



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL



*“In the Eucharistic sacrifice the whole of creation loved by God
is presented to the Father through the death and the Resurrection of Christ.”
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1359)*

This weekend, the Church throughout the United States begins a three year period of Eucharistic Revival. In light of the division, scandal, disease, and doubt that are so present throughout the country, even at times among members of the Church, the US Bishops have asked that we spend the next three years entering more deeply into communion with the source of communion, our Lord truly present in the Eucharist.

These three years will consist of (1) a Year of Diocesan Revival, from June 19, 2022 until June 11, 2023; (2) a Year of Parish Revival, from June 11, 2023 until July 17, 2024; and (3) a Year of Going out on Mission, from July 17, 2024 until Pentecost, 2025. These years are meant to transform individuals and communities by the Lord’s graces so that we might then be brought into deeper union with Him. From that transformation and union, we are then to be sent forth to offer Christ to the world so that others also might come to know Him in and through the Eucharist.

What a beautiful gift this is! When we think about how at the Mass, all of humanity, all of creation even, is offered to the Father by the Son in a perfect and eternal act of love, how blessed are we. The almighty and ever-loving Father sent His Son to become incarnate and bring us back into union with Him. When the Son, gazing upon the Father from atop the Cross with perfect love, freely offering Himself, it was for our redemption, our justification, and our sanctification. This was not an impersonal, generic offering but one that was intensely personal and specific.

That is the same love that the Lord has for each of us now, and He wants to pour it out upon us. We just need to come to Him. May these three years of a Eucharistic Revival do just that. May they bring about a revival in our hearts, in our Parish community, and in our wider community so that we truly may weather the storms of division, scandal, disease, and doubt and persevere until eternal life.

In our Eucharistic Lord,

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