

Explaining the Celebration of the Mass – The Dismissal from Mass - March 25, 2016

A. Again the celebrant may say “Let us Pray”. This does not mean we haven’t been praying; rather, it means we as a body are going to offer up one prayer all together. This is the prayer after Communion, the final Collect prayer of the Mass. It is the priest who wraps up all the different prayers of the gathered community into one prayer and the community responds with AMEN, meaning YES, I BELIEVE IT IS SO.

B. Why does the Mass end the way it does? Mass ends the same way we begin, in the Sign of our Faith – we bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross.