



LITURGICAL EDUCATION



One of the most crucial dimensions in catechesis is formation for a better understanding of our **LITURGY**. Liturgy is the public duty and worship that we direct towards God through a range of different acts and celebrations. Hence by definition it is something we do **REGULARLY** as our life journey develops and our faith grows. As the journey continues we need further catechesis to develop and deepen our knowledge and understanding of so many important aspects of our Christian faith, including Liturgy and celebrations.

It is probably true that the main reason why some young people and others fail to see the need for taking part in Sunday mass is the lack of understanding of what happens at this event that is the cornerstone of our worship. How many of our children and young people understand the different parts of the Holy Mass, the different prayers or the different seasons or feastdays of the Liturgical year?

It is our duty as educators of the faith to transmit this bank of knowledge about our Christian Liturgy in order that those we teach not only continue to 'attend' Sunday Mass but to ensure they look at the celebration of the Eucharist and Liturgy in general as that community celebration to which they want to be conscious and active participants.

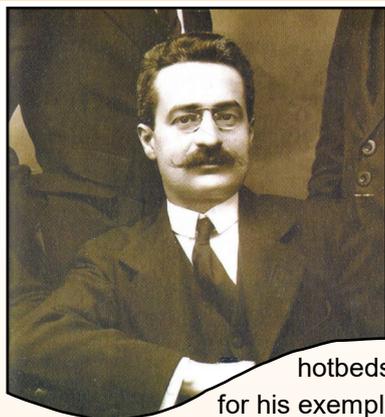


"It is more necessary than ever to intensify liturgical life ... by means of an appropriate formation ... of all the faithful..."
Pope John Paul II



'Catechesis, along with promoting a **knowledge of the meaning of the liturgy and the sacraments**, must also educate the disciples of Jesus Christ "for **prayer**, for **THANKSGIVING**, for **repentance**, for **praying with CONFIDENCE**, for **COMMUNITY SPIRIT**, for understanding correctly the **MEANING OF THE CREEDS...**" as all of **this is necessary for a true liturgical life.**

'General Directory for CATECHESIS' Para 85.



INSPIRING LIVES...

ST GIUSEPPE MOSCATI DOCTOR AND WITNESS

Giuseppe was born into a noble family on 25th July 1880 in Benevento near Naples in Italy. When still very young, Giuseppe lost some of his siblings and these early deaths influenced the choice of his future career and vocation – he felt that he was called to become a medical doctor. While studying he showed a lively intelligence which amazed his tutors. Then, the faculties of philosophy and medicine were hotbeds of revolutionary atheism. Giuseppe was admired not only for his dedication but also for his exemplary Christian witness.

Following his graduation as a medical practitioner in 1903, Giuseppe continued his specialisation by research in Chemical Physiology up to professorship. In spite of the opposition of some colleagues, he even installed a crucifix where he worked. He would encourage his students: “Remember that in choosing medicine you are committing yourselves to a sublime service. With God in your hearts, persevering in practising the good with faith and enthusiasm, deaf to both praise and criticism, aiming only to do good.”

**Love the truth;
show who you
truly are without
fear. And if the
truth earns you
persecution
accept it... And if
you must sacrifice
yourself and your
life for the truth,
be strong in the
sacrifice.**

St Giuseppe Moscati

During the tragic events of the Vesuvius volcano eruption in 1906, which devastated nearby Naples, and the cholera epidemic which struck Naples in 1911, Dr Giuseppe showed heroic and commendable dedication.

Without anyone knowing it, he chose celibacy in order to devote his life fully to God in caring for the sick and the poor.

In 1915 Italy entered World War I. Dr Giuseppe was not allowed to go to the front. He was put in charge of the hospital for the wounded. His Christian witness never faltered. Some of his medical students later testified that Prof Moscati “shaped our hearts and souls. He spoke to us of God, of his Providence, of the Christian faith. Joy beamed from his face, and we followed him into the churches of Naples to attend Mass.” By the age of 47 his health was spent. He died during Holy Week in the afternoon of 12th April 1927: he collapsed in his office where he was seeing yet more patients. He was declared a saint by Pope John Paul II. His feast day is 16th November.

**Let us practise
charity; let us not
forget to make an
offering of our
actions every
day, every
moment,
doing everything
for love’s sake.**

St Giuseppe Moscati

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