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About the National Eucharistic Revival

The Bishops of the United States are calling for a grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist to rediscover the *source* and *summit* of our Faith through a deep commitment of prayer, pilgrimage and worship on the part of the entire Church in the United States. Every Catholic is invited to be a part of renewing the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

This Revival launches on the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 19, 2022, and will unfold over the next three years, culminating in the first National



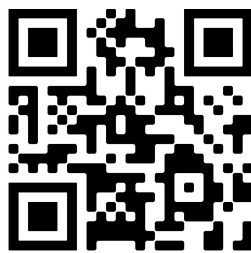
Eucharistic Congress in the United States in almost fifty years. From July 17–21, 2024, thousands of Catholics will journey on pilgrimage to Indianapolis to together personally encounter Jesus in the Eucharist and be sent back out into their parishes and communities.

The Msgr. Bernard P. Sheridan Knights of Columbus Council #6138, of Our Lady of the Greenwood parish, is publishing this periodic newsletter to keep you informed about what is happening with the National Eucharistic Revival in our parish and Archdiocese. We invite you to be a part of this historic and vital renewal.

Eucharistic resources for you

“Not only are we to receive and adore the Eucharist, we must live the Eucharist. We are to let the rays of mercy from the monstrance pass through us and go out through all the world.”

—*Saint Faustina Kowalska*



Bishop Andrew Cozzens gives the mission and vision of the National Eucharistic Revival.



The Veil Removed is a short film that reveals the coming together of heaven and earth at Mass.

The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

The document *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church* was developed by the Committee on Doctrine of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. It was approved by the full body of the USCCB at its November 2021 General Meeting and has been authorized for publication by the

General Secretary of the USCCB. We are reprinting short excerpts of this document in this and future issues of the newsletter. The excerpt below is part **one of 12**. We encourage you to read this document in full online at <https://eucharisticrevival.org/>.

Introduction

1. On March 27, 2020, at an early point in the global pandemic, Pope Francis walked alone in the rain across an empty St. Peter’s Square to offer prayer for the world in a time of crisis. “Faith,” he said, “begins when we realize we are in need of salvation. We are not self-sufficient; by ourselves we founder: we need the Lord, like ancient navigators needed the stars.”¹ Recalling when Jesus was asleep in the boat as a tempest was raging (Mk 4:35–41), the Holy Father said, “The Lord awakens so as to reawaken and revive our Easter faith.”² On that day, Pope Francis presided over the rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction in order to focus our attention on the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. The Pope was reminding us that even in a time of turbulence and crisis, Jesus is present among us, as present as he was long ago in the boat on the Sea of Galilee.

2. In similar fashion, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us of this ongoing presence when he repeated to us the words of Christ: I am with you always, to the end of the age (Mt 28:20). He proclaimed: “This promise of Christ

never ceases to resound in the Church as the fertile secret of her life and the wellspring of her hope. As the day of Resurrection, Sunday is not only the remembrance of a past event: it is a celebration of the living presence of the Risen Lord in the midst of his own people.”³

3. We call on these inspiring words of the saintly Pope John Paul II as we offer these reflections on the importance of the Eucharist in the life of the Church. We do so mindful of how the pandemic has forced us to stay physically distant from one another and, for a time, to view the celebration of the Mass on a television or computer screen. Many of the faithful appear to have had their faith and their desire for the Eucharist strengthened by such a long separation. At the same time, as pastors we sense that others, having lived without Mass for so long, may have become discouraged or accustomed to life without the Eucharist. In many ways the pandemic is still with us.

4. As Christians we know that we need Christ to be present in our lives. He is our very sustenance as he reminded us: unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you (Jn 6:53).

5. The Lord accompanies us in many ways, but none as profound as when we encounter him in the Eucharist. On our journey toward eternal life, Christ nourishes us with his very self. Once, when told by someone that she no longer saw the point of going to daily Mass, the Servant of God Dorothy Day reflected: “We go eat of this fruit of the tree of life because Jesus told us to. ... He took upon himself our humanity that we might share in his divinity. We are nourished by his flesh that we may grow to be other Christs. I believe this literally, just as I believe the child is nourished by the milk from his mother’s breast.”⁴

6. Yet, we also know that he is present to us in a way that binds us together as one body, which we proclaim by our “Amen” in responding to the invitation: The Body of Christ. Again, we call on the words of the beloved Polish pope: “For this presence to be properly proclaimed and lived, it is not enough that the disciples of Christ pray individually and commemorate the death and Resurrection of Christ inwardly, in the secrecy of their hearts. Those who have received the grace of baptism are not saved as individuals alone, but as members of the Mystical Body, having become part of the People of God.”⁵

7. As we continue to welcome people back to the communal celebration of the Mass, it must be acknowledged that no document can exhaust the mystery of the gift of the Eucharist. Nevertheless, at various times, it is desirable to reflect on certain facets of the mystery that are relevant to contemporary issues and challenges and that help us to appreciate more deeply the gift of grace that has been given to us. At this particular moment for the Church in the United States, with its many challenges, we would like to reflect on Christ’s gift of himself in the Eucharist and our response to that gift.

1 Pope Francis, *Extraordinary Moment of Prayer*, March 27, 2020

(https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/urbi/documents/papa-francesco_20200327_urbi-et-orbiepidemia.html).

2 Pope Francis, *Extraordinary Moment of Prayer*, March 27, 2020.

3 Pope John Paul II, *Dies Domini*, 31.

4 *The Duty of Delight: The Diaries of Dorothy Day*, ed. Robert Ellsberg (New York: Image, 2011) p. 483; see Roman Missal, Collect for the Nativity of the Lord, Mass during the Day: “O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.”

The OLG Adoration Chapel: Come, let us adore Him!

Our Lady of the Greenwood parish’s Eucharistic Adoration Chapel invites you to devote one hour or more a week to spend with Jesus.

Currently, the Chapel is open Monday from 8 a.m. to Thursday at 7 p.m. Our goal is to have two people constantly with our Lord in the Eucharist 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We would be pleased to have people to take an assigned hour each week at the Chapel; however, we



invite EVERYONE to come and spend some time with the Lord. We are also always looking for people to place on our sub list as well to fill in for a regular volunteer when the need arises. If you hear Jesus' call to spend time with Him in adoration, please visit our adoration scheduling website at

<https://olgadoration.weadorehim.com/en/help> or email Bruce G. Fletcher at fletcherbg@sbcglobal.net. May God bless you!



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