

Holy Thursday 2016

"For just as Providence creates and sustains us as embodied persons, so Providence will be manifested to us through our own sacred bodies and through the larger Body of Christ."

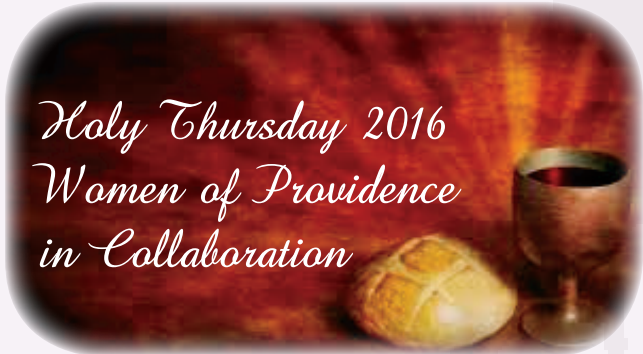
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Miriam Therese Winter wrote a book on eucharist with a small "e" in which she describes the family meal as eucharist/Eucharist. Today we celebrate that first eucharistic meal in the Cenacle and we acknowledge that our ongoing lives of faithful prayer, Eucharist, and contemplation transform our bodies, our minds and our spirits, just as the first 'Eucharist' transformed. Are we called to reverence for ourselves as the body of Christ, since as pray-ers we live no longer but Christ lives in us?

In his papal bull, Pope Francis proclaimed that Christ is the face of God's mercy. As the 'face of God's Provident Mercy' the body of Christ in my OWN world, I am the only face of God, body of Christ some will ever know. Our transformative eucharistic 'daily meals', our participation in Eucharist continues our transformation.

Practice: look in the mirror and reverence the Provident manifestation of Christ.

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