

26 March 2008 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Hal Pawlowski, Ken Pritchett, Juan Lahera, Mark Savarese, and James Hodson

Table Leader: James Hodson

Prayer Leader: Juan Lahera Juan used the ACTS (adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, & supplication) format and focused on our need for God's grace and forgiveness. He also focused on our need for repentance. He used Psalm 19 verse 15, Psalm 50 verse 23, and Psalm 150 to praise God for the help he has given in our lives. We open with the song "Come, now is the time to worship" and closed with "Ever faithful God".

Witness Theme and Presenter- Eucharist by Mark Savarese

Mark focused on the "real presence of Jesus" in the Eucharist. We are the only Christian faith that does. Other Christian faiths see it as a symbol of Jesus' death and resurrection. The Eucharist is the best part of the mass. The Eucharist also recharges God within you. He gave 2 examples where a child feels great joy and need in participating in the Eucharist. Challenge Question: 1) What is your Present attitude concerning THE REAL PRESENCE of Jesus' body and blood available in the Eucharist? 2) What specifically can you do to better prepare yourself to receive Our Lord & Savior's sacred body and blood each time? With the challenge questions he handed out 2 Eucharistic Prayers.

Scripture Readings for 30 March 2008 Acts 2:42- 47, 1Peter 1:3- 9, John 20:19-31

After completing the readings, the group discussed how faith leads to salvation. There is new hope in Christ.

Admin items:

The group decided to attend mass on April 9th. Maria Hodson's mass intention is April 9th. We will move the group schedule down 1 week.

2 books were suggested for our next reading, "A survival guide for thinking Catholics" by Bishop Tom Gumbleton and " America Alone" by Mark Steyn. Juan suggested a short light book before delving back into heavy subjects. Bring any suggestions to next meeting on April 2nd.

Novel Discussion - Epicenter by Joel Rosenberg Chapter 11: New war erupts in middle east as earthquakes, pandemics hit Europe, Africa & Asia Chapter 12: Iraq emerges from chaos as region's wealthiest country Chapter 13: Jews build third temple in Jerusalem Joel Rosenberg points out even with all this disaster, God is giving everyone a chance to follow him. Iraq is stabilizing as large voter turnout and big companies move-in. He also points out what needs to happen to build third temple.

