



CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION

Nearly 1500 Catholics from across South Jersey joined Bishop Dennis Sullivan on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City for a candlelight Eucharistic procession on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

330 people had pre-registered to represent their parishes in the procession, but early on the evening of Saturday, June 18th it was clear that the numbers would far exceed expectations. By 7:15 the 450 printed liturgical programs were fully distributed and by 7:45 the 1000 candles, provided by Vitality Catholic Health Services, were gone...and yet, the people kept coming.

At 8:00 PM promptly, the procession got underway at Tennessee Avenue and the Boardwalk with the Atlantic City police leading the way. The Bishop carried a monstrance holding the Most Blessed Sacrament under a (*see page 2*)

PLANNED EVENTS

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

Teaching Masses
October 9 through
November 13, 2022

Diocesan Pilgrimage
to the National Basilica
Saturday
October 29, 2022

Vocations Awareness Week
Project Andrew in Parishes
November 6–12, 2022

Diocesan Christmas Novena
and Eucharistic Posada
December 17-24

Eucharistic Preacher Visits
the Diocese of Camden
March 22–25, 2023

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress
March 25, 2023
Waterfront Pavilion
Camden, New Jersey

Parish Processions
for Corpus Christi
Sunday
June 10, 2023

Bishop to Lead Procession
along the Camden Waterfront
organized by the
three parishes of Camden City



BOARDWALK PROCESSION EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

a canopy borne by four seminarians and proceeded by altar servers from Saint Monica Parish. The bishop was followed by a “sound cart” constructed for the event and run on generators to make sure that the music and prayers could be heard by the crowd.

The first altar, at Brighton Park, was created by the Asian community of the Diocese and featured a reading in Korean, a liturgical dance by the Vietnamese community and hymns sung by the Filipino choir. The second altar, at Michigan Avenue, was prepared by the Latino community and featured readings and hymns in Spanish with a special presentation of flowers by first communicants. The final altar, nearly a mile from the beginning point at Kennedy Plaza, was erected by the parish community of Saint Monica. There a more formal liturgy took place with Bishop Sullivan preaching on the theme for the Eucharistic Revival — “my flesh for the life of the world” and concluding with benediction.

All along the route, bystanders were amazed at the spectacle. At first they were confused and asked what was going on, others took video and pictures, some jeered but many blessed themselves, knelt in adoration and some even joined in the procession. As you can imagine, the Boardwalk was crowded on this cool Saturday evening and the procession had to compete with the din of the crowd as well as the music emanating from the various establishments all along the route.

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.

A DOMINICAN PREACHER WILL COME TO US!



Father Patrick Hyde, a designated Eucharistic Preacher, will be with us for several days in March 2023 and will take part in our Diocesan Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

Fr. Hyde has served at St. Paul's Catholic Center at the University of Indiana since 2016. He was named administrator in 2019 and pastor in 2020. He grew up in St. Louis. After college and before entering the Dominicans, he taught middle school for one year on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona at St. Michael Indian School, a school founded by St. Katharine Drexel.

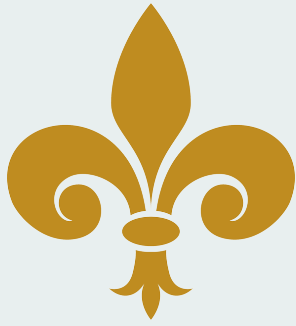
He entered the Dominican novitiate in 2009, professed first vows in 2010, and was ordained a priest on May 14, 2016. We look forward to hosting him here in the Diocese of Camden next Spring.



NO EUCHARIST WITHOUT A PRIEST

From November 6-12, 2022 the Church celebrates Priestly Vocations Week. The pastors of each parish, 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. If reached, 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.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL—WHY NOW?

Scandal, division, disease, doubt. The Church has withstood each of these throughout our very human history. But today we confront all of them, all at once. Our response in this moment is pivotal.

In the midst of these roaring waves, **Jesus is present**, reminding us that he is more powerful than the storm. He desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world.

How will he do it? By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith—the Holy Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grass-roots response of the entire Catholic Church in the United States to this divine invitation.

Why now? Because the Church needs healing and the world needs the Church!



THE EUCHARIST 101

In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present -- body, blood, soul, and divinity -- under the appearances of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

The Lord Jesus, on the night before he suffered on the cross, shared one last meal with his disciples. During this meal our Savior instituted the sacrament of his Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages and to entrust to the Church a memorial of his death and resurrection. The Institution of the Eucharist is written down in the four Gospels below:

[Matthew 26:26-30](#); [Mark 14:22-26](#); [Luke 22:14-20](#)
[John 6:22-59](#) (The Bread of Life Discourse)

Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because he loves us. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we become united to the person of Christ through his humanity. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:56). In being united to the humanity of Christ, we are at the same time united to his divinity. Our mortal and corruptible natures are transformed by being joined to the source of life.

The transformed bread and wine are **truly** the Body and Blood of Christ and are not merely symbols. When Christ said "This is my body" and "This is my blood," the bread and wine are transubstantiated. Though the bread and wine appear the same to our human faculties, they are actually the real body and blood of Jesus.