



# RCIA at Saint Sylvester

The Holy Eucharist

# The Source and Summit

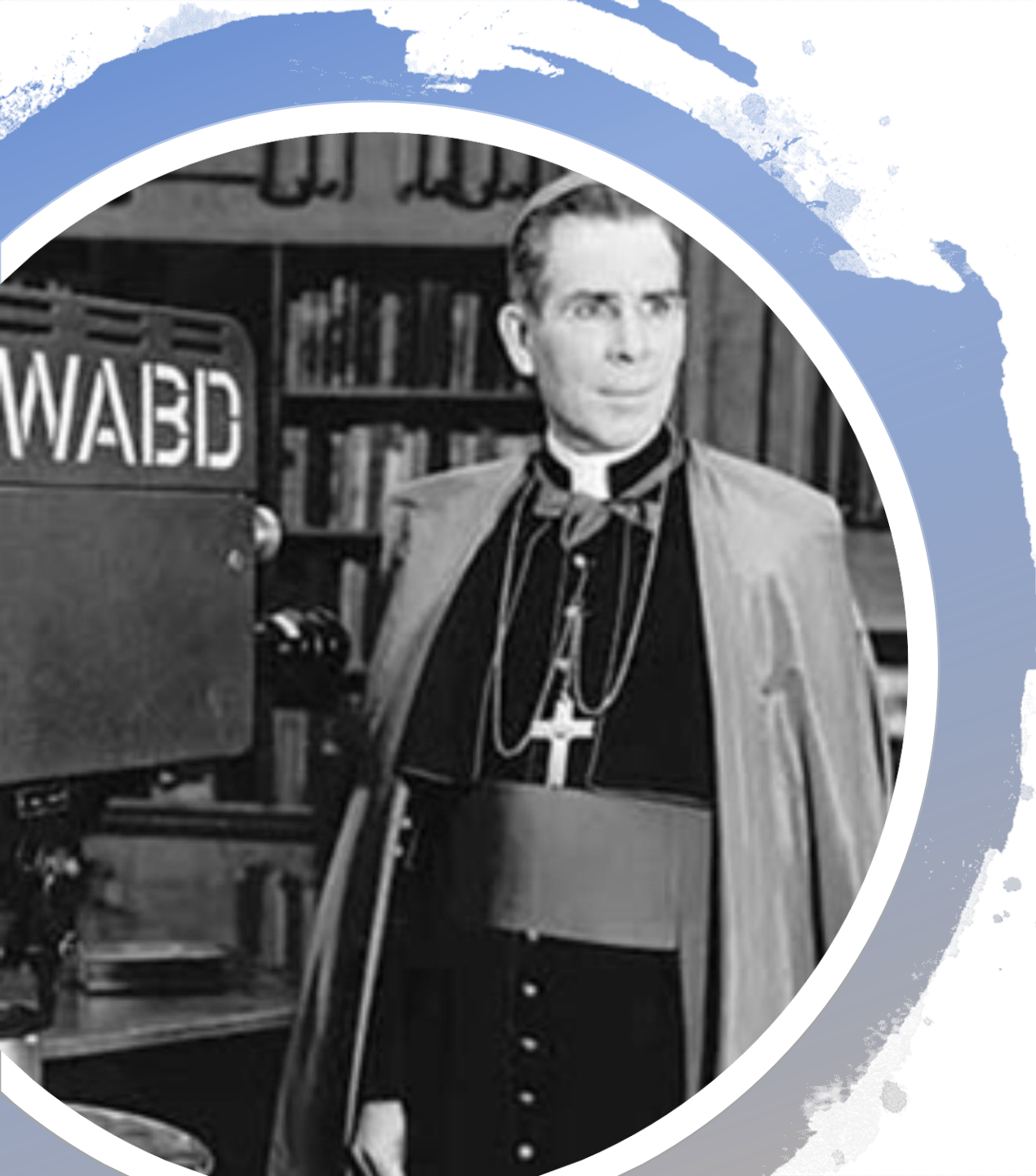
## Your Background

## The Eucharist

- What is it?
- Historical Roots
- Real Presence - Transubstantiation
- Where can I find it?

