

# AN INVITATION TO EXPERIENCE

"For Catholics, the Eucharist is not simply a way of worshipping God, it is *the* privileged means of experiencing the presence of Christ Jesus and participate in his work of redeeming the world."

-John Baldovin

***Take, Eat and Drink*** explores the various elements of the Roman Catholic Mass in light of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal. By candidly discussing the language and structure of the Mass, the film highlights the laity's response to God's dialogue of love through the Eucharistic sacrifice. It is an intimate meditation on how we speak to God, how God speaks to us, and how we speak to one another in relationship to God. The film also teaches the language of the liturgy in a way that empowers people to speak our faith in new and deeper ways so that we can be Christ's apostles in the world today.

This 75-minute film features Fr Rick Hilgartner, Executive Director of the Secretariat of Divine Worship at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Fr Gary Dowsey of the "Hey, Fr Gary!" show on SpiritFM Catholic Radio, and Fr John Gerth of the "Ask Fr J" fame of Lifeteen.com. It is ideal for church and private use to explain the Mass and the changes in the new translation in a way that evangelizes and builds interest in a full and active participation in the liturgy.

## ABOUT GOOD NEWS MINISTRIES

Good News Ministries is a non-profit, internationally recognized Catholic evangelization and faith-building ministry. As Catholic Lay Evangelists, GNM team members have been certified by the Lay Pastoral Institute of the Diocese of St. Petersburg and the Executive Director, Terry Modica, has earned a degree in Theology.

Since its establishment in 1995, GNM has fulfilled Christ's command to "go out into all the world and spread the Good News." The ministry does this through online and in-parish seminars, retreats, courses and parish missions locally and around the world.

GNM's vision is to enlighten everyone of their baptismal calling to continue the mission of Christ, embolden Catholics to go forth and serve the Church by inviting others to grow in true faith, and to empower Catholics to change the world around them by living the Good News in their parishes, homes, and everywhere they go.

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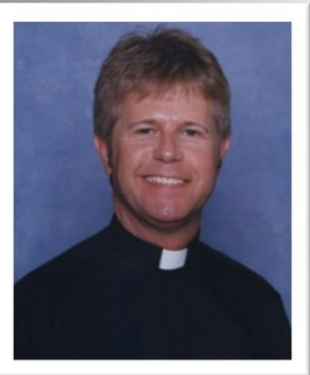
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## ABOUT THE PRESENTERS



**Fr. Rick Hilgartner**, the Executive Director of the U.S. Bishops' Secretariat for Divine Worship, attended the Catholic University of America for his doctoral program and holds a license in Sacred Theology (Sacramental and Liturgical Theology) from the Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo, Rome, Italy. In addition to his licentiate degree from Sant'Anselmo, Father Hilgartner holds a Bachelor of Science degree (business and finance) from Mount St. Mary's College (now University) in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and a Master of Divinity degree and Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree from St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore. He is a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy. While serving in the Baltimore Archdiocese, Father Hilgartner served in parish and campus ministries and taught theology and homiletics.



**Fr. Gary Dowsey** was born in London, England. He was ordained to the Priesthood on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1980, at St. Mary's Church, Great Yarmouth, situated on the east coast of England. After twenty years in the priesthood, Father Gary was granted a sabbatical that brought him to the United States. After serving nearly three years at St. James in Port Richey, FL, and one year at Nativity in Brandon, FL, he applied to be incardinated into the Diocese of St. Petersburg. This was granted in January 2007 while he was serving at St. Jerome, Indian Rocks Beach, FL. Father Gary was appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. Additionally, Father Gary hosts the "Hey Father Gary" show on SpiritFM 90.5 Catholic Radio.



**Fr. John Gerth** (aka, Father J) was ordained to the Priesthood in 1993 for the Diocese of St. Petersburg, FL, and has been involved with Life Teen, Inc., for over a decade serving as a contributor in many ways, including his "Ask Fr. J" blog at Lifeteen.com, writing resources and designing youth retreats, serving on Life Teen's International Board of Directors and the Advisory board for Life Teen Youth Camps. Currently, Father J is the parochial administrator of St. Joseph Parish in St. Petersburg and is a nationally recognized Catholic speaker who has spoken at Life Teen conferences, Steubenville Youth conferences, and hundreds of parishes around the world.



**Terry Modica** is the Executive Director of Good News Ministries, as well as its webmaster and writer. She is the author of the daily Good News Reflections and travels globally as an evangelizing speaker. She was certified by the Diocese of St. Petersburg for Lay Pastoral Ministry in 2003 and has a degree in Theology. Additionally, she serves on the Advisory Board of the Paulist Evangelization Ministries (PEM). She has served the Church in a wide variety of parish and diocesan ministries, including prayer groups, Parish Council, RCIA Director, and Evangelization Coordinator. She lives in Valrico, a suburb of Tampa, Florida, with her husband Ralph.