



IN PRAYER
WITH B. ALBERTO MARVELLI
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THE EUCHARIST

"A pure heart relishes the joys of the soul, in continuous intimate union with God by total contemplation of His likeness under the form of the Holy Sacrament"
(A. Marvelli).

Alberto guide us today, to relish the Eucharistic joys. Together with him, in total contemplation of the mystery of Christ's presence amongst us, we gather to pray for our needs and our Church and of the whole Catholic Church. In particular, we ask God to stretch out His hand to the youth, who by next month will face important stage and career in their lives path.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

1 - IN THE EUCHARIST IS OUR LIFE



From the Gospel according to John (6, 47-54)

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

From the writings of Alberto



Alberto is totally in love with the Eucharist. There is no greater joy for him but to adoringly kneel and receive the Eucharist, in lovingly contemplation of Jesus within his heart. "Look at our worldly fun and pleasures are they nothing in comparison to the pure and sublime one, whom received the Eucharistic Lord in himself, in his heart?" (Diary, May 1937).

Through the Eucharist, Alberto enters into deep mystical intimacy with Christ, through silent meditative prayer, and listening attentively to Him. We can only glimpse of these joy in pages of Alberto's Diary: "You Oh, Eucharistic Lord, you have said: 'I only have the words of eternal life, and whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life', and these sublime words which I always see before my eyes, pondered my soul, whom I always contemplated, it never fails to guide me in life." (Diary, May, 1937).

Prayer

You O Christ, the lone ears of wheat
Who gave us infinite Heavenly Bread of Life.
You broke the five loaves of bread and they all ate of
it But You broke the Bread, that had won Your
creation: The more we broke it, it multiplies.

Showered at Cana the jars of wine:
He drew, he was drunk and the wine finished
although it were multiplied.
But the Chalice that offers us drink
Though modest, contains a divine power without
limits.
It is a Cup that contains all of the wines.

Unique is the bread that breaks without limits, the
endless days was offered by the wine behold by the
cup.
Our grain, Christ has been sown in the earth for three
days He has germinated and filled the granary of life.
(Saint Ephraim)



Intercessions

- Lord, we lovingly entrust to you our shepherds, as they relive daily the Eucharistic mystery, You made Yourself ever present in our midst. Help them O Lord, to be holy and courageous witnesses of your love for each man. We pray to you. **Through the intercession of Alberto, Lord hear us.**
- Lord, we entrust to your care the youth who engage in their studies, in their search of right direction for their lives. Help them to rightly answer the questions, and not settle for insignificant answers, and guide them to discover the truth of life. We pray to you. **Through the intercession of Alberto, Lord hear us.**
- Lord, we entrust to you all who are in the test. Help them to find solace in the knowledge and truth, which you are with us “every day until the end of the world.” We pray to you. **Through the intercession of Alberto, Lord hear us.**

Pause of silence and personal reflection.

2 - IN THE EUCHARIST CHRIST IS PRESENT TO LIVE TOGETHER WITH US AND WALK BESIDE US



From the Gospel according to Luke (24, 13-32)

Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, “What are you discussing as you walk along?” They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?” And he replied to them, “What sort of things?” They said to him, “The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?”



From the Life of Alberto



Adoring, loving and receiving the Eucharist Lord is the summit of Alberto’s spirituality. At the tender age of fifteen, he began to receive the Eucharistic Jesus daily. His virtuous spiritual maturity at an early age is truly remarkable, a gift of God. Able to acknowledge God’s presence in the world and living in lay spirituality sustained thru the Eucharist is an inspiring mystery of love.

Age twenty two, he wrote in his diary, reverberating St. Paul’s letters to the Galatians 2.20, “It is no longer I who live, but it is Jesus who lives within me...I labor myself in love to ponder and consider this truth: Jesus lives within me.” (Diary, June 4, 1940)

Prayer

Lord Jesus, I place all my hope in You,
For you are my strength and joy
Hidden Yourself in the form of bread, veiled on
the holy tabernacle
By becoming Bread of Life, You nourish my soul
and spirit
Enthroned in the altar, rich and fruitful of
heavenly spiritual blessings,
In gratitude I am blessing You
You had given Yourself to heal my ailing weakness
and ills.

