



A weekly reflection by members  
of the Precious Blood Community

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“Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am  
teaching you to observe.” (Deuteronomy 4:1)



Do you have any family heirlooms or keepsakes that have been handed down to you? You probably cherish them and display them in special places. They are part of your family's story. Do you ever think about who in your family will get them next? What if that person does not want them? I have read numerous articles saying younger generations do not want these family heirlooms. They do not want the china set that has been passed down through several generations.

What becomes of them?

Moses gave the family heirlooms, the "statutes and decrees" that God gave to him to be passed on to the people of Israel. God didn't just want the Israelites to hear these decrees, but also to remember them, to observe them, and to pass them on to their children and to their children's children. Jesus knew the "statutes and decrees." He appreciated Moses' family heirlooms.

We are also called to pass on our Catholic faith to our children and to our children's children. But what if they do not want it, at least the way they see it being lived out? What becomes of our Church? January 1-4, I was at the Seek Conference in Columbus, Ohio. There were 16,000 Catholic young adults in attendance. I got the impression that their Catholic faith was important to them. At least important enough for them to carve out 5 or so days at the beginning of a new year to assemble for worship, learning, adoration, community, and celebrating their faith. Yet they are not visible in most of our parishes, at least the ones I have attended. I pray that the greatest heirloom of the Family of God, the Eucharist, may be the unifying factor for all ages and times.

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