

South Carolina Council of Catholic Women

2024 Resolution

Belief in the Real Presence in the Eucharist

Purpose: To increase understanding of the church's teaching on Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist.

Whereas: The 2nd Vatican Council taught that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of Christian life."

Whereas: The result of a Pew study in 2019 found that 69% of Catholics believe bread and wine are symbols while only 31% of Catholics believe the Eucharist is the body and blood of Christ.

Whereas: A follow up study in 2023 administered by Georgetown's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate found that 2/3 of adult Catholics in the U.S. believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. (Catholic News Agency)

Whereas: The United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) adopted in 2022 a three-year Eucharistic Revival to renew a living relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist at all levels of the church in our country. (*This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharist Revival*)

Whereas: A personal encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist brings healing, grace and strength to share with others.

Be it Resolved, That members reinvigorate the Church through support of the USCCB National Eucharistic Revival.

Resolved: That members utilize the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) Spirituality Commission study guide "*On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church*" and promote this study. (NCCW: Spirituality and Reflection)

Resolved: That affiliates encourage liturgical and devotional practices around the Eucharist such as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as well as Daily Mass.

Resources:

The Catholic Miscellany, June 2023

Catholic News Agency: Georgetown's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate

Pew Research Center: Catholicism

This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival by Bishop Robert Barron. Available from: Word on Fire in Elk Grove Village, IL, 60007

NCCW: Spirituality and Reflection