Covering my whole being under the shadow of Your mighty wings
You are my joy, you heal my sufferings, You fill my heart with humility
You are my help and sure secure, You are my strong and almighty protector.

With You Lord, I will not be fear turmoil's
With You Lord, I shall stand firmly in times of storm and trouble
With You Lord, our lives difficulty becomes light and bearable.
Lord Jesus, hear my plea.



Intercessions

- Lord, may your word guide us, your church. Like your disciples in Emmaus, may we experience the joy of your resurrection, becoming Christian witness unto others that you are living in our midst, under the spirit of Christian justice, peace and brotherhood. We pray to you. **Through the intercession of Alberto, Lord hear us**

-Lord, grant to all the youth your gifts, enable them to face life's journey with wide physical senses, to hear your life giving voice. Grant them heart strength to melt up fears, and guide them closely with your hands. We pray to you. **Through the intercession of Alberto, Lord hear us**

-Lord, accept our gifts we offer on the paten, together with Christ's sacrifice, may the fruit of works be a redeeming and sanctifying act. We pray to you. **Through the intercession of Alberto, Lord hear us.**

Pause of silence and personal reflection

3 - IN THE EUCHARIST IS THE SOURCE OF OUR CHARITY



From the Gospel according to John (13, 31-35)

When he had left, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.[If God is glorified in him,] God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, 'Where I go you cannot come,' so now I say it to you. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

From the *Diary of Alberto*



“My whole being is permeated by God’s love, because Jesus dwells within me. His holy presence has made my body, thoughts, words and actions pure and holy. To be ever mindful of these holy mystical presences of Christ within me, fulfill’s my life’s purpose. For Christ, I never lack of love, with Christ I need nothing more”. (26th of February 1941)

“Jesus lives within me, Jesus is in my heart, Jesus left heaven to become Eucharist. That He may unite himself with my unworthy body. Jesus, guide me with your will, grant me your firmness and purpose, your immense love and mercy towards men in spite of their miseries and ills, your total and divine will for my works in apostolate”. (1 October 1940).

Intercessions

-Lord, help us to bring the good news that you had given us through your crucified body and the blood you shed. May we become bearers of Gospel, mercy, tenderness, filial service towards our neighbour, and bearer of burning charity for our suffering fellowmen. We pray to you. **Through the intercession of Alberto hear us, Lord.**

-Lord, grant to us all, especially to the youth, who are seeking you, guide them with your wisdom, comfort them in your goodness, and protect them by your saving power. We pray to you. **Through the intercession of Alberto hear us, Lord**

-Lord, may we understand, the Eucharistic mystery as your servant Alberto did. Who solemnly receives your body in daily Mass. Help and guide us to perceive the saving grace of these mysteries which not only opens heavenly doors, but renew, transform and lead us to a new life. We pray to you. **Through the intercession of Alberto, hear us Lord.**

Personal prayers

Prayer to ask for the intercession of Blessed Alberto Marvelli

O God, Almighty Merciful Father,
we thank you for giving us Alberto,
as a sign of Your love for us.

We contemplate the marvels that You have done in his life: the solid prayer life, the generous social and political commitment, a burning love for the poor.

He constantly practices the heroic virtues of faith, hope, and charity.

We ask You Father, through the intercession of Your servant Alberto, grant us to imitate his virtues and become like him a witness of Your love in the world.

Heal us and grant us all spiritual and material graces we are in need (state your intentions) so that we, like him, may unconditionally love and serve your Church and to strive for peace and salvation of mankind.

May the countless answered prayers, be a constant reminder of your love and saving power, as we work for the canonization of Blessed Alberto Marvelli and for evangelization on these Year of Faith. Amen



*In loving memory of Mrs. Teresita N. Que, + March 20, 2012, a lover of the Eucharistic Lord.