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Heb 7: 11-17

If, then, perfection came through the Levitical priesthood, on the basis of which the people received the law, what need would there still have been for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not reckoned according to the order of Aaron? When there is a change of priesthood, there is necessarily a change of law as well. Now He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, of which no member ever officiated at the altar. It is clear that our Lord arose from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious if another priest is raised up after the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become so, not by a law expressed in a commandment concerning physical descent but by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed. For it is testified: “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Questions

1. How are the Apostles central to understanding the Eucharist and its being handed down through the centuries? If Christ is the Origin of the Eucharist, then in what ways are the apostles still essential to the Eucharist?
2. Why is it important for Catholics to know that they cannot partake of “communion” in Protestant worship? And vice versa? Why would this not be “building a bridge” but actually causing harm to ecumenism?
3. What does the term *in persona Christi* mean? (clue: not just representing Christ.) How can we explain that the Eucharist is the central purpose of the priesthood and make it sound compelling for regular Sunday worship? How can we diminish lay apathy towards such a fundamental belief?
4. How can a community encourage vocations and encourage young men to enthusiastically aspire to the priesthood, especially in the wake of so many scandals? Prayer is foundational, but what else?