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"Recover sense of the sacred at Mass"

In his February 10 morning Mass, Pope Francis urged those present to realize that at Mass they enter into "the mystery of God . . . It is to really live once more the Passion and the redeeming Death of the Lord. It is a theophany."

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SUMMARY OF POPE'S HOMILY
(Source: Vatican Radio):

"When we celebrate the Mass, we don't accomplish a representation of the Last Supper: no, it is not a representation. It is something else: it is the Last Supper itself. It is to really live once more the Passion and the redeeming Death of the Lord. It is a theophany: the Lord is made present on the altar to be offered to the Father for the salvation of the world. We hear or we say, 'But, I can't now, I have to go to Mass, I have to go to hear Mass.' The Mass is not 'heard,' it is participated in, and it is a participation in this theophany, in this mystery of the presence of the Lord among us."

"The liturgy is to really enter into the mystery of God, to allow ourselves to be brought to the mystery and to be in the mystery. For example, I am sure that all of you have come here to enter into the mystery; however, someone might say: 'Ah, I have to go to Mass at Santa Marta, because on

the sight-seeing tour of Rome, each morning there is a chance to visit the Pope at Santa Marta: it's a tourist stop, right?' All of you here, we are gathered here to enter into the mystery: this is the liturgy. It is God's time, it is God's space, it is the cloud of God that surrounds all of us."

"We would do well today to ask the Lord to give to each of us this 'sense of the sacred,' this sense that makes us understand that it is one thing to pray at home, to pray in Church, to pray the Rosary, to pray so many beautiful prayers, to make the Way of the Cross, so many beautiful things, to read the Bible... The Eucharistic celebration is something else. In the celebration we enter into the mystery of God, into that street that we cannot control: only He is the unique One, the glory, the power... He is everything. Let us ask for this grace: that the Lord would teach us to enter into the mystery of God."

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