

Make Life a Celebration thereby **Starting Your Heaven Today**

Asking the Holy Spirit to be with us.

Promise

- One spiritual hint each month
- One hint from nature/science each month
 - To make life a celebration --- and thereby
 - Starting your heaven today/NOW

Challenge – Knowing it But Not Feeling It

So many things we *KNOW* are fantastic!
But we don't *FEEL* or *GET EXCITED* that they are fantastic!
Even if we wanted to, this makes it incredibly challenging to celebrate them!

The 1, 2, and 3 Steps of Your Miracle Power

- Step 1. Select something you know is fantastic and celebratable, but you don't feel it.**
- Step 2. Suppose it does not exist! Where does this leave you? What did you lose?**
- Step 3. Now using your *Miracle Power*, recreate it! What does this give you?**

Hint 1 – From Our Spiritual life

Year of Eucharist – A Good Example

Step 1. Select something you know is fantastic and celebratable, but you don't feel it.

1. That God of the universe would become present to us:
 - In the form of ordinary bread and wine is amazing
 - For you and me to eat and nourish our spiritual life with is more than amazing
 - Even hard to believe

Probably few times on Sunday do you jump out of bed feeling and saying,
“I can’t wait to receive the God of the universe in communion today.”

Step 2. Suppose it does not exist! Where does this leave you? What did you lose?

2. Suppose Catholic teaching was, “This is *just* bread and wine. Not REALLY God!”
As a famous Irish writer said,
“If that’s the case, forget Catholicism for me!”

Step 3. Now using your *Miracle Power*, recreate it! What does this give you?

3. Now, suppose you use your *Miracle Power* to ask God to really come to
you at least just once, and the bread and wine is really the body and blood of Jesus
Christ. Suppose God tells you personally:
“Because it is the Eucharistic Year, just this next Sunday for only you,
- *I will really be in the form of bread and wine:*
- *However, it will really be Me,*
- *The God who made you*
- *The God who made the universe*
- *The God who died on the cross to save you*
*I want to show you that I not only love you, but in the words of Mother Teresa of
Calcutta, ‘I even long for you.’”*

If this situation were the case, it would certainly give you something to ponder.

**And in that pondering,
you might feel a bit more of what this – challenging truth-to-believe – really is.**

Hint 2 – From Nature and Science

A Fourth of July Challenge

Step 1. Select something you know is fantastic and celebratable, but you don't feel it.

It's fantastic and celebratable to be an American. But sometimes we forget how lucky we really are, let alone feel it.

Step 2. Suppose you were not an American!

Where does this leave you?

Suppose you were Ukrainian! Or Haitian!

Or a Russian soldier forced to fight!

If my great-grandpa Steffen had not come from Prussia many years ago

I might have been in Hitler's youth core.

I'm not sure I would be here today

Solution

Step 3. Use your *Miracle Power* to recreate you as an American!

What do you get back?

What is the number one thing you think of when you answer the question?

A Huge WOW

The list could be exceptionally long, and very wonderful!

Let's Make This Personal

Asking the Officers and all who want to help to share an example like I just did.

When you make life a celebration NOW

You start your heaven NOW

My Experience Convinces Me

– I can make Life a Celebration, but only if I'm willing to work at it.

“Working at It” – Can be extremely easy and pleasant

Put the above in the place where you begin your day.

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to make today the celebration He wants to bless you with.

My wish

You can make life a celebration

Pleasing God in the process

And starting your own heaven now.