## John 6





Your Life is Worth Living

# Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen



# Your Background?

Lord's Supper – Holy Communion – The  
Last Supper – Communion – Breaking of  
the Bread – Holy Sacrament



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Manna

Hebrew- "man- hu" meaning: What is it?



## CATECHISM

OF  
THE

CATHOLIC

CHURCH

## Using the Catechism

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- Go to Part Two- *The Celebration of the Christian Mystery*
- Go to Section Two – *The Seven Sacraments of the Church*
- Go to Chapter One – *The Sacraments of Christian Initiation*
- Go to Article 3 – *The Sacrament of the Eucharist*
  - 1322 The holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. Those who have been raised to the dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist.
  - 1323 "At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'" - Source *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* – Paul VI Vat II



# Catechism Continued

- 1324- *source and summit of our faith*
- 1325- *efficacious sign*
- 1326- *unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy*
- 1327- *sum and summary of our faith*

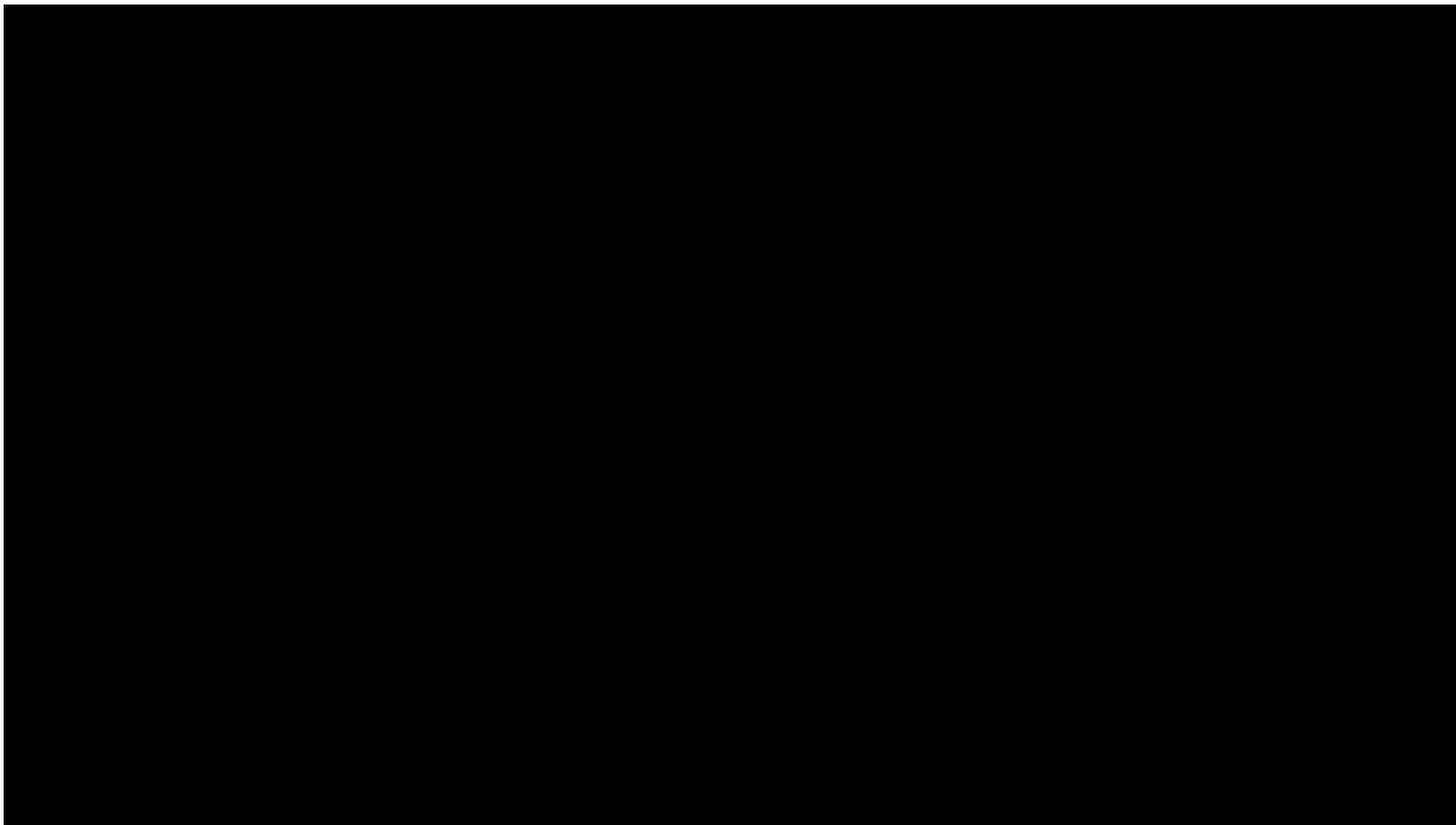


# What is it?

- New Manna from Heaven
  - Exodus 16
  - John 6
- New Passover
  - Exodus 12
  - Matt. 26:17
  - Mk. 14:1-2
  - Lk 22:1-15
  - 1Cor 5:7
- New Bread of the presence
  - 1 Sam 21:6
  - Matt 12:4



Jeff Cavins





How about some history?

- Exodus 12 The First Passover Instituted
  - 1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 "This month shall be for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household; ...
  - 14 "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as an ordinance for ever.

# Passover Seder



# Passover: The Four Cups

- The Passover Seder (literally “order”) is demarcated by four cups of wine.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Cup— Kiddush—Cup of Sanctification
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Cup—Haggadah—Cup of Proclamation
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Cup—Berakah—Cup of Blessing
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Cup—Hallel—Cup of Praise



A painting depicting the Last Supper. Jesus is seated at the head of a long wooden table, surrounded by his twelve disciples. They are in a room with arched doorways and hanging lanterns. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from the lanterns and a window on the left. The disciples are engaged in conversation and eating. Jesus is looking towards the right side of the frame.

