
A Message from the Dean...

True Bread

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven.
Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that
I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.-John 6:51*

I was once given a fake Rolex as a joke. My friend bought it in an alley in New York City, he said, for \$20. He told me how to distinguish between a real Rolex and a fake Rolex (in case I ever buy one). A real Rolex has a "sweep" second hand that moves freely around the face of the watch. A fake Rolex ticks each second off, one at a time.

In our Gospel today Jesus said that whoever eats of this living bread-that is, of Jesus-will live forever. It is easy to be "religious" without really having eaten of this living bread.

In a broadcast address in London, T. S. Eliot talked about "spiritual awareness." He observed that many persons aspire to become Christians and believe, presumably, in the efficacy of the Christian faith, but never reach the stage of actually experiencing it. Aspiring towards real belief, i.e., becoming truly Christian, is one thing, whereas complete awareness of it is another. Aspiring can easily become an end in itself. And, as Charles H. Duthie of Edinburgh remarked: "It is a matter of living forever in the preface and never becoming involved in the story."

Have you eaten of the living bread? Have you encountered the living God lately?

Blessings,

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