

SACRAMENTS – SESSION EIGHT

Our Youth will appreciate the Church Jesus founded, a part of which Jesus commissioned them to be as yeast or leaven in the dough

Parents: To be a follower of Jesus as member of the Church, your children are to become aware of how Jesus spoke of Church. Today, we learn the meaning of Church from the image of Yeast. Yeast is so different from the dough in which it is placed, that a chemical reaction sets in and growth takes place. Christians, Catholics, are called to be different in their values than those of the world. This lesson outlines the differences.

Church: One of the Most Powerful images Jesus used to describe Church is “Leaven or yeast in the dough.”

In making bread,

- flour is mixed with water to make the dough
- Into the dough is placed a teaspoon of yeast which is dissolved in water.
- The whole mass of dough is then placed in a kettle which it half fills
- A lid is placed on the kettle
- A half hour later, the lid is itself resting on a mass of dough which rises half again as high as the kettle

Jesus tells us: **Leaven :: Church**
Dough World

YEAST By comparison with the dough is:

1. **Small - the volume of the dough is much, much greater**
2. **To be mixed thoroughly in the dough, become immersed in it.**
3. **Radically different from the dough**
4. **Its presence in the dough causes the dough to grow in volume.**
5. **The change does not produce more dough but makes the entire dough rise.**

From the image of leaven, we can make the following conclusions about the church remembering that Church is people And we are the people of God not of the world.

CHURCH WILL ALWAYS BE RELATED TO THE WORLD AS YEAST IS TO DOUGH

1. **The Church will always be small, a minority yet it will influence all the world.**
2. **The people who form Church will be radically different from the world in**
 - **The way they see life.**
 - **The values they see as important**
 - **Their presence – the manner in which they live, see life, make choices, behave.**
 - **Most will think, act, judge, and cherish things that are very different.**
4. **The presence of the Christian, the Church, living out this difference very consistently, and very differently, is to effect a change in the values of the world**
5. **However, when one is different and very significantly so, one will never be part of the in-group**
6. **The object of Christianity is to create a greater awareness of God's care for all people and this is done not by talking but by living a totally different life.**

ST. PAUL ONCE SAID: THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD AND THE WISDOM OF GOD ARE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT.

Parents: One of the best ways of this image of Church across to children is to speak to them while of it while watching Mom make bread. And it is not only the whole church but each member of it that is to be yeast to our world.