## Matthew 26 (Mark 14)

17 Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" 18 He said, "Go into the city to such a one, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" 19 And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

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26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." 27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."



**This is my body,  
which is given  
for you.**

Luke 22.19

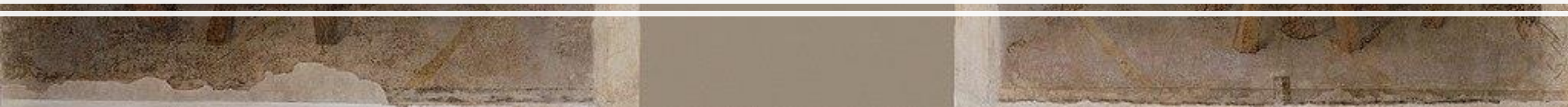
Luke 22

- <sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this **Passover** with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup> for I tell you I shall not eat it[b] until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup> **And he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."** <sup>20</sup> **And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."**





Are we just reenacting the Last Supper? Everyday sacrifice?





*Are we reenacting  
the Last Supper?*



The Term:  
Eucharist...  
*Eucharistein*  
*Eucharistos*

## **CCC II. WHAT IS THIS SACRAMENT CALLED?**

***1328 The inexhaustible richness of this sacrament is expressed in the different names we give it. Each name evokes certain aspects of it. It is called:***

***Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words eucharistein<sup>141</sup> and eulogein<sup>142</sup> recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim - especially during a meal - God's works: creation, redemption, and sanctification.***

### ***Strong's Concordance***

eucharistos: thankful

Original Word: **εὐχάριστος, ον**

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: eucharistos


Phonetic Spelling: (yoo-khar'-is-tos)

Short Definition: thankful, grateful



# The Eucharist: Our Passover

CCC 1364 In the New Testament, the memorial takes on new meaning. When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she **commemorates Christ's Passover**, and it is made present the sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the cross remains ever present.<sup>185</sup> "As often as the sacrifice of the Cross by which 'Christ our Pasch has been sacrificed' is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried out."<sup>186</sup>



Memorial? ...  
Yes.

New Passover?  
...Sure.

A "Sacrifice"???  
...NO! You  
Catholics made  
that up in the  
Middle Ages!

Did we?

# The Apostle Paul (≈AD 50)

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## The Institution of the Lord's Supper

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor 11:23-26)



# The Apostle Paul (≈AD 50)

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## Partaking of the Supper Unworthily

<sup>27</sup> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord.

