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PENSACOLA-TALLAHASSEE Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

The Eucharist True Presence



The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) has embarked upon a national awareness program that will educate our Catholic faithful and evangelize our nation about the truth of the Eucharist.

According to a recent National Pew survey, only 55 % of Catholic respondents knew that the bread and wine in the Mass became the Body and Blood of Christ.

Last November at the 2010 NCCW Convention in Washington D.C., NCCW President Patty Johnson proposed to all affiliate Diocesan presidents that we distribute the Eucharistic themed decals on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 25-26, 2011.

The Pensacola-Tallahassee DCCW is happy to participate. Go forth and spread the good news. The Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice: “The victim is one and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different..” In this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner... this sacrifice is truly propitiatory.”

CCC 1367

Propitiatory– to win the favor of forgiveness

The Eucharist is also the Sacrifice of the Church. The Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of the Head. With him, she herself is offered whole and entire. She unites herself to his intercession with the Father of all men. In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of His Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ’s sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering.”

CCC 1368



The Last Supper

Jesus instituted the Eucharist the night before he died while celebrating the Passover meal with his disciples.

He took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take this, all of you, and eat it: This is my body, which will be given up for you.”..... (cf. Mk 14:22; Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:24)

Then he took the cup of wine and said to them: “Take this, all of you, and drink from it: This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all, so that sins may be forgiven.” (cf: Mt 14:24; Lk 22:20; 1 Cor 11:25)

The celebration of the Eucharist is not a symbolic remembrance of the Last Supper, as some Christians believe. It is not an attempt to re-crucify Jesus. We do not offer a new sacrifice to the Father. The passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus happened only once. When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, we enter into that “one, definitive, redemptive sacrifice”. We return spiritually to the Last Supper and the events that followed in a “mysterious oneness “in time. It allows people throughout the centuries to share in the grace of redemption.

During the celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus becomes present in the fullest sense when the bread and wine are consecrated, when they become his body and blood.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem wrote, “Do not see in the bread and wine merely natural elements, because the Lord has expressly said that they are his body and blood.”