

"Wherever applause breaks out in the liturgy because of some human achievement, it is a sure sign that the essence of liturgy has totally disappeared and been replaced by a kind of religious entertainment. Such attraction fades quickly — it cannot compete in the market of leisure pursuits, incorporating as it increasingly does various forms of religious titillation."

Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), *The Spirit of the Liturgy*, San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2000, pages 198–99.