**Killaloe Catechists #3 – Nenagh session 3 – Prayers, Summary, Questions**

 **Focusing Prayer**

Lord, as we prepare to begin our meeting, we recall your promise to be present when two or three are gathered in your name.

We know that without you here among us, and within each one of us, we will labour in vain.

*Response: Unite us, Lord, in your Spirit.*

We rejoice that we are blessed and called together to work in your name.

We pray that we will respond generously to this opportunity to serve you, and that we will grow in our Christian calling.

*Response: Unite us, Lord, in your Spirit.*

**Points from this evening’s talk to stimulate questions**

* Imitating Simeon – looking out for the Lord in case he might choose to reveal himself to us somehow this day
* How do I understand our unique privilege as one of the Baptised People of God?
* We are always in the gifts presented for the Offertory, a small wafer and a drop of wine and water: are we generous in the reality of which these gifts are a sign or symbol?
* Mass is both the source and summit of our faith – does this help us to take the Eucharist to our hearts?
* At the Consecration – THIS IS MY BODY, THIS IS MY BLOOD – do we identify with the cry “I believe, Lord, please help my unbelief!”?
* “WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU” – how might we accept that we are the “you”? What change might conversion make to us as Church?
* “Our Father … thy will be done”: how might the Church commit to this statement? Do we include ourselves in the Church for the commitment?
* “Our Father” – not just “Father” or even “My Father” – with whom are we uniting ourselves in this prayer? Could we pray this prayer meaningfully with non-Catholics?

Questions we might consider

1. **What does the “real presence” mean for you? How might we deal with the temptation to doubt the real presence?**
2. **“Without the Eucharist there would be no Church.” What do you think this means? Do you agree with it?**
3. **What has been your experience of Mass during your life? What is important to you about celebrating Sunday Mass?**
4. **How do you think we ourselves might become transformed, even transfigured, that is become more like Christ, by our taking part in celebrating the Mass?**

*Next session in our series – Offering, Adoring, Communing*

 *My Lord and my God!*

*Wednesday Nov. 22nd at 8.00 pm until 9.15 pm at the Pastoral Centre*

Closing Prayer

God our Father, in your loving providence

you have brought us together this evening

to find joy in communion with one another,

and to know you in our joy.

Fill us we pray with the Spirit of your Son.

Give us confidence as you call us to build up the Body of Christ.

Help us to see in our everyday lives the moments and opportunities for caring and confirming and reconciling.

Bless us with the patience to overcome frustration, and bless us with hope as we journey together.

We make this prayer with confidence and through the intercession of our Blessed Lady. Amen.