<sup>28</sup> Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself. <sup>30</sup> *That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.*



# St. Justin Martyr (155 AD)

1345 As early as the second century we have the witness of St. Justin Martyr for the basic lines of the order of the Eucharistic celebration. They have stayed the same until our own day for all the great liturgical families. St. Justin wrote to the pagan emperor Antoninus Pius (138-161) around the year 155, explaining what Christians did:

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On the day we call the day of the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place. The memoirs of the apostles and the writings of the prophets are **read**, as much as time permits.

When the reader has finished, he who presides over those gathered admonishes and **challenges them** to imitate these beautiful things.

Then we all **rise together and offer prayers\*** for ourselves . . .and for all others, wherever they may be, so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions, and faithful to the commandments, so as to obtain eternal salvation.

When the prayers are concluded **we exchange the kiss**.

Then someone **brings bread and** a cup of water and wine mixed together to him who presides over the brethren.

He **takes them and offers** praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and for a considerable time he **gives thanks (in Greek: eucharistian)** that we have been judged worthy of these gifts.

When he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all present give voice to an acclamation by saying: '**Amen.**'

When he who presides has given thanks and the people have responded, **those whom we call deacons give to those present the "eucharisted" bread, wine and water and take them to those who are absent.**<sup>171</sup>





## St. Justin Martyr (155 AD)

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- “We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Savior became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.
- The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that he took bread, gave thanks and said: Do this in memory of me. This is my body. In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks and said: This is my blood. The Lord gave this command to them alone. Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things.

# Origen (AD 239)

“Formerly there was baptism in an obscure way... Now, however, in full view, there is regeneration in water and in the Holy Spirit. Formerly, in an obscure way, there was manna for food; now, however, in full view, there is the true food, the flesh of the Word of God, as he himself says: “My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.”





# Melchezidek

- *“Priest of God Most-High”*
- Genesis 14
  - Abram Blessed by Melchizedek
  - 17 After his return from the defeat of Ched-or-lao’mer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King’s Valley). 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem **brought out bread and wine**; he was priest of God Most High. 19 And he blessed him and said,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; 20 and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.



# Melchizedek

- *“Thou art a priest forever...”*
- Hebrews 6-7
  - 4 See how great he is! Abraham the patriarch gave him a tithe of the spoils.
  - ...
  - 15 This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, 16 who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. 17 For it is witnessed of him,

*“Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek.”*

# Malachi 1:11

“For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name is great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.”

The Eucharistic Prayer is the heart of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In this prayer, the celebrant acts in the person of Christ as head of his body, the Church. He gathers not only the bread and the wine, but the substance of our lives and joins them to Christ's perfect sacrifice, offering them to the Father.

You are indeed holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

# Eucharist ...What *Are* We Looking For?

- Memorial Observed
- Regarded as *the* Sacrifice
- Regarded as Christ's Body and Blood...

*Really Present*

...REAL PRESENCE



# Make No Mistake...

- CCC 1374 The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend."<sup>201</sup> In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is **truly, really, and substantially contained**."<sup>202</sup> "This presence is called 'real' - by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present."<sup>203</sup>



How to prepare to receive







Why can't we all take it?





