

LITURGY BYTES

Words of Wisdom



Pope Francis recently met with the organizers of the Eucharistic Revival that is taking place in our country over a three-year period. His hopes are that Catholics will be inspired to discover anew a sense of wonder and awe at the Lord's great gift of Himself that we receive at Mass.

How can we reach out to those we know who have wandered away from the Church? How can we help them to realize the wonderful gift we have been given in receiving Jesus at Mass? Also, what is sad today is another issue that we deal with among Catholics. It is the belief that the Eucharist is more a symbol than the reality of the Lord's presence and love, commonly referred to as the Real Presence. It is most important that the Church address that issue. Based on recent surveys, the Church realizes how many have a misguided idea of the Eucharist. Together with those who no longer practice their Faith, the Church has much to accomplish. Here is where the Eucharistic Revival can offer to all who call themselves Catholic, a boost in Faith and a reminder to truly live out our baptismal call.

During this revival, there will be opportunities to inspire us to take another look at what we have been given. This will be done through preaching, small group learning and prayer. It will be an opportunity for us all to contribute to an even greater love for the Eucharist.

Very simply, we can begin with a deeper appreciation of the Mass and all that it entails from the preaching, musical selections, and movement of our prayer as a community gathered each weekend. For more about the Eucharistic Revival, please check out these two websites: www.eucharisticrevival.org and www.drvcceucharisticrevival.com .

Have a blessed, peaceful, and prayerful week ahead! ~ *Michele Hall*