## **Embrace the Eucharist III**

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The Workers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Canada, under the auspices of the Apostolic Administrator of the Slovak Greek Catholic Eparchy of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, and Bishop Roman Danylak, titular bishop of Nyssa, and former Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy of Toronto for Ukrainian Catholics in eastern Canada, have completed their Eucharist/Marian Conference in response to the invitation and call of the Holy

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Father Pope John Paul II for a triennium of prayer, celebration and meditation on the mystery of the Triune Godhead, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

It was a prayer-filled and blessed conference. The Blessed Virgin, the Mother of God, has been appealing to the world and to the Church to return to the source of Divine mercy. The world is progressively becoming more alienated from its Creator and Saviour, and impending towards disaster and total apostasy. In Fatima the Blessed Mother had forewarned us of these imminent disasters, of the threat of a third world war. With a motherly call to the Church she requested that Russia be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart. She promised that in the end this consecration would take place and that Russia would be converted. She foretold the final triumph of her Immaculate Heart and the establishment of the glorious reign of the Eucharistic Christ and a long period of peace on earth..

The conference was opened at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 6, 1999 by the Very Reverend John Fetsco, CSsR, pastor of the Slovak Greek Catholic Cathedral of the Transfiguration and Apostolic Administrator for the Eparchy of Sts. Cyril and Methodius. The early hours of the conference were interspersed with the recitation of the Rosary and various testimonies of miraculous healing from terminal

diseases and unusual graces of conversion. Joyce Bryan shared her story, the family problems, her near-death experience and the final healing she received during one of the prayer sessions of the Workers of Our Lady. Jane McNulty-Smith related the miraculous healing from brain cancer. Among the many testimonies was the story of the spiritual conversion of Maria Elena, her return to the Church and the marvels of grace upon her husband and daughters. Andrew, the husband, was brought to the knowledge of Christ through a most powerful intervention of the Blessed Mother in that same Cathedral three years before (this story will be on these WEB pages next week). There followed the stories of miraculous healings: from leukemia of Michael T., and from a general cancer that had ravaged the body of Angela Szczepanski; the miraculous and instantaneous healing of the fractured pelvic bone of Angela Bolcic; the instantaneous healing of hepatitis C of Elizabeth Marter; the story of the conversion of Dr. Peggy McGinty. There wasn't a dry eye in the entire audience as they listened to the heartfelt sharing of those touched by the motherly embrace of the Mother of God, interceding before the throne of Divine Mercy for her loving children. For those interested, these testimonies and more can be found on these web pages under the heading recent graces.

Throughout the entire day several priests were available to hear confessions.

The principal testimony was delivered after lunch by the Rev. Msgr. Richard Carroll, former pastor of Saint Margaret Mary's parish in Slidell, Louisiana. Msgr. Carroll is now retired from parish ministry, but more active than ever in pastoral work, as a fervent apostle of the Eucharist and the Blessed Mother. He is the author of several books: "A Priest Goes to Medjugorje", "The Remnant Church", "Triumph of Our Lady" and "Finding God the Father". In his testimony he reviewed the many apparitions of the Blessed Mother and her messages, and presented an overview of the messages received by many in locutions, in our days. His principal appeal was the call and the need to pray for priests.

Following more testimonies, the Divine Liturgy was concelebrated by Bishop Roman Danylak. The concelebrants were the Very Rev Fr John Fetsco, CSsR, Msgr. Richard Carroll and Fr. Andrew Krafcik, CSsR. In his homily based on the Eucharistic discourse of the Gospel of St. John, ch. 14/15, Bishop Danylak presented the mystery of the Eucharist as the implanting of the members of the Church into the vine which is Christ, who communicates His own life of grace through His Eucharist in order that we may abide in Him and He in us as the Father abides in the Son and the Son abides in the Father.

Following the celebration of the Eucharist, Bishop Danylak and priests processed with the Holy Eucharist down the principal aisle of the Church, blessing the people in the aisles with the Body of Christ. They then continued in procession around the outside of the Church, blessing the surrounding towns and countryside and the city of Toronto, invoking God's protection against the evil one and all disasters. During this procession, the body of Christ's people remained in the Church, reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

At the end of the evening, the bishop and concelebrating priests led everyone in prayers for healing and then anointed each of the participants with the holy oils. Among those approaching was 5-year old Christina, a young child miraculously healed from leukemia. She approached the priests and then came to Helen Rozeluk to venerate the medallion of Our Lady of Garabandal. She approached once, then again a second time. Helen asked her, "But Christina, you've already kissed the medal of the Blessed Mother." And the innocent child responded, "But I love to see Jesus when I fall down!"

Yes, Jesus was most certainly with us on that day!

