



PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY

Last year the Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis announced that the dioceses of the United States would be invited to embark on a three-year National Eucharistic Revival with the theme *“My flesh for the life of the world.”*

The mission of this endeavor is to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist envisioning a movement of Catholic across the United States, healed, converted, forms, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist and sent out in mission *“for the life of the world.”*

This is the first of many newsletters that will provide teachings, strategies and events for celebrating the Eucharistic Revival at the diocesan, parish and personal level.

PLANNED EVENTS

Kick-off of the Diocesan Year
Candlelight Procession
with the Blessed Sacrament
Boardwalk in Atlantic City
Saturday
June 18, 2022
Tennessee Av - Kennedy Plaza

Parish Celebrations
of Corpus Christi
Sunday
June 19, 2022

Eucharistic Lecture Series
in English, Spanish
and Vietnamese
September to May
TBD

Teaching Masses
October—November 2022

Diocesan Pilgrimage
to the National Basilica
Saturday
October 29, 2022

Diocesan Christmas Novena
December 17-24

Eucharistic Preacher Visits
the Diocese of Camden
March 22—25

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress
March 25, 2022
Waterfront Pavilion
Camden, New Jersey

Parish Processions
for Corpus Christi
Sunday
June 10, 2022
Bishop of Lead Procession
along the Camden Waterfront



PLACE YOUR BET ON THE LORD

America's playground is the perfect place to bring our Faith in Jesus Christ, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, to the forefront of people's minds. A bet on Jesus is always a sure win!

*“On the boardwalk in Atlantic City,
We will walk in a dream.”*

PARISHES GET READY

Pastors will be asked to provide the names of 10 parishioners who will officially represent the parish in the Atlantic City Corpus Christi Procession.

Parishes are encouraged to process with their parish banners. Several people may need to take turns serving as banner bearers.

All are welcome to join in the procession. Parking is available in public lots (free parking is limited in AC during the summer months) and the Atlantic City Jitney Service runs continuously along Pacific Avenue.

BISHOP TO LEAD BOARDWALK PROCESSION

Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan will lead nearly 1000 of the faithful from across the Diocese of Camden in a three-quarter mile Corpus Christi procession along the world famous Boardwalk in Atlantic City.

The procession will commence at Tennessee Avenue and the Boardwalk and make its way south to Kennedy Plaza. Along the way three stations will be established for short liturgies that focus attention on the great mystery we celebrate in the Eucharist. At Brighton Park, the Asian Community will lead the service centered on the manna God gave to the people of Israel during their time in the desert. At Michigan Avenue, the Latino community will lead the service noting the institution of the Eucharist as found in Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. At Kennedy Plaza the bishop will lead benediction and provide an exhortation on the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John— “My flesh for the life of the world.”

The event is expected to end at approximately 9:15 pm. In the event of rain, we will gather at Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Church on Pacific Avenue at Tennessee Avenue.

LECTURE SERIES PLANNED

At the present time, the steering committee for the Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Camden is planning a nine-month lecture series on the Eucharist—running from September through May.

Priests of the Diocese, presenting in English, Spanish and Vietnamese, are invited to schedule themselves to present a lecture on the Eucharist from a perspective particular to their experience. These lectures would be conducted at 7:30 PM on a date of their choosing, in their proper parish and in the context of adoration and benediction. The *Catholic Star Herald* will advertise the lectures in advance.

Hopefully, one lecture in each language will be scheduled monthly beginning in September and concluding in May. Any priest interested in participating in this lecture series should email Anna.Summers@camdendiocese.org to schedule a date and provide the theme or topic for their presentation. Dates will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. With potentially 30 lectures across the diocese, the faith of many should be increased.

MINISTERIAL RENEWAL

The steering committee is also working with various departments of the Diocese to provide retreat days or evenings of reflection for those involved in ministry. A focus will be on providing opportunities for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, deacons, catechists, sacristans, musicians, ministers of hospitality and others to deepen their own Eucharistic spirituality.



NO EUCHARIST WITHOUT PRIEST

In November of 2022 during the Priestly Vocations Week, pastors of individual parishes or together with nearby pastors will be encouraged to invite to dinner young men whom they or other parishioners believe might have a vocation to the priesthood. Our parish communities need to raise up candidates for priestly service. Bishop Sullivan has set a goal that each of the 62 parishes of the diocese would work to provide at least one seminarian in a period of ten years. That goal would mean the Diocese of Camden would have about 62 men in formation and would ordain five or six new priests each year.



**DIOCESAN
EUCHARISTIC
CONGRESS
MARCH 25, 2023**

Please mark your parish calendars and place a hold on Saturday, March 25th, the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.**

On this date, nearly 7000 members of the faithful of the Diocese of Camden will gather to renew their faith in the Most Blessed Sacrament with a **Eucharistic Congress** to be held at the Waterfront Pavilion in Camden.

Details about the schedule for the day and other information will be made available in the coming months.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for parishes, institutions and individuals who would like to help make this event possible. For more information about sponsorship, please contact Katie Comerford in the Development Office.

TEACHING THE MASS—A SIX WEEK FOCUS

It is surprising how many practicing Catholics, let alone those distanced from the Church, have questions about what we do in the celebration of the Mass. Why do we sing an entrance hymn? Why do we sign ourselves at the beginning of the Gospel? Why is a drop of water added to the chalice? And many other questions.

Beginning on the weekend of October 8th and 9th, parishes will be encouraged to spend time teaching the significance of each part of the Mass. Preparation for Mass and the Introductory Rites; the Liturgy of the Word; the Preparation of the Altar; the Eucharistic Prayer; the Rite of Communion; and the Concluding Rites and Dismissal. Resources will be provided for inclusion in parish bulletins and priests/deacons will be encouraged to explain the particular part of the Mass that is the week's focus.

During each week, parish events can be scheduled to provide children and adults the opportunity to “tour” the parish church and learn the what things are and why they are in a particular place. Hopefully these opportunities will also allow people to ask questions in a learning environment.

The week following this series of teaching Masses will be the Solemnity of Christ the King—with a little extra effort and newly gained understanding...it might just be a magnificent celebration and a fitting way to welcome a new liturgical year.

