

THE EUCHARIST

The Eucharist has the most outstanding place in the charismatic experience of Magdalene. It is the spiritual “climate” which permeates her entire journey. From the Eucharist, she draws *“deep peace, joy, the desire for heaven; but at the same time, the desire to work much.”* The reason for this is *“the love which the Lord manifested for his people, in the act of instituting the Holy Eucharist.”* In the celebration of the Eucharist, Magdalene perceives the constant availability of the love of Jesus Crucified and finds the grace to live this love through generous service to those who have not known this love. In a very special way, the Eucharist reminds her of the *moment* and the *way* in which the Lord has entrusted us with his commandment of love. The Last Supper and the handing on of “his” commandment to the disciples are so closely linked together that they can be experienced as *effective union of hearts* and sharing. In turn, the close connection between the Last Supper and the passion of the Lord underscores the absolutely unconditional and immeasurable nature of his love.

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