

Before the Pandemic FAMILY MASS

would bring a bag of money – hand out coins – yup I would give away money

Quarters, Pennies, Nickels and Dimes

Who is on them? Quarter – Washington, Nickel – Jefferson, Penny – Lincoln

– Leaders of our country – Presidents!

- In JC's time the emperor was Caesar and he was on all the coins

So this Sunday we hear about men who wanted to trick JC – and they used money

Is it lawful to pay the census tax?

Well if JC said YES – all the Jews would be mad

If JC said NO – all the Romans would be mad

JC goes to the heart of the issue and says:

“Give to Caesar what is Caesar's but give to God, what is God's”

Now today I could say the same thing. I could look at a quarter and say:

“Give to Washington what is Washington's and give to God what is God's”

BUT – our coins today are a little different

Under George Washington's chin it says IN GOD WE TRUST

Our coins recognize our government, its leaders (civil authority) AND God (the divine)

I have told you before WE are made in the image and likeness of God

Now then – *our coins* have the image of our government leaders

AND proclaim IN GOD WE TRUST

we ourselves have the image and likeness of God imprinted on US

AND we proclaim IN GOD WE TRUST → **by the way we live**

We recognize that our carnal, physical selves live in a material world

with a government that rules our carnal physical society but we go beyond that

Christians go beyond the material world – because we are a spiritual people

Everyone who knows us should know IN GOD WE TRUST

While we recognize governmental leaders rule over our material domain

We recognize we have a Divine Leader who rules as well

IN GOD WE TRUST means something for Christians

We are more than Americans living under American laws

We are Christians living Christian lives because of Jesus

It is why we gather to worship & give to God what is God's

Listen to the words of the Creed we proclaim because IN GOD WE TRUST

I believe in God, the Father

&in His Son JC, Our Lord

I believe in HS

Creator of Heaven and Earth

Conceived thru the HS

Holy Cath Church

Born of Virgin,

Communion of STs

Suffered, Died, Rose

Forgiveness of Sin

IN GOD WE TRUST isn't only on our coins, its in our hearts.

It is that trust, that reality, that will get us through whatever else the world throws at us.