

What about Stewardship of the Paschal Mystery?

Paschal Mystery is the heart of our faith. It is central to the Good News of salvation. It is the source and purpose of our Church and sacraments. As the original apostolic Church, we Catholics, with our bishops, are commissioned by Christ as the Chief Stewards of the Paschal Mystery. We are called to profess, protect, proclaim, and partake of, the passion, death and resurrection, of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As good stewards of the Paschal Mystery we are especially called to be the light to the world. The gifts that flow from the Paschal Mystery are meant for the salvation of the entire world. As servant/stewards we owe non-believers the chance to know what our loving Jesus has provided for them.

The Easter Triduum reflects for us on earth the timeless reality of the Paschal Mystery that is central to the liturgy celebrated in heaven. Here Jesus offers continually His sacrifice for our good to His Father. Holy Mass brings us mystically before God in this heavenly offering. During Holy Week and Easter we participate in this same mystery in a deeper way.

As good stewards of the Paschal Mystery we, first of all, participate in it with all our hearts and minds. We study and meditate on it and grow in our appreciation of what Jesus has done for us. Then we use the grace that flows from His descent to the dead and the busting of the gates of hell by resurrection. We use this grace for the glory of God, for our salvation, and for the salvation of as many as we can possibly take with us.

Good stewardship of the Paschal Mystery is our little part to play in response to the infinite merits of Jesus for our salvation.