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At the Angelus the Holy Father speaks about brotherhood and greets participants in the Italian National Congress in Ancona

The Eucharist, life of the world

The Eucharist is "the source of life and hope for every human being and for the whole world", the Pope said before the Angelus on Sunday, 4 September, in Castel Gandolfo. He also greeted via radio and television those taking part in the Italian Eucharistic Conference in Ancona, 3-11 September. He will be travelling to this city on the Adriatic to preside at the concluding Mass on Sunday, 11 September. The following is a translation of the Holy Father's Reflection given in Italian.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The biblical Readings of Mass this Sunday converge on the theme of brotherly love in the community of believers whose source lies in the communion of the Trinity. The Apostle Paul says that the whole Law of God finds fullness in love,

so that in our relationships with others the Ten Commandments and every other precept are summed up in these words: "Love your neighbour as yourself" (cf. Rom 13:8-10).

The Gospel text from chapter 18 of Matthew on the life of the Christian community tells us that brotherly love also involves a sense of mutual responsibility. For this reason if my brother commits a sin against me I must treat him charitably and first of all, speak to him privately, pointing out that what he has said or done is wrong. This approach is known as "fraternal correction": it is not a reaction to the offence suffered but is motivated by love for one's brethren.

St Augustine comments: "Whoever has offended you, in offending you, has inflicted a serious injury upon himself; and would you not care for a brother's injury?... You must forget the offence you have received but not the injury of one of your brethren" (*Discourse* 82, 7).

And what if my brother does not listen to me? In today's Gospel Jesus points to a gradual approach: first, speak to him again with two or three others, the better to help him realize what he has done; if, in spite of this, he still refuses to listen, it is necessary to tell the community; and if he refuses to listen even to the community, he must be made to perceive that he has cut himself off



by separating himself from the communion of the Church.

All this demonstrates that we are responsible for each other in the journey of Christian life; each person, aware of his own limitations and shortcomings, is called to accept fraternal correction and to help others with this specific service.

Another fruit of love in the community is unanimous prayer. Jesus said: "If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in Heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt 18:19-20). Personal prayer is of course important, indeed indispensable, but the Lord guarantees his presence to the community – even if it is very small – which is united and in agreement, because this reflects the very reality

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Remembrance and commitment

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September 11th 2001, in Boston, New York, and Washington D.C., was radiant and cloudless – a perfect late summer day. Few who experienced its beginning and then the horror which followed can see such a day again without a sigh of sadness. But the remembrance of tragedy, like the anamnesis of liturgy, can serve as a call to renewed commitment and communion.

Blessed John Henry Newman has taught us to distinguish between notional and real understanding. The former, though important, remains abstract and conceptual; the latter is concrete and experiential and spurs to action. The tragedy of September 11th summons to the vivid realization of four truths.

First: religious passion and persuasion can energize for good, but can also breed deadly fanaticism. To be life-giving, religious commitment must be tempered by the discernment of reason. One of the important New Testament texts, often cited by Benedict XVI, is the beginning of chapter 12 of the Letter to the Romans. There the Apostle appeals to us to engage in "spiritual worship" – *logiken latreian* (12:1). Such worship "according to logos" realizes that "love does no wrong to a neighbor, therefore love is the fulfillment of the law" (13:10). For Pope Benedict au-

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On Sunday, 11 September, Benedict XVI will participate in the Eucharistic Concelebration for the conclusion of the 25th Italian National Eucharistic Congress in Ancona, Italy. After the Mass and the Angelus, the Pope will lunch with the Bishops, a delegation of workers on redundancy payment and a delegation of the poor assisted by Caritas. Later, the Holy Father will also meet families, priests and young engaged couples.

Summary of the Response to Mr Eamon Gilmore of Ireland

The Holy See on the Cloyne Report

On 14 July 2011, following the publication of the Report of the Commission of Investigation into the Diocese of Cloyne (*Cloyne Report*), Mr Eamon Gilmore, Deputy Prime Minister (*Tánaiste*) and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland, in the course of a meeting with the Apostolic Nuncio in Ireland, Archbishop Giuseppe Leanza, requested him to convey to the Holy See a copy of the *Cloyne Report* together with the Irish Government's views on the matters raised, to which the Minister requested a Response.

Recognising the seriousness of the crimes detailed in the Report, which should never have happened within the Church of Jesus Christ, and wishing to respond to the Irish Government's request, the Holy See, after carefully examining the *Cloyne Report* and considering the many issues raised, has sought to respond comprehensively.

On 3 September 2011, Monsignor Ettore Balestrero, Under-Secretary for Relations with States, met with Ms. Helena Keleher, *Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.* of the Embassy of Ireland to the Holy See, and consigned to her the Holy See's Response to the Irish Government.

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