# Come to the Altar

## **Kingdom Priesthood**

Jesus is the one eternal High Priest. He has called certain men to participate in His priesthood in a unique way. But He has also extended a share in His priesthood to all believers so that the Father may be glorified and the world redeemed when the sacrifice is offered throughout the world.

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What is an example of an opportunity/moment when you realize, looking back, that you missed a chance to make that opportunity/moment count? Please share and describe.
- 2. "To die without having given all of myself, that is my greatest fear." Is there an area of your life, i.e. school, work, family, where it seems like you do not give all of yourself? What about when it comes to worship in the Mass?
- 3. The ministerial priesthood is essential to the life of the Christian, since without the ministerial priests there is no Eucharist, no sacrifice, no worship. Who is one priest who has been a blessing in your life? What qualities has he exhibited? What about him or his ministry blessed you?
- 4. The ministerial priesthood exists to bring the grace of the Paschal Mystery to the People of God. The People of God exist to bring the grace of the Paschal Mystery to the world. How do you think kingdom priests best bring God's grace to the world? Be practical.
- 5. As a kingdom priest, you are meant to not just offer the sacrifice and worship with the ministerial priest, but you are meant to *be* a sacrifice. Have you ever thought of yourself, your heart as being an offering to God? Does knowing this change how you approach your prayer time and how you enter into the Mass? How so?

#### **God in Real Life**

This week, make the conscious decision to not waste your priesthood by offering up the great sacrifice of the Son to the Father at the Mass with the ministerial priest. Become a sacrifice with the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

### To the Heart

"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen." Revelation 1:5-6