



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

Although it was a short-fused notice from announcement to order due date, we are grateful for all your orders. Remember: pick up is

Wed, Aug. 5 10:00am at SA school hall. Planning ahead, order forms for our next sale will be available Aug 5 when you pick up your first order. Having more time, these orders are not due until Aug. 14 with a delivery on Aug. 26. Again, thanks for supporting this effort benefiting SA, FX and ASCS.

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. Thanks to so many of you who took extra packets of tickets to buy and sale. The good news is that we ran out of them! So, I placed an order to 200 more packets of tickets. Again, I'm counting all my registered families to but or sale the tickets mails to your homes – please and thank you!

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!



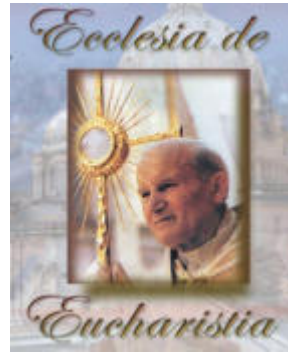
Glory Be to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus!

This past week we offered our prayerful goodbyes to a sweet, humble, spiritual powerhouse of a soul: Mother Amabilis Debicka, SSCJ. She is the six Sister to have gone to glory from their American Provence, and so we now charge Mother, from her place in heaven, to inspire at least five new vocations to join the ranks of the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus here in Cresson. (I'm asking her

to track down a few good men for the priesthood to serve are diocese as well!)

Just this past week we also moved the Sister's cemetery plots from a small parcel under the trees to a much larger section near the mausoleum. You will find them close to the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, for a service well done! Amen. May she rest in peace. Amen. And may her soul and souls of all the Sacred Heart Sisters rest in peace. Amen.



ECCLESIA DE EUCHARISTIA

Letter on the Eucharist
POPE JOHN PAUL II (2003)
Ch. 6 **At the School of Mary,**
"Woman of the Eucharist"

56. Mary, throughout her life at Christ's side, made her own *the sacrificial dimension of the Eucharist*. When she brought the child Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, she heard the aged Simeon announce that the child would be a "sign of contradiction" and that a sword would also pierce her own heart. The tragedy of her Son's crucifixion was thus foretold, and in some sense Mary's *Stabat Mater* at the foot of the Cross was foreshadowed. In her daily preparation for Calvary, Mary experienced a kind of "anticipated Eucharist" – one might say a "spiritual communion" – of desire and of oblation, which would culminate in her union with her Son in his passion, and then find expression after Easter by her partaking in the Eucharist which the Apostles celebrated as the memorial of that passion.

What must Mary have felt as she heard from the mouth of Peter, John, James and the other Apostles the words spoken at the Last Supper: *This is my body which is given for you? The body given up for us and made present under sacramental signs was the same body which she had conceived in her womb!* For Mary, receiving the Eucharist must have somehow meant welcoming once more into her womb that heart which had beat in unison with hers and reliving what she had experienced at the foot of the Cross.

57. *Do this in remembrance of me.* In the "memorial" of Calvary all that Christ accomplished by his passion and his death is present. Consequently, *all that Christ did with regard to his Mother for our sake is also present.* To her he gave the beloved disciple and, in him, each of us: "Behold, your Son!". To each of us he also says: "Behold your mother!"

Experiencing the memorial of Christ's death in the Eucharist also means continually receiving this gift. It means accepting – like John – the one who is given to us anew as our Mother. It also means taking on a commitment to be conformed to Christ, putting ourselves at the school of his Mother and allowing her to accompany us. Mary is present, with the Church and as the Mother of the Church, at each of our celebrations of the Eucharist. If the Church and the Eucharist are inseparably united, the same ought to be said of Mary and the Eucharist.

Reflection: The Holy Father muses what Mary's First Holy Communion must have been like for her: that the Incarnate Word, which she carried for nine months, was once again within her; that she was a "living tabernacle" once again thanks to Christ's Eucharistic Presence! All the pain and sorrow she experienced through her Son's Passion was relieved and replaced by the same joy of His Presence she knew from His birth and life with her. It would be a joy repeated every time she "did this in remembrance of Him."

