



GUARDIANS OF THE SACRED LITURGY - WITHOUT BORDERS

PROPHETIC VISION



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The earthly liturgy is “a foretaste of the heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem towards which we journey as pilgrims, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God, a minister of the holies and of the true tabernacle; we sing a hymn to the Lord’s glory with all the warriors of the heavenly army; venerating the memory of the saints, we hope for some part and fellowship with them; we eagerly await the Savior, Our Lord Jesus Christ, until He, our life, shall appear and we too will appear with Him in glory.” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium* #8)

This is how the Council Fathers envisioned the sacred liturgy on earth, reformed and renewed under the mandates of the *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy) to be, when it is celebrated in accordance with the *Novus Ordo*, the third typical edition of “The Roman Missal renewed by Decree of the Most Holy Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, promulgated by Authority of Pope Paul VI and revised at the Direction of Pope John Paul II.”

Sadly, despite the efforts of the Universal Church in promoting the proper celebration of the liturgy and denouncing liturgical abuse, “shadows are not lacking”. Abuses in

liturgical celebrations have become an epidemic happening habitually and systematically in Catholic churches all over the world. Hence, the celebration of the sacred liturgy, the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, post Vatican II falls short of the “*heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem*”.

To realize a vision of a heavenly liturgy, the Guardians of the Sacred Liturgy Without Borders propose a vision of a Church where the integrity and sacrosanctity of the Sacred Liturgy is RESTORED, where the place of the sacred liturgy in the life of the Church as the “*summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; from which all her power flows.....through which the work of our redemption is accomplished*” is REINSTATED, where “*sacredness and universal ordering*” of the sacred liturgy is PRESERVED and where the sacred liturgy as THE authentic celebration and memorial of Christ’s paschal sacrifice, the mystery of salvation, is RECLAIMED, and thereby, REESTABLISHES the Church founded by Jesus Christ where the actions in the liturgical celebration of the Presider are the genuine actions of Christ himself, *actio Christi*, and where the Presider embraces and espouses the person of Christ himself, *in persona Christi*, the *alter Christus*.

Only then will the prophetic vision of a sacred liturgy on earth as a “*foretaste of the heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem towards which we journey as pilgrims, and in which Christ is sitting at the right hand of God, a minister of the holies and of the true Tabernacle*” will be realized.

The Guardians of the Sacred Liturgy Without Borders commit to actualize the prophetic vision of a “*heavenly liturgy*” in liturgical celebrations in Catholic churches throughout the Catholic world through its MISSION of protecting the Holy Eucharist from “*irreverence or distortion*” and stopping liturgical abuses.

The Mission Statement of the Guardians of the Sacred Liturgy Without Borders is covered in a separate document.