

THE BIBLE AS REVELATION

- 1) **Are the Word of God and the Bible the same? Is the Word and the Bible revelation?**
- 2) **In the Bible the Word is how God reveals himself and Jesus is the Word who reveals.**
- 3) **Sacred Scripture is, at the same time, Word of God and the words of human beings, both human and divine, written by men and under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.**
- 4) **The Bible is not a single book, but a library of 73 books, each having its own literary style and written at different times in history by various authors to reveal God to us.**
- 5) **The OT spans 2000 years of God revealing himself to the chosen Jewish people and the NT spans 30 years of Jesus' teaching and works revealing God, his Father, to us.**
- 6) **Hearing and retelling in preaching and teaching the story of what God had revealed preceded the written composition and editing of texts that became books of the Bible.**
- 7) **Early Church preached what Jesus taught and what he did for 20 years beginning in 30 AD after his Ascension until the writing of NT with St. Paul's first letter in 50 AD.**
- 8) **The Oral Tradition preceded Written Tradition and the early Church wrote the NT.**
- 9) **The Church existed before the NT: the Gospels are truly the "Book of the Church."**
- 10) **All four Evangelists who wrote the Gospels were members of the Church and gave to their Christian communities a unique portrait of Jesus, the living Word of God to us.**
- 11) **The Gospels are a first catechism written by early Church leaders for the purpose of forming new Christian converts to live the faith that Jesus had preached and taught.**
- 12) **In the Liturgy of Sunday Mass the Church proclaims the preaching and teaching of Jesus through the three year cycle of the Lectionary, which is the Heart of the Bible.**
- 13) **Each Sunday we hear God's revelation from the Bible in four readings: a reading of the OT or Acts, a Psalm, a reading of the NT, and a reading from one of the Gospels.**
- 14) **Liturgical Year relives the saving mysteries of Christ's Life, Death and Resurrection in the Rites of the Mass where the Word of God and the Eucharist reveal God to us.**

I want to thank all of you for not leaving Church after Communion until Mass is ended out of Reverence for Christ in the Eucharist. We appreciate it very much. Thank you!