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HIS HOLINESS

Pope Pius XII pleaded

often, espe-cially in his

recent encyclical letter,

Mediator Dei,

telligent and

more active participation

in the Sacred

Church. . . .

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Liturgy of the Church,

particularly in the Holy

Sacrifice of the Mass.

He writes: The Divine

Redeemer has so willed it that the priestly

life begun with the sup-

plication and sacrifice

of His mortal body

should continue without intermission down the ages through His Mysti-

cal Body which is the

"In obedience, there-

fore, to her Founder's

behest, the Church pro-

longs the priestly mis-

sion of Jesus Christ mainly by means of the

sacred Liturgy. She does this in the first place

at the altar, where

constantly the Sacrifice of the Cross is

for more

has

FONTBONNE ARCHIVES

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re - presented and, with a difsingle ference in the manner of its offering. renewed." The crucifix on this page, which is similar to those used in early centu-

ries of the Church, emphasizes this idea that Christ on the Cross is our Mediator, the Divine High Priest and Victim. It might be said to tell what happened on Calvary rather than to show what took place there. Prayerful thought upon it helps to an understanding of the Mass.

Given below is a plan for participating in the Mass drawn up by Sister Jane Marie of the Dominican Sisters, a theologian and author of textbooks on religion and of materials for teachers of religion. She has prepared the CHRIST-LIFE series and the CHRISTIAN RELIGION series, both stressing the liturgy.

TO PARTICIPATE fully in the Mass, you should prepare carefully before Mass, then join actively with the priest during the Mass, and then live throughout the day in the spirit of the Mass.

I. PREPARATION

1. Study the Proper of the Mass carefully so as to enter into the spirit of the Church for the day.

2. Determine the gifts you will bring to the altar as your personal offering at the Offertory. Among these gifts you may include well-performed work in the office, in the classroom, at home, during the preceding day or week; contradictions, hardships, generously and cheerfully endured; thank offerings for special pleasures enjoyed; successes which have come in any line; temptations overcome; special problems which you may have to meet during the coming day or week; self-denials in thought, word, and actions.

II. PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS OF THE DAY

1. During the Mass of the Catechumens offer thoughtfully and lovingly your gift of contrition, prayer, and praise in the Confiteor, Kyrie, Gloria, and Collect. 2. Receive gratefully God's gift of instruction to you in the Epistle and Gospel.

3. At the Offertory, in union with the priest place on the altar the gifts you have prepared while you join with the priest in the prayers of offering. Remember

that God wants the offering of yourself with your gifts.
 4. Realize the solemnity of the Canon of the Mass, especially the prayers of
offering which follow the Consecration. It is at this time that Christ, the divine High Priest and Victim, offers Himself and you with Him to God. Join in this oblation by offering Christ and yourself with Him to the eternal Father.

5. Join fervently in the prayers before Holy Communion so as to participate devoutly in this divine Banquet.

6. After Holy Communion adore, praise, and thank God truly present in this holy Sacrament. Ask Jesus Christ, who is infinitely wise, strong, and holy, to help you to be true to your promises. Pledge yourself anew to Him.

III. THE MASS IN DAILY LIFE

1. Continue your thanksgiving throughout the day and week by living the life of Christ.

2. Be faithful to the promises made in the Mass.

3. Increase your zeal for doing all things for the glory of God.

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The great Catholic husband-and-wife team, FRANK SHEED and MAISIE MARD, who will be the speakers at the meeting of the Te Deum Forum in Kiel auditorium Sunday evening,

Feb. 13, are eminent as lecturers, authors, and publishers. Mrs. Sheed, daughter of Wilfrid Ward, the biographer of RAYMOND L. BRUCKBERGER Cardinal Newman, has just brought out "Young Mr. Newman". Seven Miracles of Gubbio Her other books include the biography of Gilbert Keith Chesterton, "Insurrection and Resurrection", and "The Splendor of the Rosary".

Mr. Sheed's works include "Theology and Sanity", "A Map of Life", "Communism and Man", and many translations, in-cluding a superb one of the "Confessions" of St. Augustine. Their young daughter, Rosemary Sheed, has just emerged on the literary scene with her translation from the French of Pere Perrin's "Priest-Workman in Germany".

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