# “Which Church Should I Choose?”

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United Church of Christ in the Philippines - 0.5  
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Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa -  
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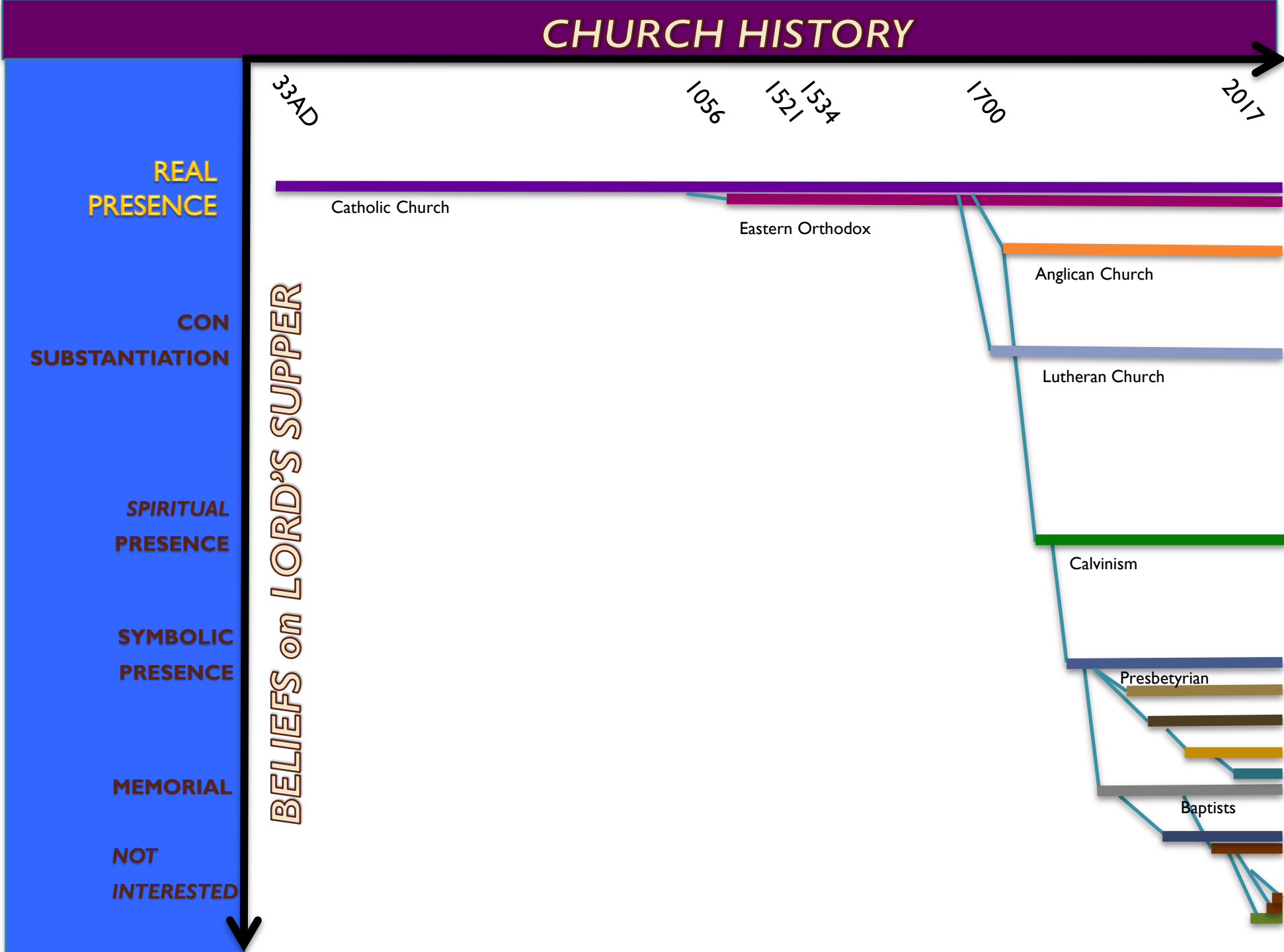
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Reformed Church in Romania - 0.6 million[94]  
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Toraja Church - 0.4 million[96]  
Reformed Church of France - 0.4 million[97]  
Lesotho Evangelical Church - 0.3 million[98]  
Evangelical Christian Church in Halmahera - 0.3  
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Evangelical Reformed Church in Angola - 0.3  
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Christian Church of Sumba - 0.3 million[101]  
Karo Batak Protestant Church - 0.3 million[102]  
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Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria - 0.3  
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Reformed Church in Zambia - 0.3 million[106]  
Kalimantan Evangelical Church - 0.2 million[107]  
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Church of Lippe - 0.2 million[111]  
Evangelical Church of Congo - 0.2 million[112]  
Evangelical Church of Gabon - 0.2 million[113]  
Christian Evangelical Church of Sangihe Talaud -  
0.2 million[114]  
Central Sulawesi Christian Church - 0.2  
million[115]  
Evangelical Reformed Church in Bavaria and  
Northwestern Germany - 0.2 million[116]  
Congregationalism - 5 million  
United Church of Christ - 1.2 million[117]

