

Celebrating FIFTY years of living the Eucharist: “Give them something to eat...”

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The Eucharist as the embodiment of Love.

In the past twenty-five years, the Eucharist has been a prominent theme in official Catholic documents, especially from the last three popes. Pope Francis in his exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel* writes: “God’s word, listened to and celebrated, above all in the Eucharist, nourishes and inwardly strengthens Christians, enabling them to offer an authentic witness to the Gospel in daily life.” This presentation attempts to find the connection between cult, creed, and code, to the extent that how we pray shapes what we believe and how we act as Christians living in the world.

The Eucharist and Social Justice.

How we pray should translate itself into how we live. Liturgists like to use the shorthand tag *lex orandi, lex agendi* or the rule of prayer leads to the rule of action. This lecture explores the relationship between Eucharist and ethics, between liturgy and life. It explores the declaration of the 2005 Synod on the Eucharist: “The Eucharist moves Christians to a commitment of justice in today’s world...”

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Saturday, January 15, 10:00 –11:30 am; 1:00-3:00 pm;: Presentation.

Sunday January 16, following Mass 11:30 am—1:00 pm: Presentation; 4:30 Vespers.

Monday January 17, 7:00 pm, Presentation. Night Prayer follows presentation.

Fr. Driscoll will also be the homilist at the weekend Masses.

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