

New Ulm Eucharistic Presentation

1. I Thessalonians 5:16-17 “Pray, pray always.”

2. St. Thomas says the greatest prayer is the “Our Father,” because it contains every ingredient needed for a prayer to be authentic.

-The words “Our Father...” teach us to approach God with confidence.

-The words “...Thy will be done...” teach us to be open to God’s response, whatever that may be.

-The words “...on earth as it is in heaven ...” teach us the proper hierarchy of values.

-The words “...hallowed be Thy Name...” and “...Thy kingdom come...” teach us devotion.

-The words “...give us this day our daily bread...” teach us humility and to rely upon God, not our own resources.

3. Prophetic Call Narrative Type Scene: Moses

- a) Divine Confrontation
- b) Salutation
- c) Commission
- d) Objection
- e) Reassurance
- f) Sign

4. St. Thomas Aquinas was asked why Christ gave us the Eucharist. He answered:

- As His life was nearing its end, Christ wanted to find a way to remain in our midst;

- Since our redemption was wrought through His Sacred Passion, it was fitting that this gift of Presence should remind us of His Passion;

- He wanted to do this in a way that cultivated our affection for Him.

5. How do we LIVE the Eucharist?

a. The sign of a biblical Eucharistic scene is the words: Took, blessed, broke and gave. Apply these four steps to your virtues, your love; your talents; your relational patterns; your missionary zeal; your contemplation; your family (or other community) life.

b. Where is the good within you? What is your special giftedness? What are you taking, blessing, breaking and giving to God, the community, the world? When you do so, do you see that you are making the Gospel and the Eucharist your own life story?

6. O Sacrum Convivium O Sacred Banquet, in which Christ becomes our food, the memory of His Passion is recalled, grace fills the soul and a pledge of future glory is given to us.