

The members of the Oblate family connect with each other through this prayer on the third Sunday every month.

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EVANGELIUM LIVE: John 6:52-59

As the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.

"As the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." This is what I am experiencing! I feel sent and ... alive. It may sound like a cliché, but lately, even in the everyday, I feel special.

Maybe it's because I got married two months ago. And it occurs to me that the nervousness of wondering



if it's right and what if there are difficulties in the relationship is fading with each new load of laundry and disappearing between joint purchases. The ordinary little things that make the other person feel special. Who knows, maybe they always have. Maybe I just lost it somewhere in my quest to be an adult.

And sometimes I do the same with the Eucharist, I take it for granted at every Mass. White wafer, Jesus present, it's been done so many times. Sometimes I find myself asking like the Jews. How can anyone eat his own body? And there's only one answer, and it's so beautiful that it suddenly makes sense of everything else. LOVE. But it's not the kind of love that's written on a gingerbread heart at the fair with candy coating. This love gives life, because this love is life!

This life flows in me too, and thanks to it I can discover joy, for example, on the way to work when I can read, or in reconciliation after a petty quarrel. Because that's where I'm sent. Into the everyday. And I don't live from myself, I live from Love!

Letter from Saint Eugene of Mazenod to Father Perron, 1845

Put your confidence in Him in whose name you are sent and be persuaded that He will bless your obedience and pour most abundant graces upon the work of your ministry...

John 6:52-59

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.” These things he said while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

