

Does anyone in here have a really great friend? Someone or if you are very blessed several someone's that you can count on through thick and thin, someone to share your joys, sorrows, struggles, secrets, and know that they will never betray your confidence.

I pray that for those of us who are married, the first person on that list of friends is our spouse, then if we are blessed maybe one or two others and probably not more than a handful across our life time.

And how do we behave with our friends? Do we share with them? Do we speak favorably, sometimes even brag about them to others? Do we share meals, drinks, tools for the guys and clothing or jewelry for the gals? Do we share our friends with other friends in social settings because we want our friends to be friends with each other as well? Do we help each other with chores when asked or often times, just because we see that our friend needs help?

When something happens and as friends we upset each other, do we make an effort to apologize and do what we can to make the situation better, to restore our relationship?

It took me some time to work this out, but eventually I came to the conclusion that Jesus wants to be my best friend, and I, we, need to treat him just like we want our best friends to treat us.

We need to talk to him every day just because we want to build our relationship. We need to do the few things he has asked for us to do because just as we count on Christ, Christ is counting on us. We need to reconcile in the Sacrament when we have done something to upset our relationship, and we need to be as close to our friend as possible, something that we as Catholics can do that through the worthy reception of the Eucharist.

In fact our best friend Jesus Christ, put all of the Sacraments here to assist us in becoming closer to him here on earth in order for us to spend eternity with him in heaven. We need to take advantage of the wonderful gifts he has given to us.

At our Baptism we were instituted into the three fold office of Christ as Priest, Prophet and King. Our priestly sacrifice is exercised by offering our daily struggles and pains to Christ for the reparation of sins. Our Kingly office is exercised in our unselfish service to others, beginning with our family and friends.

Our prophetic office is exercised by some bragging about our friend Jesus. He suffered and died for us and has risen from the dead. He has defeated Satan and his minions. As bad as it may seem from day to day, the final result has already been determined; Jesus wins! All the devil can do is try to spoil the victory for individuals. But once again, that is why our friend Jesus has put the Sacrament of Reconciliation in place, to ruin the devil's day.

So Rejoice! Jesus Christ who wants to be our best friend is risen from the death he suffered to save us from our sins. If that isn't something worth bragging about, I don't know what is!