

Consuming vs. Consummation

Consuming
uses up;
consummation
fills up.

Consuming
leaves us
empty;
consummation is
fullness.

Consuming
causes us to ravage
and exploit;
consummation
rhymes with conservation
and preservation.

Consuming,
we give in to greed
and selfishness;
consummation
calls us to sharing
and solidarity.

Consuming
limits our vision
to the here and now;
consummation also looks
to the hereafter.

The consumer society
is fragmented
and competitive;
a community fostering
consummation
is unified
and collaborative.

Consuming leads to
social poverty and
interior impoverishment;
consummation
enriches us all.

Christ promised
to bring the world
to consummation;
we can help by
less consuming.

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