

045 ANTONIA

Carlo! How was your catechism class? Are you ready to go home?

CARLO WALKS OVER TO ANTONIA.

046 CARLO

Mama, I took them to adoration. And it was a disaster.

047 ANTONIA

How so?

048 CARLO

Everyone had to go to the bathroom suddenly and then two of them got in a fight while the other one was walking way too close / to the altar.

049 ANTONIA

They're children, Carlo. It is remarkable they are there at all.

050 CARLO

After thirty seconds they were bored and ready to leave. They just kept asking for lollipops.

051 ANTONIA

With you as their teacher, they will learn, mi amor.

052 CARLO

If people really understood what the Eucharist is, then the line to come into the church would be as long as the line at the stadium for the World Cup.

053 ANTONIA

You have been given a special gift, Carlo.

054 CARLO

Everyone has been! Jesus is closer to us now than he was to the people who lived in Jerusalem when he was alive. He's always with us. We can go to him whenever we want and receive him inside of us. The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus.

055 ANTONIA

Now where did you learn all this? I certainly didn't teach you it.

056 CARLO

Catechism class and books and Fr Mario. Jesus is here in the Eucharist. Why doesn't everyone know that, Mama? All my friends say they are Catholic, but they don't go to Mass and - and they don't believe Jesus is really in the Eucharist.

057 ANTONIA

I used to be like that too, Carlo.

058 CARLO

Not really. You went to Mass.

059 ANTONIA

I never went to Mass aside from the times I received the Sacraments. Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation. And my wedding.

060 CARLO

I didn't know that.

061 ANTONIA

Oh yes. I was taught by nuns, learned a few prayers, but nothing else. That only changed when you received your first Communion and started begging me to take you to Mass every single day.

062 CARLO

I wanted to receive as much Eucharist as possible!

063 ANTONIA

You have a gift of faith, mi amor. You brought me to believe in the Eucharist. Before? There was not much faith in me.

064 CARLO

I need to find a way to tell everyone else, Mamma. To help everyone believe Jesus is really present in the Eucharist.

065 ANTONIA

And I'm sure you will. Now come on.
Let's go. I need to get back to the
house. I left soup on the stove.

ANTONIA RISES, CARLO FOLLOWS RELUCTANTLY.

066 CARLO

Mamma, nobody listens to me. Gio
never wants to talk about the faith
and my catechism class - I don't
know what to do with them, Mamma.

067 ANTONIA

Seven and eight year olds can be
hard to entertain. They just
weren't ready for adoration yet.
Come, Carlo. Let's go.