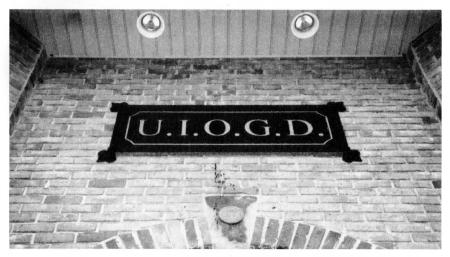
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The Sacred Liturgy is the expression of Christ's love for us, as it is the perfect expression of every individual voice lifted up to God in a hymn of love. The Liturgy is the chorus of the whole human race made one in communion with Christ. The priest who represents all the people in the Liturgy is consecrated to God - his hands in particular are consecrated. The priest and all the people gathered together with him - all look to the East - in solemn adoration as every movement, every gesture, every step the priest takes in the sanctuary, every word he utters, is preordained by Christ to be the fitting expression of His prayer. Generations of men have learned to make exactly the same grave, beautiful movements, to utter precisely the same unaltering, effective words, with the same intonations. Every word, every movement is effective, every one is a bodily act, and the very changing of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is accomplished, because he - the priest - wills it so, by his certain spoken words. The priest, while tooking up to Heaven in the East, stands there as Christ before God, and the unchanging necessities of the universal adoration of mankind pass through him, as he lends his body to those slow, beautiful acts, and his tongue to those miraculous words.



Over the Church Entrance the Benedictine Motto: "That In All Things God May Be Glorified".