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Priests in Croatia demand compensation because of new drink curbs



Rome teaches that the words of consecration uttered by the priest changes the wine used in the Mass into the actual blood of Christ. However, it still tastes like wine, looks like wine, smells like wine and intoxicates as does wine. The only conclusion a sane person may draw is that IT IS STILL WINE!

Roman Catholic priests in Croatia are seeking exemption from a tough new drink driving bill on the grounds that they must sip wine on the job, a local paper reports. In an effort to improve road safety, the government is planning to scrap the 0.05% limit for blood-alcohol content.

The proposed zero-tolerance approach has alarmed some clergy in the heavily Roman Catholic country, according to Jutarnji List newspaper. Many travel between parishes to say Mass, which includes ritual drinking.

"Consumption of wine is the main component of the Eucharist," priest Zivko Kustic told the newspaper. "Since we serve Mass daily, sometimes up to three times a day, half the clergy is bound to wind up behind bars," he is quoted as saying.

worst offenders

Another priest told the newspaper: "It could happen that we enter the category of the worst offenders."

Mr Kustic added that he was not calling for clergy to be allowed to drive drunk. "We need to agree on at least a bare minimum of tolerance," he is quoted as saying. The

country's 2000 priests are looking for compensation of \$12 million to pay for a personal chauffeur to drive them about from parish to parish. The Croatian government decided to clamp down on driving and drinking, after a sharp rise in road fatalities.

What a blasphemy it is to teach such a foolish doctrine that leads people to believe that they may become intoxicated by drinking the blood of Christ! The blood of Christ, by which a soul is redeemed, does not reach the soul via the stomach! This Christ plainly indicated in the portion in which we read His words : "I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him," John 6: 48-56.

Physical or Spiritual

The Jews, in seeking to understand Christ's words to refer to physical eating and drinking,



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ran into the insurmountable problem of how physically eating Christ would give them spiritual life! In response to their query, Christ said: "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life," John 6:63. His words must therefore be understood spiritually not physically. To spiritually feast on Christ is to believe upon His Word. His very next words indicate that He is speaking of faith. "But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him," verse 64.