EVERY PRAYER HAS TWO PARTS: GOD GIVES TO US WE GIVE TO GOD nce we have fulfilled this rayer is the means by which we communicate with God; thus, duty, we humbly ask God for the things we need. Our like any conversation, it must go Lord gave us the ideal model for this back and forth between us and Him. conversation in the Our Father. In God created us to know Him, love Him each of the prayers of the Mass, you and serve Him, and we do this best by offering him the glory that is His due. will find this up-and-down motion. THE STRUCTURE OF THE MASS FOLLOWS THIS SAME UP-AND-DOWN MOTION, LIKE THE ARCHES OF A CATHEDRAL: WE RECEIVE GRACES AND WE GIVE TO GO BLESSINGS FROM GOD THROUGH CHRIST Doxology Prayers of Remembrance Our Father Prayers of Offering Breaking of the Host Consecration Agnus Dei Prayers of Offering Communion Prayers of Remembrance Postcommunion Prayer Preface Dismissal & ecret Benediction THE MASS OF THE Offertor FAITHFUL Offertory Antiphon builds upon it. E OFFER WE RECEIVE PRAYERS AND INSTRUCTION PRAISE TO GOD and Alleluia FROM HIM THE MASS OF THE Introit Gospel' CATECHUMENS Sermon WE lays the foundation. the Foot START

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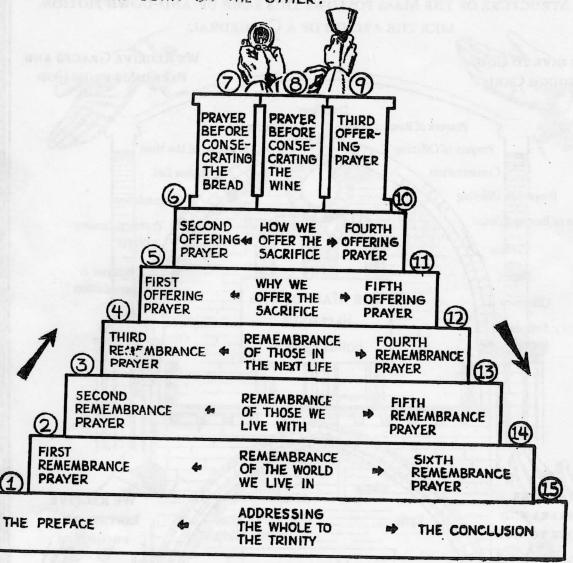
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KOWYOUR MASS CHAPTER EIGHT: THE HOLY OF HOLIES

NOW WE COME TO THE CENTER OF THE MASS, THE CANON (CALLED CANON, WHICH MEANS LAW, BECAUSE LIKE A LAW IT REMAINS UNCHANGEABLE).

WE CAN THINK OF THE PRAYERS OF THE CANON AS AN ALTAR FOR THE CONSECRATION, CONSISTING OF THREE PILLARS RESTING ON SIX STEPS. WE GO UP TO THE ALTAR ON ONE SIDE AND COME DOWN ON THE OTHER.



KEEP THIS DIAGRAM IN MIND AS WE GO THROUGH THE CANON. EACH PRAYER WILL BE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND TO THE NUMBER IN THE DIAGRAM.