

An Act of Spiritual Communion

When unable to receive Holy Communion, one can make a Spiritual Communion. This is an act expressing what was described by St. Thomas Aquinas as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and in lovingly embracing Him." In a Spiritual Communion we ask our Lord to come to us in the same way He would if we were able to receive the Sacrament:

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

St. Alphonsus Liguori (A.D. 1696-1787)