

CARLO and ANTONIA are at the parish church in Eucharistic adoration.

CARLO

He's here, Mamma.

ANTONIA

Who is here, mi amor?

CARLO

Jesus is here, in the Eucharist. If people really understood that, the line to come into the church would be as long as the line at the stadium for the World Cup!

ANTONIA

You have a special gift, Carlo.

CARLO

Everyone does! Jesus is closer to us now than he was to the people who lived in Jerusalem when he was alive. He's always with us. We can go to him whenever we want and receive him inside of us. The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus.

ANTONIA

How did you learn all this?

CARLO

Catechism class and books and Fr Mario. Why doesn't everyone know this, Mamma? All my friends say they are Catholic, but they don't go to Mass and - and they don't believe Jesus is really in the Eucharist.

ANTONIA

I used to be like that too, Carlo. I never went to Mass aside from the times I received the Sacraments. Not until you received your first Communion and started begging me to take you to Mass every single day. You have a gift of faith, mi amor, and you brought me to believe in the Real Presence.

CARLO

And now I need to find a way to tell everyone else, Mamma.

ANTONIA

I'm sure you will. You never stop trying.

CARLO

I've been trying, but it's not been going well. Nobody listens to me. Gio never wants to talk about the faith and my catechism class - I don't know what to do with them, Mamma.

ANTONIA

Seven and eight year olds can be trouble. What happened, mi amor?

CARLO

I took them to adoration and they behaved horribly, Mamma.

ANTONIA

They just weren't ready yet, Carlo.

CARLO's impatience and frustration grow.

CARLO

When will they be, Mamma? When they're older? Because Gio's older. He's fifteen and he still thinks adoration is boring.

ANTONIA

I thought adoration was boring until I was thirty three.

CARLO

You're right, Mamma. Fr. Mario said the same thing. I have to be patient. God's timing isn't mine. I just want to know that I'm not wasting any time.

ANTONIA

No time in Our Lord's presence is wasted. You taught me that.