baptism, have I overcome my own temptations and fought against sin in each encounter and activity this day?