

The Last Thirty Years: What We've Learned along the Way

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Worship, Liturgy, & Devotion

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1. Liturgy As a Subset of Worship

- **Worship:** attitude and stance toward the Divine
 - ✓ Praise
 - ✓ Adoration
 - ✓ Gratitude
 - ✓ Intercession

 - ✓ Redeemed
 - ✓ Holy
 - ✓ Gifted
 - ✓ In need

- **Liturgy:** enactment of the paschal mystery
 - ✓ Enactment of Christ's dying and rising
 - ✓ Exercise of baptismal priesthood

2. Liturgy & Devotion

LITURGICAL PRAYER

DEVOTIONAL PRAYER

Similarities

- Personal
- Essential

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Differences

- Enacts the paschal mystery by its very structure
- Is source and summit of Christian living
- Ecclesial
- Transcultural
- Rhythmic
- It shapes us

- Enacts individual affectivity and relationship
- Flows to and from liturgy
- Individual
- Cultural
- Sporadic
- We shape it

TEXTS

Sacrosanctum Concilium (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy)

no. 13 Popular devotions are to be highly endorsed, provided they accord with the laws and norms of the Church, above all when they are ordered by the Apostolic See . . . But these devotions should be so fashioned that they harmonize with the liturgical seasons, accord with the sacred liturgy, are in some way derived from it, and lead the people to it, since, in fact, the liturgy by its very nature far surpasses any of them.

Lumen gentium (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church)

no. 67 . . . For their part, the faithful must be mindful that true devotion does not consist in sheer, passing feeling, or in mindless credulity, but that it issues from an authentic faith . . .