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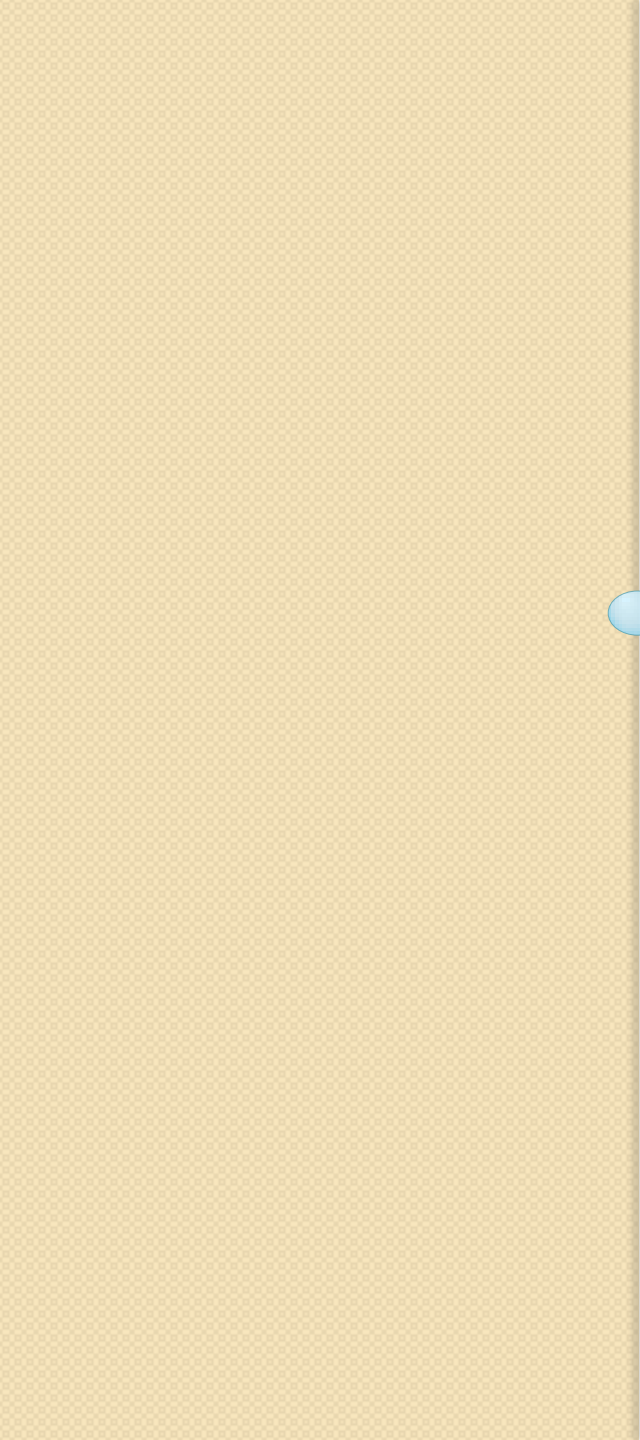
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*A CLOSER LOOK***

