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Our Lady of the Greenwood at the Eucharistic Congress

Greetings, Our Lady of the Greenwood!
As many of you know, Indianapolis is the host city for the Eucharistic Revival that is happening July 17–21, 2024, at Lucas Oil Stadium and the Convention Center. This nationwide event will be visited by pilgrims throughout the United States. It will be hosted by nationally recognized speakers and offer catechesis on the Eucharist, processions, Mass, and times for personal prayer and Reconciliation. Here are some ways to purchase tickets for the event if you would like to attend:

Adults and families: Purchase your individual ticket online using the "Indy24" code. This will reduce the ticket price from \$375 to \$274. This is the most inexpensive way to purchase a ticket and it is our recommendation for you at Our Lady of the Greenwood.

- Detailed instructions can be found here:
 https://files.ecatholic.com/32268/documents/2023/9/necoverviewaugust20233.pdf?t=1693935401000
- This is the link for purchasing your ticket: https://eucharisticrevivalindy.org

• If you wish to attend and need financial assistance, please contact the Solidarity Fund: www.eucharisticcongress.org/solidarity-fund

We have some additional funding available at the parish if needed. Please let us know if you need assistance and we will do our best to get you to the revival!

Youth groups: Our youth minister, Marci Hackert, is working with Marian University to have our youth attend for \$600. Through this program, our young people will stay at Marian with chaperones, food and lodging being provided all four days. Please contact Marci if you are interested.

After purchasing your ticket, please let us know if you are attending. We will work out a plan to arrange for transportation using our bus if we have enough people sign up.

Don't hesitate to call our office with any questions. If we don't know, we will try to find out!

God bless,

Fr. Todd Goodson, Pastor

Eucharistic resources for you

"I would like to tell you: Let us return to Jesus! Let us return to the Eucharist! While we are broken by the travails and sufferings of life, Jesus becomes food that feeds us and heals us."

—Pope Francis



Video: On June 19, the Holy Father extended his Apostolic Blessing on the 10th National Eucharistic Congress and the monstrance.



Downloadables: American Eucharistic Witnesses for Children. Each month from now through July 2024, we will feature a new witness.

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 **six of 12**. We encourage you to read this document in full online at https://eucharisticrevival.org/.

II. Our response

29. In the fourth Common Preface of the Roman Missal, the priest prays the following: For, although you have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift, since our praises add nothing to your greatness but profit

us for salvation... These words speak of the grace of God, the gift freely given, which inspires us to give thanks and worship him, works our transformation into the likeness of Christ, helps us to seek pardon and to receive it when we fall into sin, and impels us to go forth and bear witness to Christ in the world.

A) Thanksgiving and Worship

30. Having been sanctified by the gift of the Eucharist and filled with faith, hope, and charity, the faithful are called to respond to this gift. Indeed, it is only natural that we give thanks to the Lord for all that he has given to us. How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me? I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord (Ps 116:12). The word "Eucharist" literally means "thanksgiving." Even our manner of giving thanks comes from God, for we do so by following the command of the Lord: do this in memory of me (Lk 22:19).

31. The Second Vatican Council taught that, in order to give thanks properly in the celebration of the Mass, we should "take a full, conscious, and active part in the liturgical celebration." We need to be conscious of the gift we have received, a gift that is none other than the Lord himself in his act of self-giving. We become conscious of this gift when we actively engage our minds, hearts, and bodies to every part of the liturgy, allowing God through the words, actions, gestures, and even the moments of silence to speak to us. We actively and consciously participate by giving our full attention to the words being spoken in the prayers and the Scriptures, even if we have heard them hundreds of times before. We do so also by listening to the homily and reflecting upon how the Lord may be speaking to us through his ordained minister. We are actively giving thanks when we join in singing and in the responses; when we kneel, stand, and sit; and when we pay attention to the liturgical seasons where the entire history of what God has done for us, in and through his Son, is revealed to us.

32. The gratitude which inspires us to give thanks and worship God in the celebration of the Eucharist should be nurtured and enriched by the beauty of the liturgical action itself. Bishops and priests have a particular duty to ensure that the Mass is celebrated in a manner befitting the sacredness of what takes place. As Pope Francis recently wrote to the bishops of the world, "I ask you to be vigilant in ensuring that every liturgy be celebrated with decorum and fidelity to the liturgical books promulgated after Vatican Council II, without the eccentricities that can easily degenerate into abuses." Priest celebrants of the Mass should have a prayerful understanding of the liturgical books, as well as of the feasts and seasons, and be faithful to the texts and rubrics established by the Church. In doing so, they will lead the people more deeply and reverently into the exchange which is the dialogue of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. In the celebrates of the Eucharity should be particular duty.

33. Our gratitude is also expressed in our worship of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. These forms of worship are all intrinsically related to the Eucharistic celebration. In the Eucharist, the Son of God comes to meet us and desires to become one with us; eucharistic adoration is simply the natural consequence of the eucharistic celebration. Receiving the Eucharist means adoring him whom we receive. Only in this way do we become one with him, and are given, as it were, a foretaste of the beauty of the heavenly liturgy. We rejoice in the growing numbers of the faithful who pray in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, a testament of faith in the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist. We encourage this devotion which helps all of us to be formed by the self-giving love we behold in the Lord's gift of himself in the Eucharist. Saint (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta reportedly once said: "When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

44 Second Vatican Council, Sacrosanctum concilium, no. 14; see also Code of Canon Law, cc. 835 §4 and 837 §2 and Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches, c. 673.

45 Pope Francis, Letter to the Bishops of The Whole World, That Accompanies the Apostolic Letter Motu Proprio Data "Traditionis Custodes," July 16, 2021. 46 Code of Canon Law, c. 846 §1; Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches, c. 668 §2.

 $47\,See\,https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/frequently-asked-questions/ars-celebrandi.$

48 Pope Benedict XVI, Sacramentum Caritatis, no. 66.

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. Our goal is to have two people constantly with our Lord in the Eucharist. Weekly adorers are urgently needed!



We invite EVERYONE to come and spend some time with the Lord. If you hear Jesus' call to spend time with Him, please visit our scheduling website at https://olgadoration.weadorehim.com/en/help or email Bruce Fletcher at fletcherbg@sbcglobal.net.

