

Sacrifice Means Giving Our All for What We Believe

Sacrifice is not a popular word in these times. People like to talk and to think about rewards, but not sacrifice, which makes possible the greatest rewards and satisfaction in life.

Everyone wants to receive the great blessings and rewards that charitable works, study, prayer, fasting, faith and hope bring to a person's life. Sacrifice means giving our all for who or what we believe in and love.

People who really succeed at anything in life are those who sacrifice, and put the best of their time, energy, thought, money, and any other resources they have to work to accomplish their goal. What we believe in and love holds our attention, our interest, and is served by the best of our efforts.

People make great sacrifices for athletic prowess, for success in business and politics, for prestige and popularity; and are admired by others for the sacrifices they make. Success, in any of these areas, is only enjoyed for a short time.

The best life possible is a dedicated and committed life in which great sacrifices are made. This is the case, most of all, when we sacrifice for those persons and things which are most worthwhile. Nothing is more worthwhile than God, and the mission of Christ, experienced in and with the Church.

No one is more **noble** and leads a more **effective life** for the best of causes than the person who sacrifices to please God. What is offered to God is put to its best possible use; and the one who offers the sacrifice selflessly to God is always a better person for the effort.

Don't hold back and try to play it safe, or acquire as much as possible spiritually without effort. Those who sacrifice the most, gain the most. If you like slogans, take this to heart and don't forget it; **no strain, no pain, no gain**, or even better; **no cross, no crown**.

