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3 - SOSJ Sacramentum Caritatis : The Eucharist, the Church and Sacraments. Saturday, May 25, 2024

MT 9: 9-13

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher* eat with tax collectors and sinners?” He heard this and said, “Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

Questions

1. Why is beauty so important to a Eucharistic liturgy? What are ways in which we can use beauty to engage children into a deeper appreciation for liturgy?
2. What are ways in which we can deepen our appreciation for everything at Mass? What is good preparation for understanding the readings at Mass even prior to Mass?
3. Fasting and freedom from mortal sin are essential to Eucharistic preparation. But how can I more deeply prepare to receive the Eucharist and avoid minimalistic approach? What is my responsibility towards those I know who are not properly disposed to Communion?
4. How do I explain authentic participation in the Mass to my family? Ita missa est (Go forth, the mass had ended) is the Latin of the final words of the priest: what does it really mean as a missionary task? ? How does a missionary spirit set the stage for actually understanding the entire Mass and its multiple graces and goals for us?