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THE LOVE OF THE SAINTS FOR THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS
(selected quotes)...

1. “The angels surround and help the priest when he is celebrating Mass.” (Saint Augustine) Let us make a constant and concerted effort to pray for more vocations to the priesthood, and for holy priests to sanctify the people of God through Word and Sacrament.

2. “When Mass is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the Divine Victim immolated on the altar.” (Saint John Chrysostom)

(This short video called “The Veil Removed, see the link, is a nice visual for quotes 1 and 2: <https://theveilremoved.com/watch/>)

3. “If we really understood Mass, we would die of joy.” (Saint John Vianney—the Cure of Ars) Sadness invades the soul absent of God! Joy radiates from the soul replenished with God via the Holy Mass.

4. “The Eucharist is my Highway to Heaven.” (Blessed Carlo Acutis) Like Carlo, even teenagers can become great saints—*quickly*—if they choose the Highway to Heaven!

5. “No human tongue can enumerate the favors that trace back to the Sacrifice of the Mass. The sinner is reconciled with God; the just man becomes more upright; sins are wiped away; vices are uprooted; virtues and merits increase; and the devil’s schemes are frustrated.” (Saint Lawrence Justinian)

6. “I believe that were it not for the Holy Mass as of this moment the world would be in the abyss.” (Saint Leonard of Port Maurice) How true! With his arms elevated by Aaron and Hur, Moses helped the Israelites to conquer their enemies. Likewise, in the case of our present world, it is Jesus lifted on high in the hands of the priest in the Holy Eucharist in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass that saves the world from utter destruction. The Church was not founded for those who are perfect and have it all together. Jesus Christ came for sinners, the imperfect. Jesus comes at every Mass for you and me.

Vivat Jesus,

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