



**From the Desk of
Fr. Leo F. Arnone
Power House Subs**

We are taking orders for the first of three hoagie sales to benefit Cresson Catholic Community Festival proceeds. Please take a copy of the order form, get lots of people to place orders, then return the form and payment by Friday, July 24. (Checks payable to St. Aloysius Church where the festival account is maintained.) Delivery will be on Wednesday, Aug 5 at 10:00am at SA hall. Subs are \$9.00 and Apple Dumplings are \$5.50. Thanks for supporting this effort!

This year's festival will feature a **\$2,500 Grand Prize Raffle**. Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, 12 for \$10.00. A letter was sent to all registered families from both parishes with a request to buy or sale a packet of 12 tickets. Perhaps you can help sale additional ticket which are available at the offices and after the weekend Masses.

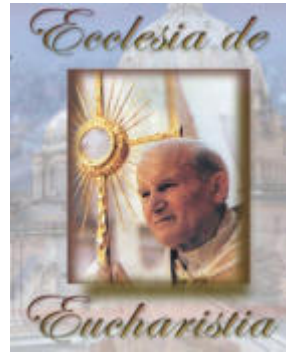


Please consider donating items for the following festival events: gift baskets, rummage sale and fancy booth items (begin drop off of these items after Aug. 1), gift baskets, items that can be chanced or auctioned off, gift baskets, barrel of cheer items, flower and sugar and oil for the doughnuts, baked goods (when we get closer to Sept. 13th), oh, and did I mention GIFT BASKETS! We can still make this scaled back festival a success with all of your support! Thanks for remaining involved in the life of your parishes!



2020 Confirmations: This past Wednesday we celebrated the first of two Confirmation Masses for half of our Candidates. Those Candidates to be Confirmed on the 22nd are asked to attend a brief rehearsal on Monday, July 20 at 8:45am at FX. But consider joining us for Mass at 8:00. I'll provide Reconciliation after the rehearsal.

Let us pray: Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your Fatherly providence grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



ECCLESIA DE EUCHARISTIA
Letter on the Eucharist
POPE JOHN PAUL II (2003)

**Ch. 6 At the School of Mary,
"Woman of the Eucharist"**

55. In a certain sense Mary lived her *Eucharistic faith* even before the institution of the Eucharist, by the very fact that *she offered her virginal womb for the Incarnation of God's Word*. The

Eucharist, while commemorating the passion and resurrection, is also in continuity with the incarnation. At the Annunciation Mary conceived the Son of God in the physical reality of his body and blood, thus anticipating within herself what to some degree happens sacramentally in every believer who receives, under the signs of bread and wine, the Lord's body and blood.

As a result, there is a profound analogy between the *Fiat* which Mary said in reply to the angel, and the *Amen* which every believer says when receiving the body of the Lord. Mary was asked to believe that the One whom she conceived "through the Holy Spirit" was "the Son of God" (*Lk 1:30-35*). In continuity with the Virgin's faith, in the Eucharistic mystery we are asked to believe that the same Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary, becomes present in his full humanity and divinity under the signs of bread and wine.

"Blessed is she who believed" (*Lk 1:45*). Mary also anticipated, in the mystery of the incarnation, the Church's Eucharistic faith. When, at the Visitation, she bore in her womb the Word made flesh, she became in some way a "tabernacle" — the first "tabernacle" in history — in which the Son of God, still invisible to our human gaze, allowed himself to be adored by Elizabeth, radiating his light as it were through the eyes and the voice of Mary. And is not the enraptured gaze of Mary as she contemplated the face of the newborn Christ and cradled him in her arms that unparalleled model of love which should inspire us every time we receive Eucharistic communion?



Reflection: What we *adore* in the Eucharist is the real presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. After our Blessed Mother, St. John the Baptist was the first to offer his adoration when he leaped with joy in the womb of St. Elizabeth causing her, in turn, to acknowledge Mary as *the mother of my Lord*. We acknowledge His real presence as we say "Amen" to the Consecrated Host. The more we realize and acknowledge Christ's presence we too ought to leap for joy when we encounter the Eucharist. I would invite you then to present yourself to our Lord by attending our Eucharistic Adoration sessions: all day Thursdays at SA, especially from 7 to 8pm, and Saturdays at FX from 11am to Noon. **COME LET US ADORE HIM!**