

1 **“The Eucharist is GOD DWELLING among us.”**

2 **Introduction** (pgs. 11-13)

3 *Check the Consecrations you have participated:*

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| 4 | ○ Immaculate Heart of Mary | ○ Our Lady of Guadalupe |
| 5 | ○ Sacred Heart of Jesus | ○ Our Lady of Fatima |
| 6 | ○ Saint Joseph | ○ Our Lady of Lourdes |
| 7 | ○ St Raphael | ○ Our Lady of Czestochowa |
| 8 | ○ St Michael the Archangel | ○ Our Lady of Mount Carmel |
| 9 | ○ St Anne | ○ Our Lady of Sorrows |
| 10 | ○ Holy Spirit | ○ Holy Trinity |
| 11 | ○ Miraculous Medal | |

12 **What is a Consecration to Eucharistic Glory?**

13 An **INVITATION** to dedicate yourself to GOD and make yourself 100% available to carry out His will on this
 14 earth; an **act of unconditional surrender** to Jesus in the Eucharist; an opportunity to set aside our
 15 distractions and selfishness, dedicate ourselves abundantly, wholeheartedly, and completely to the will
 16 of GOD, and promise to faithfully respond to GOD’s grace in our life.

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 18 **ACTS of CONSECRATION in Bible** (pgs. 12-13)

19 **List some of the acts of consecration in the Bible.**

20 Book of Exodus (Immediately after the incident with the golden calf)

21 “Consecrate yourself today to the Lord...that He may bestow upon you a blessing this day.” Moses

22 1 Chronicles (after GOD chose Solomon to lead; David asked GOD)

23 “Who else among you will contribute generously and consecrate themselves to the Lord this day?”

24 Book of Joshua (After Israel enters promised land and in presence of Ark of the Covenant)

25 “Consecrate yourselves to the Lord, for tomorrow He will do wonders among you.”

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 27 **GOAL of this 33 Days to Eucharistic Consecration** (pgs. 11-14)

28 **What is the GOAL of this Consecration?**

29 *“...Consecrate yourself today to the Lord...that He may bestow upon you a blessing this day.”*

30 What is Matthew Kelly’s DREAM? (pgs. 11-12)

31 **My Dream:** That the whole world would be consecrated to the Eucharist...

32 One person at a time...

33 One marriage at a time...

34 One family at a time...

35 One neighborhood at a time...

36 One diocese at a time...

37 One country at a time...

38 *What do you think would happen if the entire world was consecrated to Jesus in Eucharist?*

39 Answers will vary.

40 **What is the relationship between the Eucharist and GOD?**

41 The Eucharist is GOD dwelling among us...It is an invitation to participate in a sacred journey – a spiritual pilgrimage...

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 44 **Crisis of Faith** (pgs. 14-15)

45 Modern Catholics are experiencing a *crisis of faith*... (pgs. 15-16)

- 46 ● More than 50 million have left the faith in the past 30 yrs.
- 47 ● Over half of all American adults (raised Catholic) have left the Church...

- 48 • Over past 35 yrs., a US Catholic parish has closed every three days...
- 49 • Over past 25 yrs., a US Catholic school has closed...
- 50 • Over past 50 yrs., every day we have lost a Catholic priests from active service
- 51 due to retirement, death, leaving priesthood voluntarily or have been removed
- 52 • 1973=58,000 priest (avg. age 35)/10% over age 65; today 37,000 priests
- 53 (avg. age 64)/40% over age 65
- 54 • 3500 US parishes are without a resident priest
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Those who believe, don't leave (pgs. 17-18)

What is the difference over the past 30 yrs. between those who have stayed and those who have left?

Those who stayed, believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist and only the Catholic Church can offer this gift to them (w/jf: the ultimate ***personal relationship*** with Jesus)

To halt the exodus, lead people to believe in the True Presence of Jesus.

What makes Catholicism unique? (pg. 19)

"Transforming people one at a time is at the heart of GOD's plan for the world. GOD transforms people."

"Our GOD is a deeply personal GOD, and He takes a deeply personal interest in each person."

The Eucharist is the Answer (pgs. 20-22)

What did Matthew Kelly discover about Perpetual Adoration Chapels? There was a pattern that parishes with Adoration Chapels were renewed and helped people re-focus priorities; produced abundant fruits of faith

How to use this Book (pgs. 22-24)

It is a *handbook* for your *spiritual pilgrimage*; a preparation for the *profound* experience of *Eucharistic Consecration*

Daily Routine:

1). Find a quiet place, 2). Read the reflection, 3). Ponder the one idea that stuck you most from the reading, 4). Pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer, 5). Look for opportunities to practice the *virtue* during daily routines, 6). Have a great day! So, each week has a theme; stay the course

Let the pilgrimage begin (pgs. 25-27)

How did the story of the Muslim man's answer to the questions about Allah affect you? Answers will vary

Read page 26. Create a card with the words of Jesus' invitation to you to seek Him in the Eucharist and read it daily.

Timelines for 33 Days.

While you may begin the consecration at any time, it is not required but suggested to start the consecration 33 days before a major Church feast day. The list of major feast days and recommended start times is published on page 27 (16 cycles). If you miss a few days, do not give up but continue your journey. You may renew your consecration at any time and as many times as you wish. It is a journey, a pilgrimage, a special intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist...

"Go to Him. Seek out time in His presence.

Allow His presence to transform you in ways unimaginable."

Matthew Kelly