



CASE STUDY

Effective Catechesis with the Power of the True Presence

As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* beautifully states in paragraph 1324, “*The Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life.”* As recent studies have tragically shown, there is a crisis of understanding and of faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. We need catechesis that shares the profound mystery and beauty of the sacrifice of the Holy Mass. Parishes are finding that the *Presence* program on Formed.org is a uniquely effective tool for speaking to the head and the heart, especially for candidates for Confirmation.

Fr. Michael Duffy at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Malvern, NY, uses *Presence* to prepare his parishioners for Confirmation. A mother of one of the students sent him an email that day thanking him for going the extra mile on his sacramental prep: “*The video you shared at today’s confirmation meeting was truly moving. It moved me to tears*

because it presented the importance of the Eucharist so beautifully and in such a compelling way. As I look back on my own religious education experience, I sense that it was limited somehow...”

“ *[Presence] is on a whole other level. . . . I am deeply grateful to know that my children are receiving such a thoughtfully structured and meaningful religious education.*”

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This year, try integrating *Presence* into your Confirmation program and see the difference it can make.