



HOLY HOUR

The Diocese of Camden has hosted 2 holy hours in this first year of the National Eucharistic Revival – Christ the Good Shepherd in August and Christ our Light in November. In this 3-year journey to renew belief of Jesus’ real presence in the Eucharist, these holy hours are part of an on-going effort to provide opportunities for prayer, healing and connection to the One.

Think about the time you carve out to spend with your most intimate friends. You know how precious the time is in creating connection, making yourself fully present to this important person in your life. You work hard to schedule it and let nothing keep you from it. You need this time with that person because it fills your tank, makes you feel loved and accepted, and helps you know all is right with the world. *(Continued on page 2)*

PLANNED EVENTS

Diocesan Christmas Novena
and Eucharistic Posada
December 18, 2022
Hammonton, NJ

Holy Hour
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
February 16, 2022
Absecon, NJ

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 Water-
front organized by the
three parishes of Camden
City





Adoration – time spent with Jesus in adoration - is exactly this. Your tank is filled, you are loved and accepted, it’s your place of refuge no matter what is going on in the world. It’s a quiet time to have a conversation (prayer), pour out your heart in sorrow or thanks, listen for direction, ask for what you need or simply to be present to the ‘Real Presence’. Imagine being present to him as He is for us. It’s friendship so it goes both ways.

What a gift Jesus gave to us. He is waiting for us. Jesus is waiting patiently for each and every one of us to return to him. Throughout the diocese, there are many places to spend time with Jesus. Schedule time with your Friend and fill up your tank.

The next Diocesan Holy Hour will be in February 16th. Details will be announced in a few weeks. Come and be with Jesus.



HISPANIC DIOCESAN CELEBRATION

In early October, some 600 Hispanic faithful from throughout the Diocese of Camden gathered in Vineland for a day of faith and fellowship in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

This year's theme for the annual Hispanic Diocesan Celebration highlighted the National Eucharistic Revival, "My Flesh for the Life of the World." Attendees not only joined in communion with God, but also in communion with brothers and sisters celebrating their faith and culture.

The day included a Mass celebrated by Bishop Dennis Sullivan, a procession of Hispanic ministries from parishes in the six counties of the diocese, a catechesis regarding the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration and traditional Hispanic food to share in fellowship.

In his homily, Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan noted that the hope of the Eucharistic Revival is that "we are renewed in our Eucharistic faith. This is our great treasure, it is the Living Lord. His divinity. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are introduced to the mystery of God's saving love." The Bishop added that in Christ "we find the necessary strength to walk in this world as his disciples. We become what we receive".

THANKSGIVING



The Eucharist is the center of our lives as Catholics. Our week, our daily living, flows to and from our Sunday liturgy at which Christ is made present in the Eucharist, and in us.

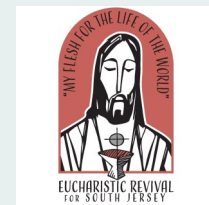
Most of us reading this probably know that the word "Eucharist" is the Greek word for "thanksgiving." We may also know that many scholars agree that Jesus used the Passover (a meal) to institute the new covenant, the meal which we Catholic Christians now partake of, celebrate and understand as "the Eucharist." Every Sunday, our faith community gathers to remember and give thanks, to listen and share, to gather and be sent forth, to give and receive, to die and rise. It is a timeless moment.

This Thanksgiving Day, let us look for Eucharistic (and/or dare I say liturgical?) characteristics in our time spent with our loved ones: sharing a meal, blessing the food, listening to stories, the gathering "rituals", attending to the special needs some of us might have, remembering those who are no longer present with us ... the list can go on. But above all, no matter what kind of traditional food we share, whether or not we fully enjoy the company of every single person around the table, no matter who overcooked what, no matter how good or bad the hospitality was ... through whatever difficulties, sacrifices,



EUCHARIST REVIVAL WEBSITES

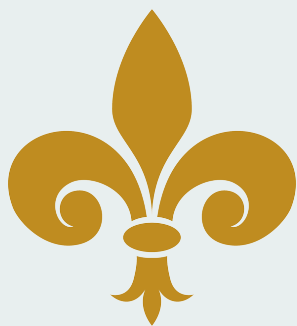
The Diocese of Camden has created the Eucharistic Revival for South Jersey webpages in English and Spanish, where you can find information, resources, events and more. Visit them!



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**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.

traffic, or flight delays got in the way of us making it to the table, or whatever other human frailties get in the way of a “perfect” holiday, let us remember in our time spent preparing, blessing, and eating the meal, and in our gathering, conversing, listening, and departing, the most important thing might just be to be fully present, fully attentive to both those around us, and to how God is working in and through everyone and everything.

THE POSADA

Franciscan missionaries in the 16th century found that simple reenactments of the story of Christ’s birth could touch the hearts of those they encountered. The Spanish missionaries referred to these ceremonies as Las Posadas — meaning “the inns” or “the shelters” — as they gave emphasis to Mary and Joseph’s search for shelter before Our Savior’s birth. These festivities have remained popular throughout Latin America and the southwestern United States.



The Christmas Posada expresses perfectly the suspense and surprises of the season. It is a prayer, a play, a party and a gathering for families and friends; it involves real life actors portraying Mary and Joseph, processions with candles, prayers, and the reading of scripture. Participants then gather around the table to share amazing food, there is dancing to lively music, laughter, joy and over all fun. It is a celebration that children and adults enjoy together, as well as those from all different cultural backgrounds.

“The tradition of the Posada helps us to remember the first Christmas in a way that unites people of faith from throughout the American continent,” “The posada brings together people of many cultures, highlighting the fact that faith and the celebration of Christmas transcend any differences we may have.” We continue to see the “Posada” every day, in the immigrant and refugee looking for a new beginning. In Young Pregnant mothers, in the elderly, sick and homebound. We continue to see struggles similar to those of Mary and Joseph. Let us be different than the Inn keepers. Let us remember to always open our doors, our homes, our hearts to Christ Jesus. We invite to a Diocesan Posada, on December 18 at 5 p.m. in Hammononton, NJ.