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Dear Editor, (This is for the Readers Write Column)

This is in response to Kathy Homan's letter of 9-26-2015.

Actually Kathy you helped clarify and exemplify my point. I shared the points how they were presented and you shared your insights but the title of the "Holy Mission" was "Save Your Soul". Catholics must do these things to save their Souls; if they fail to do one, they may be guilty of mortal sin and lose their salvation or have to spend more time in purgatory. Christianity is all about Jesus and what He has done for us, then to glorify God we obey Him by spreading the good news that our sin debt has been paid in full and by loving our neighbor as ourselves; praying for them etc.

Galatians chapter 5 warns not to let ourselves get caught up again in (Religious) laws. Christ has freed us. If we turn back to laws we have fallen from God's grace. Vs. 14 shares "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

John's gospel demands 4:24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The Catholic Church over the years of her development and traditions has become a religion of sight. Just as the false Jewish leaders of Jesus day, who saw their physical act of circumcision as their ticket into God's family, the Catholic sees the sacraments, via baptism, and the Mass etc. as their ticket to heaven.

Jesus shed His blood to pay for the world's sin and when He died He cried out "It is finished". No Mass, sacraments, Marian devotions etc.

"Conceived in her ... of the Holy Ghost ... a Son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sin" Matthew 1:20-21. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing. God and Sinners Reconciled! Fix in Us Thy Humble Home. In Each Believing Heart. "Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" John 3:16. "Our Father which art in Heaven ... Thy Kingdom come ... forgive us ... as we forgive ... deliver us from evil" Matthew 6:9-13. "In the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump ... the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" 1 Corinthians 15:52. "Peace from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come ... unto Him that loved us, and Washed Us From Our Sins in His Own Blood ... Behold, He cometh with the clouds; and every eye shall see Him ... even so, A'men" Revelation 1:4-7. Jesus: "Come to Me ... Take My Yoke ... Find Rest for Your Souls" Matthew 11:28-29.

Is Jesus knocking at the door of your heart? Read His word and by faith surrender your life and let Him in Revelation 3:20.

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