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On Celibacy

No matter how you cut it, sine domonica, sine ecclesia. Without the Eucharist, there is no church. One wonders what the boys club on the Tiber will be governing in generations to come with no liturgy to speak of, no priesthood and no community of the faithful. Celibacy is but one issue - a very important one, to be sure, in rethinking what the documents of Vatican II might have brought about had they been faithfully accepted by the hierarchy and creatively applied to the reform of the church.

At 72 years old and 44 years of celibate priestly ministry, my heart breaks with sadness in seeing the progressive departure of faith-yearning people from an ecclesial institution offering little more than robotic exercise.

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