



## 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.