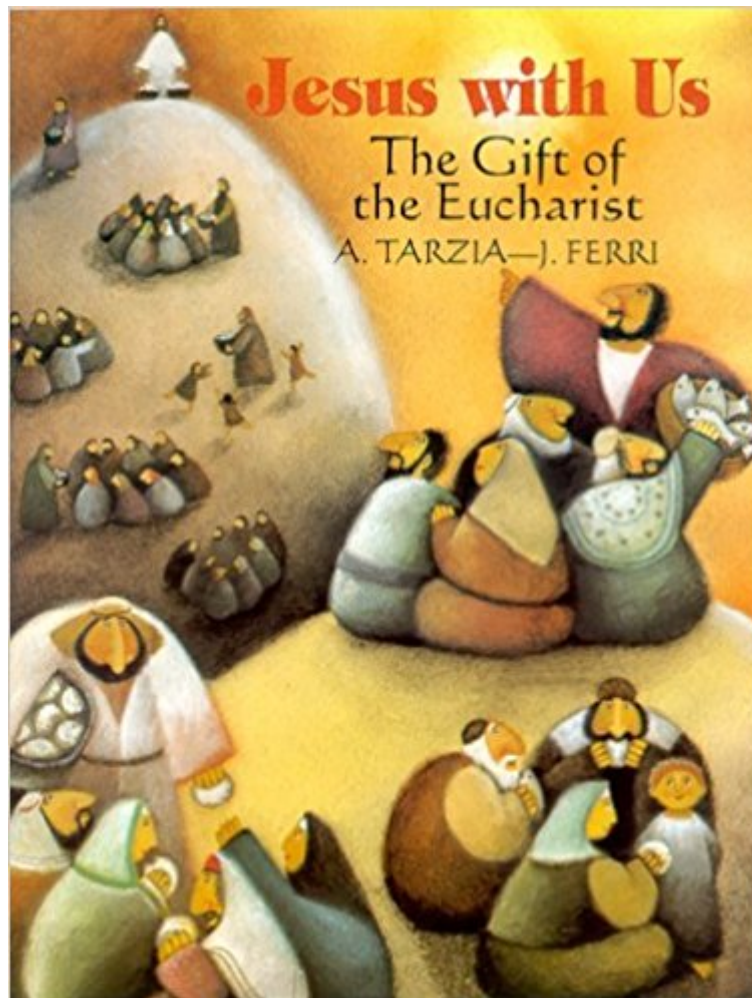




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Jesus With Us: The Gift Of The Eucharist (First Communion)



Synopsis

A history of the Eucharist, that sacrament of the Catholic Church in which, by partaking of bread or wine, one receives the body and blood of Jesus.

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"Jesus With Us: The Gift of the Eucharist (First Communion)" is truly written in simple language to explain the importance and the impact of the Eucharist in the young Catholic's life. In fact, please follow this logic: In the beginning God gave Man wheat and grapes. From those gifts Man made bread and wine. In gratitude for those gifts, Man gives God back a portion of those products. When Jesus was born to Mary, he became God's gifts of wheat and grapes incarnate. When we partake of the Eucharist, we literally eat the body of Christ and drink the blood of Christ so that we become one with him. If Communion ends at this point, not much is accomplished in changing the world. That's why we greet each other and say, "Peace be with you." Then through Christ we are to go out into the world to bring the kind of change that promotes peace. This is a simple book which explains the history of the Eucharist, its importance and its impact. Although the product info indicates this book

is written for ages 4-8, I think it is too deep for that group. I cannot imagine my four-year-old great-niece sitting through the first page, much less a 32-page book with half the pages illustrations and the other half text. The year of First Communion is the most appropriate age, but then straight reading would still be too much. "Jesus With Us" is probably most suitable as a teaching aid for Catechism classes and one-on-one sittings of parent/child. But what a beautiful teaching tool!!! Highly recommended as noted!

What a beautiful book of stories and the bonus was pages to fill in with memories of the day. The letter from Jesus tells the communicant how much he/she is loved and now a part of Jesus' family. I bought it for my grandson and it was perfect for him.

We give this book to our children receiving 1st Communion. It's a delightful history of Eucharist and how Jesus has been present to us.

This is the second book I bought and I am equally pleased with this purchase. The book is beautifully written and the pictures are lovely. I found this book at a good price. It was well packaged and arrived in excellent condition. I am well pleased and think this is a lovely gift for a First Communion participant.

My grandsons just made their first communion and this book was such a wonderful aid to enhance their class experience. A joy to talk about together.

I really liked the approach of the book and the treatment of the old and new testaments' stories that prefigure the Eucharistic feast. However, the author's discussion of Vatican II is theologically problematic as it describes the mass. I returned the book so I can't quote it directly, but basically it said that people hated the mass and were too stupid to use their missal or join the priest in prayer so the council changed the mass. Even if the people "needed" the new mass, the council only provided very general statements about retaining Latin while allowing for some use of the vernacular. IMPORTANT: the second council did not write the new mass; it was conceived of after the council ended; it was written by Pope Paul VI and was not used until 1968--several years after the council. In light of the fact that the Traditional Latin Mass has been approved for current use by Pope Benedict XVI, it is strange that the tone of the book belittles the Extraordinary form of the mass. Since the target audience is children, why even bring up the "clash" of the two masses? Any

child who is of first communion age has no concept of the pre-Vatican II church. For that matter, neither do their parents who were born at least several years after the new mass began. Perhaps it is a lesson saved for a historical or theological book, but it muddies the waters and takes away from the otherwise lovely explanation of the Eucharist.

Outstanding children's book about the gift of the holy Eucharist instituted by Jesus Christ. It is the center of the faith and a great way to discuss this important concept to young people.

This book is brilliant -- it is both beautifully illustrated as well as wonderfully profound. It goes from Creation through Melchisedek and Abraham, through Jesus establishing the Eucharist in the New Testament all the way to Vatican 2 and what the Eucharist means for us today. It manages to be simple enough for a child, yet complete enough even for an adult. What other book aimed at children manages to mention Aquinas and Augustine? Amazing! All Catechists should give this to their students, every parish should hand it out to First Communion kids, and all Catholic parents should read it to their kids. Also, you can't beat the price!!!

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