

Many theologians will say the Eucharist is in the center of the catholic faith. The gospel of the today is in the center of the catholic theology with regard to the Eucharist. In this speech that we call the Bread of Life, we believe, is a certain thing that the statement of Jesus is present in the Eucharist, the true physical presence of Christ. This belief where we say that when we kneel in front of the tabernacle, when we kneel in front of the Eucharist, we pray in the presence of Jesus. When we look at today's gospel from John in the context with the accounts of the Last Supper in, Matthew, Mark and Luke and the story of the Road to Emmaus in Luke, we know that the message of Jesus is clear: "That He is here in the Eucharist."

While the Eucharist is in the center of our faith, is not the only part of the Catholic faith. We should not celebrate only the Eucharist in the Mass, also we celebrate the people. We do this in the Word, surely. Saint Francis of Assisi is credited with once saying, "Preach the gospel always. When necessary, use words." There are good examples of taking Church to the people.

Our youth group returned recently from a week in the Catholic Heart Labor Camp where they worked a week with the poor and the elderly in Greensboro, North Carolina. Jesus was there also. When a Eucharistic minister goes to a house or to the hospital to visit the sick, they are taking Jesus with them. Jesus this here, in our community. We are the body of Christ.

Today, when you leave here, take Jesus with you. But do not keep Jesus for yourself. Give Jesus, to all the people.