

## Decrees of the Council of Trent Session XXII

### Canons on The Sacrifice Of The Mass

**Canon 1.** If anyone says that in the Mass a true and real sacrifice is not offered to God; or that to be offered is nothing else than that Christ is given to us to eat, let him be anathema.

**Canon 2.** If anyone says that by those words, “Do this for a commemoration of me,” Christ did not institute the Apostles priests; or did not ordain that they and other priests should offer His own Body and Blood, let him be anathema.

**Canon 3.** If anyone says that the sacrifice of the Mass is one only of praise and thanksgiving; or that it is a mere commemoration of the sacrifice consummated on the cross but not a propitiatory one; or that it profits him only who receives, and ought not to be offered for the living and the dead, for sins, punishments, satisfactions, and other necessities, let him be anathema.

**Canon 4.** If anyone says that by the sacrifice of the Mass a blasphemy is cast upon the most holy sacrifice of Christ consummated on the cross; or that the former derogates from the latter, let him be anathema.

**Canon 5.** If anyone says that it is a deception to celebrate Masses in honor of the saints and in order to obtain their intercession with God, as the Church intends, let him be anathema.

**Canon 6.** If anyone says that the canon of the Mass contains errors and is therefore to be abrogated, let him be anathema.

**Canon 7.** If anyone says that the ceremonies, vestments, and outward signs which the Catholic Church uses in the celebration of Masses, are incentives to impiety rather than stimulants to piety, let him be anathema.

**Canon 8.** If anyone says that Masses in which the priest alone communicates sacramentally are illicit and are therefore to be abrogated, let him be anathema.

**Canon 9.** If anyone says that the rite of the Roman Church, according to which a part of the canon and the words of consecration are pronounced in a low tone, is to be condemned; or that the Mass ought to be celebrated in the vernacular tongue only; or that water ought not to be mixed with the wine that is to be offered in the chalice because it is contrary to the institution of Christ, let him be anathema.