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— *From our officers* —

## A LETTER FROM THE PROMOTER



*Oh tender Lamb, roasted over the fire of divine charity on the spit of the Most Holy Cross! Oh sweetest of foods, filled with joy and happiness and consolation! You lack nothing, because for those who serve you in truth you are made table and food and waiter. We well see that the Father is a table for us, and a bed where the soul can rest. And we see the Word, His Only-Begotten Son, who has given Himself to us as food with such burning love. And who has brought Him to us? The waiter, the Holy Spirit - and because of His boundless love He is not satisfied to have anyone else wait on us but wants to serve as waiter Himself.*

St. Catherine of Siena, Letter T52/G132

*A friend cannot show greater love than to give his life for his friend, and He has given His life for you and to you, with His body slain and split open! Let your hearts be softened now in this holy season that puts before us this spotless Lamb roasted on the cross over the fire of blazing charity, who at Easter will tenderly give Himself to you as food. I ask you all, then, to prepare yourselves for holy communion.*

**St. Catherine of Siena, Letter T184/G143**

*Light, light the fire of holy desire! Look at the Lamb slain on the wood of the Most Holy Cross! There is no other way we can eat at this sweet venerable table.*

**St. Catherine of Siena, Letter T52/G132**

The Feast of Corpus Christi recalls the sacrifice of the New Covenant, the relationship that God enters into with His people, now encompassing all people who have faith in Him. And this sacrifice we enter into by communion with Jesus. St. Catherine reminds us of the humility and love needed to enter into this feast.

Jesus Christ humbled Himself. He emptied Himself. He entered our world as a helpless baby in the midst of a world at war with the Jewish people. Luke tells us that the emperor asked for a census, the very thing forbidden by our God and what got King David into trouble. Jesus was born into poverty and raised in it, such that the kings of this world needed a heavenly sign to recognize the Christ Child. This humility we know extends through the obedience of the cross and continues in every Mass. Our God we hold in our hands as food.

Our God laid down His life for His friends. God asks us to do the same. And if everyone is God's friend in whom He dwells

or can dwell, then we must do everything for love of our neighbor. We do not hold grudges, because we know that we have been forgiven and can forgive. We do not hate our brothers and sisters, because we know we are loved and can love. We do not withhold the talent given to us and paid for with His Blood. We consume, consummate, the relationship with our God from the Cross of our life and offer it as an oblation, with all of its loves and concerns to Him who loves us and laid down His life for us.

We pray with St. Thomas Aquinas and with all the saints. *O Sacred banquet, in which Christ becomes our food, the memory of His Passion is celebrated, the soul is filled with grace and a pledge of future glory is given to us.*

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