

THE GLORY OF GOD:

God renders to Himself a praise that is perfect and infinite. All the canticles of the angels and of the whole universe can add nothing to it.

However, God requires of His creatures that they should associate themselves with this glorification which is a part of His intimate life. According to the divine plan, the glory which man must render to the Lord is outside the scope of natural religion; it ascends to the Holy Trinity through the priesthood of Christ, the official mediator between heaven and earth.

This is the splendid prerogative of the priesthood of Christ and His priests: to offer to the Holy Trinity in the name of man and of the universe a homage of praise agreeable to God. It is the privilege of this priesthood to ensure the return of creation in its entirety to the Master of all things. With all the respect of a lively faith let us begin by fixing our eyes on the mystery of this glorification in the heart's embrace of the Trinity; it has existed before all ages like God Himself; and will last for ever, *sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper*. It is the perfect model of all praise, human or angelic. We [as priests] are called to unite ourselves to it on earth and in heaven. This is our sublime destiny.

from: *Christ the Ideal of the Priest*:

Blessed Abbot Columba Marmion OSB

Being an avid follower of Blessed Columba Marmion – having read all of his translated works – I should like to add my own comment briefly:

What I love about this article is how it lines everything up exactly the way it ought to be: since God's primary work is to glorify himself, it is an amazing privilege for us to be created as free-thinking persons, so that we can voluntarily help in his glorification! This is indeed the "work" of all of the created cosmos, but in particular those who are created persons after his image and likeness.

What is fascinating is that he ensured that *even if the rest of creation forgets* to render him all glory, honor and praise, the Priesthood of his own Son, Jesus Christ will have the permanent, yea, eternal duty and privilege of giving him that glory that is his due! And it is the duty of the Priesthood as established by Christ – through men – to lead all men and women everywhere and at all times to this festival of glorification!

Therefore, when anyone asks me what is my main duty as a priest – I respond by saying: to give glory to God, and to enable as many as I can to do the same!

Even in my spare moments, those in between times migrating from one activity to another: I am training myself to fill those moments with little “sonnets of praise and glory” to God – for this is what I was ordained to do! If the entire cosmos becomes frozen in time, it would still be the duty of the ministerial priest of shout out from the rooftops: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST; and on earth peace to people of good will! There is really nothing more than this!

Congratulations to all who are ordained in May or June! Always remember “not to us, but to your Name give all glory!”

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Feast of St. Rita – Patron of Lost or Hopeless Cases