

Fr. Perozich comments —

Enough with DEI, diversity, equity, inclusion, and enough with conscience, acceptance, and other nonsensical, non biblical corporate business and other forms of worldly language that distract from Jesus' message of salvation from sin from death, from isolation for goodness, for life, for communion with God.

Enough with the language and proclamations which ignore Jesus.

Let us proclaim Jesus and Him crucified for salvation in spite of what prominent leaders in the churches may be proposing these days.

The Office of Readings for the Sixth Tuesday in Ordinary Time reveal what Catholics should believe and declare.

With the new liturgy, we Catholics do not get a clear direction of what to do after the worship part of the Mass is ended. The final statement, "The Mass Is Ended Go in Peace", with whatever else might added to it, is not specific enough to extend, and to take what the Christian has just experienced in the Holy Sacrifice, out to the world as his duty and joy.

In the older Mass, it is clearer as to what is to happen. The dismissal is given, "Ite, Misa est" which implies that the renewal of the Sacrifice is completed, and now the begins the mission to take what is received from the Sacrifice out to the world.

Then the blessing to bestow grace in order to do so is given to all.

Finally, the specifics of what the Christian is to share in the extension of the worship was proclaimed in the gospel of John 1:1-14

Jesus is God.

He was always with God

Jesus made all things

He is light and life for all in the world.

*Jesus overcomes darkness, evil, and death.
Jesus enlightens the being of everyone who believes in Him.
If one receives Jesus, Jesus gives that one power to become
a Son of God through belief in the name of Jesus.
Jesus, Who always existed, was begotten of the Father and
took flesh and lived among us giving grace and truth.*

*This message is pre-announced in Proverbs 8.
St. Athanasius ties it all together for us.*

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was made nothing that was made: in Him was life, and the life was the Light of men; and the Light shines in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to testify concerning the Light, that all might believe through Him. He was not the Light, but he was to testify concerning the Light.

That was the true Light, which enlightens every man that cometh into this world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him to them He gave power to become sons of God, to them that believe in His Name, who are born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us: and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

From the book of Proverbs 8:1-5, 12-36

Praise of infinite wisdom

Does not **Wisdom** call, and Understanding raise her voice? On the top of the heights along the road, at the crossroads she takes her stand; By the gates at the approaches of the city, in the entryways she cries aloud: "To you, O men, I call; my appeal is to the children of men. You simple ones, gain resource, you fools, gain sense. "I, Wisdom, dwell with experience, and judicious knowledge I attain. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the perverse mouth I hate. Mine are counsel and advice; mine is strength; I am understanding. By me kings reign, and lawgivers establish justice; By me princes govern, and nobles; all the rulers of earth. "Those who love me I also love, and those who seek me find me. With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. My fruit is better than gold, yes, than pure gold, and my revenue than choice silver. On the way of duty I walk, along the paths of justice, Granting wealth to those who love me, and filling their treasuries.

**"The Lord begot me, the first-born of his ways,
the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago;
From of old I was poured forth,
at the first, before the earth.**

**When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no fountains or springs of water;
Before the mountains were settled into place,
before the hills, I was brought forth;
While as yet the earth and the fields were not made,
nor the first clods of the world.**

**"When he established the heavens I was there,
when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep;
When he made firm the skies above,
when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth;
When he set for the sea its limit,
so that the waters should not transgress his command;
Then was I beside him as his craftsman,
and I was his delight day by day,
Playing before him all the while,
playing on the surface of his earth;
and I found delight in the sons of men.**

"So now, O children, listen to me;
instruction and wisdom do not reject!
Happy the man who obeys me,
and happy those who keep my ways,
Happy the man watching daily at my gates,
waiting at my doorposts;

**For he who finds me finds life,
and wins favor from the Lord;**

But he who misses me harms himself;
all who hate me love death."

From the Discourses against the Arians by Saint Athanasius,
bishop

(Oratio 2, 78, 81-82: PG 26,311,319)

We know the Father through creative and incarnate Wisdom

The **only-begotten Son, the Wisdom of God, created the entire universe.** Scripture says: *You have made all things by your wisdom, and the earth is full of you creatures.* Yet simply to be was not enough: God also wanted his creatures to be good. That is why he was pleased that his own wisdom should descend to their level and impress upon each of them singly and upon all of them together a certain resemblance to their Model. It would then be manifest that God's creatures shared in his wisdom and that his works were worthy of him.

For as the word we speak is an image of the Word who is God's Son, so **also is the wisdom implanted in us an image of the Wisdom who is God's Son.** It gives us the ability to **know and understand and so makes us capable of receiving him who is the all-creative Wisdom, through whom we can come to know the Father.** *Whoever has the Son has the Father also,* Scripture says, *and Whoever receives me receives the One who sent me.* And so, since this image of the Wisdom of God has been produced in us and in all creatures, the

true and creative Wisdom rightly takes to himself what applies to his image and says: *The Lord created me in his works.*

But because the world *was not wise enough to recognize God in his wisdom*, as we have explained it, *God determined to save those who believe by means of the “foolish” message that we preach.* Not wishing to be known any longer, as in former times, through the mere image and shadow of his wisdom existing in creatures, **he caused the true Wisdom himself to take flesh, to become man, and to suffer death on the cross so that all who believed in him might be saved by faith.**

Yet this was the same Wisdom of God who had in the beginning revealed himself and his Father through himself by means of his image in creatures (which is why Wisdom too is said to be created). Later, as John declares, that **Wisdom, who is also the Word, became flesh, and after destroying the power of death and saving our race, he revealed himself and his Father through himself with greater clarity. Grant, he prayed, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.**

So now the whole earth is filled with the knowledge of God, since **it is one and the same thing to know the Father through the Son, and to know the Son who comes from the Father. The Father rejoices in his Son, and with the same joy the Son delights in the Father and says: I was his joy: every day I took delight in his presence.**