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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

To: Priests, Deacons, Parish Pastoral Council Presidents, Principals
Re: Recommendations to Deaneries & Parishes for the Eucharistic Revival
Date: March 6, 2023

Here are the bishop's recommendations to parishes, schools and deaneries regarding the celebration of the Parish Year of the National Eucharistic Revival which starts on Corpus Christi 2023 (June 8) & ends with Corpus Christi 2024 (June 2).

The Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Committee has established a theme: **Real Presence, Real Life** and three revival pillars: **Encounter, Hospitality, and Charity**. The hope is that each parish, school and deanery will take advantage of this opportunity to lead people to an authentic encounter with Christ in the Eucharist, to welcome them to a deeper understanding and belief in Holy Communion, and to challenge them to become what they receive by going out on mission as the Body of Christ.

As each parish is unique, the celebration of the parish year of the revival will be different in every parish and every deanery. Parish & deanery teams are encouraged to be creative, to be intentional and to celebrate well. Resources and staff support can be found on the Diocesan website at <https://www.scd.org/eucharist> and on the National Eucharistic Revival website at <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>. The Diocesan staff is available to help with these if needed, so please don't hesitate to reach out.

- *Each Deanery should host at least one deanery-wide program, process or event to celebrate the Eucharistic Revival. This should be planned by the Dean, the Deanery Pastoral Council, and the Deacon Deanery Lead.*
- *The Staff and Parish Pastoral Council is encouraged to engage in discernment through small group listening sessions on the Eucharist sometime in Spring 2023, with the goal of creating a plan for the parish year of the Eucharistic Revival.*
- *Each parish should Celebrate a 40 hours devotion during Lent or Easter 2024. The 40 hours devotion should involve the participation of the parish faith formation program, the parish school, and other ministries of the parish. This devotion starts with morning mass and concludes the evening of following day with a holy hour w/ adoration and benediction.*
- *Each parish and school should provide intentional catechesis on the Eucharist for Staff and Ministry Leaders and in all catechetical programs (sacramental preparation, faith formation for children/families, youth ministry, RCIA, and adult faith formation) during the 2023-2024 Pastoral Year.*
- *Each parish is encouraged to organize a parish Eucharistic procession and a parish day of service as part of the celebration of Corpus Christi in June 2024 (and 2023 if possible). Eucharistic processions which happen outside the parish grounds must be approved by me.*
- *Each parish and school should encourage parishioners to participate in Eucharistic Revival Deanery & Diocesan activities by advertising in the bulletin, putting them on their website & social media, & announcing them at masses.*
- *Each parish and school should designate a contact person for the Eucharistic Revival and enter their contact information in this online form, to facilitate good communication:
<https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/ercontact>*

In addition to the parish efforts, the staff is working on several Diocesan-wide activities for the revival, including a Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in March 2024.