

The meeting was held on Tuesday 4/16.

We started with an opening prayer taken from Bishop Fulton Sheen on page 58.

Rich Barlow actually interviewed Peter Kreeft who is the author who wrote chapter 4 in the book "Beautiful Eucharist". Rich talked about the interview and the doubt that Mr. Kreeft discussed, and how believing in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is core to our faith and beliefs as Catholics.

Bishop Sheen mentions that man's soul is spiritual and therefore demand spiritual food. Where do we get this spiritual food: thru the Eucharist. This led to a lengthy discussion on what/where do our beliefs as Catholics come from. We believe in both Scripture (the Holy Bible) and Tradition passed on thru the ages, and the Magisterium which is the official teaching authority of the Church, constituted by the Pope and the bishops in union with him.

We discussed "understanding" the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and do we "feel" the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion or go to Adoration.

The topic of Faith and works and how we as Catholics believe that both are necessary for salvation. as Faith without works is dead (James 2:26). This led to a discussion of indulgences through the history of the church.

The next meeting will finish our discussion on the book "Beautiful Eucharist". we will discuss Ch. 10,11,12 and the conclusion of the book "Beautiful Eucharist" so if anyone has any thoughts about our next topic, let us know at the meeting.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday May 7 at 6 PM in the church hall.

Blessings,

Norbert