

## **Recovering the Connection between the Resurrection and the Eucharist and the connection between Sacrament and Sacrifice – Liturgy of the Word**

**Blasé Cardinal Cupich**

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### **Key Speaking Points:**

- On the night before he suffered on the cross, Jesus shared one last meal with his disciples. During this meal our Savior instituted the sacrament of his Body and Blood. He did this to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages and to entrust to the Church a memorial of his death and resurrection.
- Recalling the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, the Catholic Church professes that, in the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest.
- The whole Christ is truly present, body, blood, soul, and divinity, under the appearances of bread and wine—the glorified Christ who rose from the dead after dying for our sins. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.
- When contemplating this great mystery of our faith, it is important to understand the connection between the resurrection and Eucharist, and between sacraments and sacrifice.
- We in the United States are in the midst of a Eucharistic Revival which aims to reinforce the fact that the Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our Catholic faith, and that Jesus is truly present in the celebration of the Eucharist, the Mass.
- On September 25<sup>th</sup>, the archdiocese held a "Day of Renewal" for parishes. At that meeting, Cardinal Cupich was a keynote speaker and his address spoke directly to this..."Recovering the Connection between the Resurrection and the Eucharist and the Connection between Sacrament and Sacrifice."
- The major point of the Cardinal's presentation was to look at how the Mass is structured so that we see the pedagogy of the Eucharist, how it forms us each time we celebrate it, and how it contributes to a deeper appreciation of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.
- Over the next two weeks we will be showing two excerpts from the Cardinal's address. The focus of this week is on the Liturgy of the Word and next week we'll view his comments on the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Let's listen and learn from our Archbishop.