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From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1367

"The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice: 'The victim is one and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different.' 'In this divine sacrifice, which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner.' [Council of Trent]"

Quote: "The Blessed Sacrament is indeed the stimulus for us all, for me as it should be for you, to forsake all worldly ambitions. Without the constant presence of our Divine Master upon the altar in my poor chapels, I never could have persevered casting my lot with the lepers of Molokai; the foreseen consequence of which begins now to appear on my skin and is felt throughout the body. Holy Communion being the daily bread of a priest, I feel myself happy, well pleased, and resigned in the rather exceptional circumstances in which it has pleased Divine Providence to put me."
- *Blessed Fr. Damien, Apostle of the Lepers*

Reflection: St. Damian of Molokai knew that the Eucharist sustained him in his service to the lepers on the island of Molokai. How does the Eucharist sustain me in my service to my neighbors in my conference's boundaries?

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, your grace sustained St. Damian of Molokai to serve the lepers selflessly. May that grace of your sacrifice help us to assist our neighbors with their needs. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.