

## Discussion Questions for

### *The Mass Is Never Ended* *Recovering Our Mission to Transform the World*

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Each of the 15 chapters has three reflection questions at the end of the chapter. These can be used for personal reflection or for group discussion. These additional questions are offered for your use after each of the major topics within the book.

#### **Part I: A Mission Worthy of Our Lives (chapters 1-3)**

- What is your sense of the mission to your life? What does Pierce present as his view of the mission of a Catholic life? How are your views and Pierce's alike and different?
- What impact on your life would you expect from considering and accepting a mission for your life?
- How does a sense of mission affect a person's life, choices?
- If you truly believed and accepted that your life's mission was to transform the world and that your part involved "doing the good that presents itself," what would be your attitude about your daily work life?
- What feelings does recalling these three chapters engender in you?

#### **Part II: The Mass as a Sending Forth (chapters 4-8)**

- Why does Pierce consider the Mass so important and so central to the daily work life of the laity?
- What is the perspective from which Pierce considers all the parts of the Mass? How does this perspective differ from the traditional perspective you learned earlier in your life? Which appeals more to you? Why?
- How can you apply the Mass as Dismissal to your prayer life? To your daily and weekly choices about how you work?
- If you fully accepted and applied the perspective of Mass as Dismissal to your work life, what would that do your participation in the Mass? To your anticipation of the Sunday liturgy?
- What feelings does recalling these 5 chapters engender in you?

### **Part III: The Spirituality of Work (chapters 9-11)**

- What do you see as the essential elements of a Christian spirituality of work?
- Why is it important to possess a sense of the spirituality of work?
- How would you apply Pierce's concept of lay spirituality to your work life?
- How will your work life be different if you and your fellow parishioners apply the spirituality of work concepts to your daily work?

### **Part III: The Spirituality of Work (chapters 12-15)**

- What does being spiritual mean to you? What is it's meaning to Pierce? If the meanings are different, why?
- Why is it beneficial to examine the historical views of spirituality and of work?
- How could you go about making your work more spiritual?
- What would be the difference in you and/or your workplace, if you tried and tried again to infuse your performance at work with these concepts of a spirituality of work?
- How do you feel about work, having read this book? How do you feel about applying the ideas of the spirituality of work into your daily work life?
- What will be your first step toward practicing the spirituality of work? Toward accepting the Mass as a sending forth to transform the world beginning with your work in your work place(s)?