

SUMMARY

Participation of laity at the Eucharistic liturgy

This work discourses and summarizes different tasks of laity during a celebration of the Eucharistic liturgy. A laymen is fully embodied into Church by baptism and confirmation, he shares in the priesthood of Christ. The layman performs on that basis several services at Church and he cooperates with a representative of a ministrative priesthood, e.g. with a local priest. It is necessary to differentiate the character of sacrements carefully and to bear in mind their relationship with the ordination, in other words with the sanctification mission. A laymen can participate at Liturgy of the Mass: by being an acolyte, a member of a choir or a conductor, a psalmist, he can take care of collections, be a commentator, a vestry-keeper, a lecturer, an acolyte, a member of a sacrificial procession, a help with the children during the Service, he can read the intercessions, can exceedingly help offer the holy communion, be a sacristian, a member of a group to prepare liturgy, be an organist. A laymen is fully and actively present at the Eucharistic liturgy to the same extent and sincerity as a clerk is.

Key notions: laity; liturgy; layman and priest; participation at the Eucharistic liturgy; gesture and acts in the Eucharistic liturgy.