



Catechist Guide for the PowerPoint Presentation on **Christ's True Presence in the Mass and the Holy Eucharist**

Theme: Christ reveals himself through the Mass and transforms us into his likeness

This presentation encourages interactive discussion between catechist and students. In adult classes, such as RCIA, some of the questions could be discussed in small groups of 2 or 4.

Depending on the length of discussions, the presentation could last 50 minutes or longer than an hour, so keep discussions brief unless time is not an issue. On average, allow 3 minutes per slide. If discussions lengthen this, a break is provided between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

However, any break anywhere breaks the integrity of the experience, which builds to a climax in the Communion Rite. If the normal class-time is less than 50 minutes, you might want to set aside a special time for this presentation, such as during a retreat, so that it can be seen in its entirety in one sitting. If it's broken up between two class periods, begin the second session with a review of the first. A suggestion of how to do this is provided in the outline below.

The bullet-point • below *means click to proceed through the slide.*

Q: *means ask the class to give you answers before clicking to display answers.*

Slide 1: Title Slide

Display this while starting class with a prayer.

Slide 2:

Q: How many times (when?) does Jesus reveal himself in the Catholic Mass?

- 1. Opening Hymn
- 2. Introductory Rites
- 3. Penitential Rite
- 4. Liturgy of the Word
- 5. Liturgy of the Eucharist
- 6. Communion Rite
- 7. Concluding Rite
- Let's look at each of these, one at a time...

Slide 3

OPENING HYMN

- Mass begins with a gathering song and procession.
- **Q: Why?**
- **A:** We're coming together as individuals to become a community.
 - Singing the opening hymn together builds unity.
 - Jesus first reveals himself through one another.
 - **Discuss:** In what ways do you see Jesus in other people?
 - **Discuss:** Why is it important to greet others in a friendly way when you come to church?
- **Q: Why do the priest, altar servers, and other ministers of the Mass process into the church?**
- **A:** Their entrance completes the community. Everyone should be here now.