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From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1368

"The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of the Church. The Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head. With him, she herself is offered whole and entire. She unites herself to his intercession with the Father for all men. In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering. In the catacombs the Church is often represented as a woman in prayer, arms outstretched in the praying position. Like Christ who stretched out his arms on the cross, through him, with him, and in him, she offers herself and intercedes for all men."

Quote:

"We should never again use the expression, 'When Jesus was on earth' or think of Him as being only in heaven, Jesus is still on earth."

"While all the sacraments confer grace, the Eucharist contains the author of grace, Jesus Christ Himself."

- Fr. John Hardon, S.J.

Reflection: Do I bring the sacrifices of my service to my neighbors in need to the altar of the Lord at Mass? Do I offer my intentions for them when celebrating the Eucharist?

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, your grace calls me to remember that you are always present and near to my heart. By the sacrifice of the Mass, may the grace of the Mass fill me with the love to serve your chosen ones, the poor. And may my sacrifices for your brothers and sisters in need bear fruit in their lives. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.