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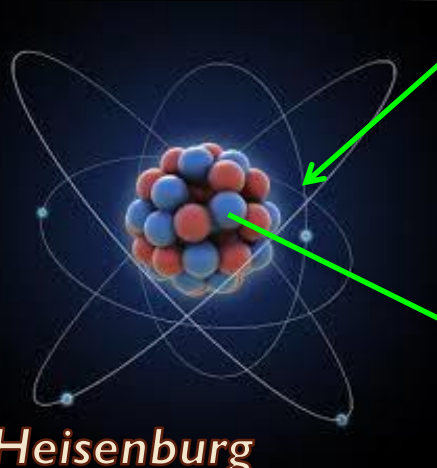
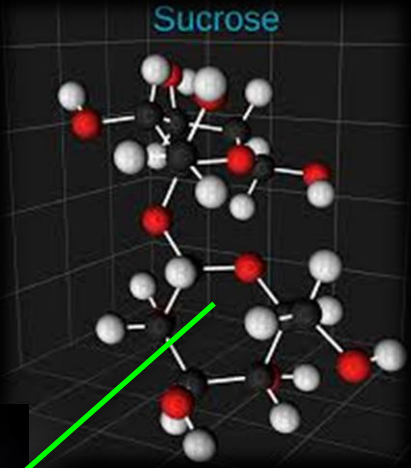
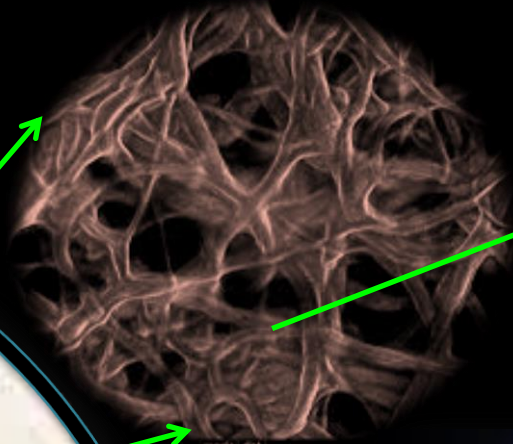
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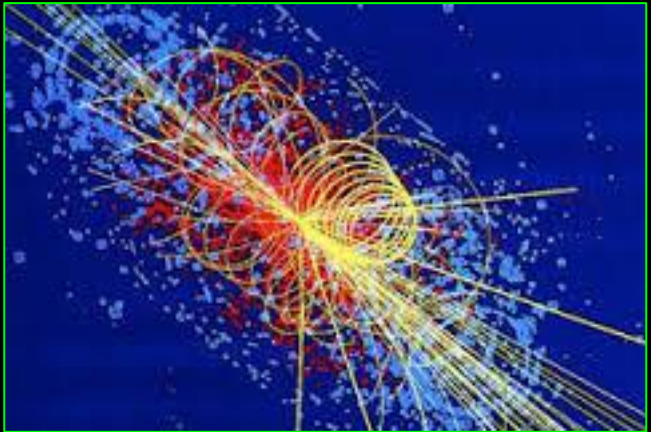
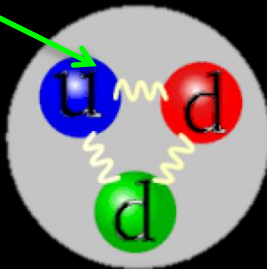


