

August 25, 2010

Re: Tim Francis- Eucharist Presentation

To whom it may concern,

I am Fr. Thomas McCarthy, parish administrator at Holy Name Catholic Church in Trenton, OH- Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Mr. Francis gave his presentation on the Eucharist to people in my parish back in early July of 2010. It was well received and attended, many came from neighboring parishes as well.

I found his presentation both interesting and informative. Mr. Francis has a great passion and enthusiasm for the promotion of the Sacredness of the Eucharist. His presentation, consisted of a string of video's combined with personal testimony. If you are looking for someone who will downplay the Church's teaching and conviction on the Eucharist then I would not recommend that you invite Mr. Francis to speak at your parish.

I found seeing a young, lay, man, passionate about his faith and the authentic teachings of the Eucharist not only refreshing but reaffirming. It is nice to see someone besides a priest give testimony on the Sacredness and importance that the Eucharist holds in the life of a Catholic. It reaffirmed my belief that the missionary spirit and zeal is alive and well is the laity.

His presentation sparked questions which provided me with the opportunity to teach what the Church professes and clear up some misunderstandings. Having that opportunity, especially in front of so many, was it-self worth having him come. Anytime, we as priests, are given the opportunity to teach and lead our people to greater faith, we should take advantage of it.

There were other benefits that came from his presentation as well. For example, although we already had extended times for Exposition, the number who attended them each week has grown.

For the reasons stated above, I recommend and encourage any priest who is considering having Mr. Francis come to his parish and speak, to take him up on his offer.

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