

E-MAIL SENT TO THE BISHOPS OFFICE IN FORT WORTH TEXAS DIOCESE

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I had Tim Francis here last week, with a packed house I might add, and I must tell you that man is full of the Holy Spirit and gave a powerful presentation on the importance of the Eucharist and Adoration.

I found him very sound, balanced and healthy. He's a good speaker and teacher. I was already familiar with Ron Tesoriero's REASON TO BELIEVE, as I'd acquired it at "Keepsakes" just two weeks prior to Tim communicating with me. That book, and Tim's sharing of the DVDs at his presentation really all points to the importance of the Eucharist celebration, the blessings of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and encouragement of Christian witness in the marketplace.

After his talk, I was amazed at how many signed-up for Adoration hours here. And the Parish daily Masses have increased by nearly half! This is real healthy, basic stuff of the Faith. I told Tim that he should think of this as "pre-evangelization," as the ones who come to this sort of program may know very little about their Faith except for the very fundamental teachings of the Faith. He is also doing basic evangelization in that he reiterates what practicing Catholics already know, but he's confirming the core principles of the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist. And finally, he is giving anchored catechesis for those well versed already in the Faith, encouraging them to "go out" into "the world," acting-out our moral teachings, and actively inviting Catholics and non-Catholics to explore more about the Roman Catholic Church.

I am really edified, Lucas, by this young man's living the Truth of the Catholic Faith and Traditions. I perceive God raising up such members of the lay Catholic faithful in these very strange times, setting hearts on fire for the "fullness" of what we believe.

I encourage you to encourage Tim and give him any mentoring guidance you may feel moved to share. I would hope that many more clergy and religious of our Diocese avail themselves of this "REASON TO BELIEVE" book, and Tim's presentation too.

I was glad we went with using the Main Church for that evenings of Tim's superb teaching here that evening. We had a/c, padded pews, a good sound system, and Tim to utilize all with the help of the Holy Spirit. What a wonderful, memorable evening for all of us! And again, we were very close to standing room only, and that was after speaking of this event only one Sunday previous to our quickly scheduled evening this very June. I was so taken with Tim Francis' knowledge of the material, and his love of Christ and His Church, that I wanted to get this Good News to our people as soon as possible. It was just one of those times when one truly finds one's self falling in love with the Catholic Church all over again. Tim reminds us of the blessings and gifts to God's people in the sacramental system. And to see a layman truly calling on the graces of his Baptismal/Confirmation graces to evangelize the Eucharist was truly edifying for this priest of thirty-years.

I truly hope the rest of the Diocese discovers the wealth of Tim Francis' efforts which are right under our noses! Our people truly catch-on fire with the most important essences of our "Way" and by that I specify the true Eucharistic love that the Father has gifted us with in Christ.

In Christ,
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