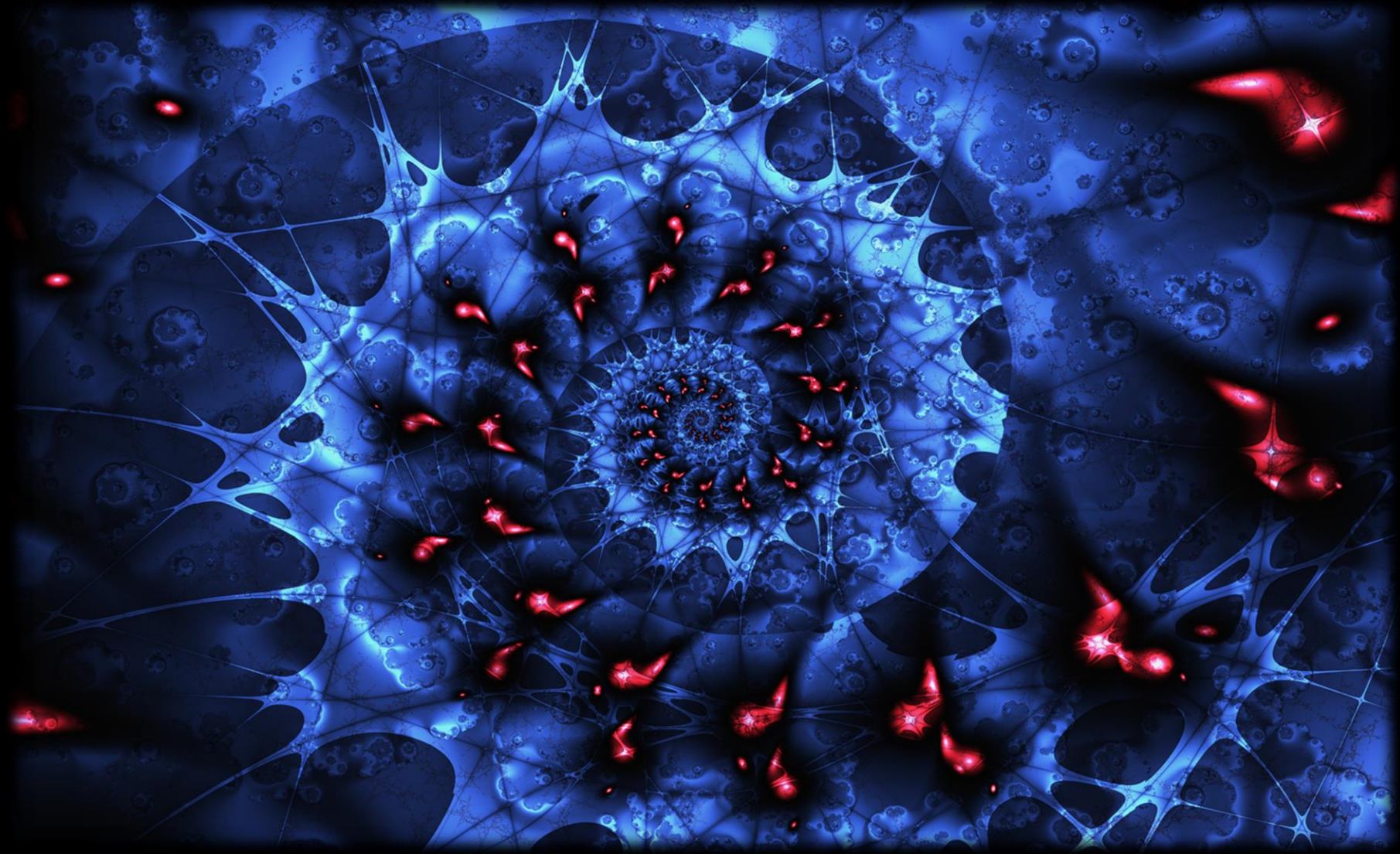






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# Basic Conclusions

John I “...without him was not anything made that was made.”

Hebrews II “...what is seen ...was made out of things which do not appear.”

Colossians I “—all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

1. Bible-Believing-Christian, care to point to that ...in all the Universe ...that isn't the Word of God ...already???
2. Christ, as Prime Ordering Power of Creation, ...always reserves the right and ability to change the substance of things ...at all levels, and in ways, that *might remain undetectable to us.*
3. We can *change* what we observe... *just by observing it.*



# CCC

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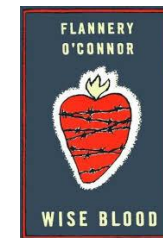
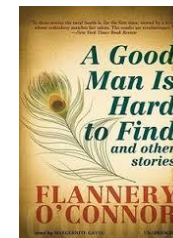


# Author Flannery O'Connor on the Eucharistic Real Presence...

"Well, toward morning the conversation turned on the Eucharist, which I, being the Catholic, was obviously supposed to defend. [Mary McCarthy] said when she was a child and received the Host, she thought of it as the Holy Ghost, He being the 'most portable' person of the Trinity; now she thought of it as a symbol and implied that it was a pretty good one.

## PALETTE CLEANSER!

I then said, in a very shaky voice,  
'Well, if it's a symbol, to hell with it.'  
That was all the defense I was capable of but I realize now that this is all I will ever be able to say about it, outside of a story, except that it is the center of existence for me; all the rest of life is expendable."



**John 6**

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...When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you; for on him has God the Father set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see, and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”

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# John 6

- Jesus equates himself to the Old Testament Manna; stating that he will be the new Manna.
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- *Q: How do WE have “this bread... always?”*

# The Eucharist

- Passover
- Memorial
- Sacrifice
- Manna
- Bread of the Presence

# No Priest, No Eucharist





# The Ministerial Priesthood

- 1547 The ministerial or hierarchical priesthood of bishops and priests, and the common priesthood of all the faithful participate, "each in its own proper way, in the one priesthood of Christ." While being "ordered one to another," they differ essentially.<sup>22</sup> In what sense? While the common priesthood of the faithful is exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace --a life of faith, hope, and charity, a life according to the Spirit--, **the ministerial priesthood is at the service of the common priesthood.** It is directed at the unfolding of the baptismal grace of all Christians. The ministerial priesthood is a means by which Christ unceasingly builds up and leads his Church. For this reason it is transmitted by its own sacrament, the sacrament of Holy Orders.

# The Ministerial Priesthood

- Is Apostolic... The Ministerial Priesthood is in the Succession of the Apostles. (Laying on of hands.)
- Ministerial Priesthood continues the work of the Apostles. Specifically, it carries on the specific work entrusted to the Apostles.
  - Forgiving Sins
  - Healing
  - Preaching and Teaching
  - Offer THE Sacrifice ...The Holy Eucharist
- The Ministerial Priesthood acts... *in persona Christi*