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MEMORANDUM

To: All Bishops

From: Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens, Chairman

Date: December 6, 2021

Re: **National Eucharistic Revival**

It was great being with you for the in person general assembly! I sense that being able to gather for Eucharistic celebrations together as well as for extended hours of Eucharistic Adoration had a profound effect on our dialogue and fraternity. I would like to thank you for your support of the National Eucharistic Revival and specially for your support for the National Eucharistic Congress in 2024. Let us pray that the revival will continue yield great fruit for the Church and the Lord not only on a national level but in your diocese and parishes.

This memo also contains the following attachments and links:

- We are enclosing a “Quick Launch” guide for the Eucharistic Revival’s diocesan year—a kind of “how to” manual for your diocesan point-person and planning team. If you have not yet submitted the name of your point-person(s), please email David Spesia at dspesia@usccb.org.
- An invitation to begin considering dates that would be good to invite one of the National Eucharistic Preachers to come to your diocese; these preachers will be available to preach at Diocesan Eucharistic Events or Congresses, Clergy or lay formation days, events for youth and young adults and more. [Please use this link when you are ready to sign up](#).
- The following link provides a short video course I have prepared based on the new Eucharistic document, “The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church”: [EucharistCourse.org](https://ecusccb.wetransfer.com/). It is a free resource intended to bring the message of the document and the Eucharistic Revival to diocesan and parish leadership, as well as small groups.
- Thank you to the many bishops who were able to record a personal 2–3-minute testimony on the meaning of the Eucharist in your life and vocation during our November Assembly. If you were not able to, please consider recording one and sending it to us via this link by the end of the year: <https://ecusccb.wetransfer.com/> (USCCB Creative Services will add in your name and diocese, and finalize formatting).

Finally, please say a prayer for the Bishop of Crookston and his people as I am installed today!

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Quick Launch for the National Eucharistic Revival

PREPARATION FOR THE TEN STEPS

The Eucharistic Revival is intended to be far more than a series of events. It aims to be a movement that renews the Church by enkindling a living relationship with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. While this framework offers proposed events and activities, with corresponding timelines through 2024, the ultimate goal is to invite a transformation in the hearts and lives of believers. Therefore, in addition to pastoral resources and logistical details, we also offer suggestions that are focused on details that are outside of the logistical planning.

Since Biblical times, the Lord has called people to be witness of his great love and to be a light to the nations. Our time has come; we are called to be witnesses of his love, beautifully expressed in the Eucharist. As we prepare for the Eucharistic Revival, we are mindful of the essential element of spiritual preparation. We offer the following suggestions to take place firstly among those in leadership roles at the diocesan level, at the parish level, and at Catholic schools. Once those in leadership have started the process of spiritual preparation, the same preparation will begin with the group under their care. This will allow all who participate in this process to experience long-lasting transformation after the events have taken place.

These are suggested steps for prayer. Please invest in preparatory prayer beyond a brief gathering to recite a prayer together. Each time the group gathers for prayer, allow 20-30 min depending on the size of the group. If the group is larger than eight people, create smaller groups of three-six for the initial time of prayer and then gather all for sharing, intercessions, and closing prayer.

Formation of Prayer Sessions

Open with a Prayer to the Holy Spirit
Lectio Divina

*Suggested passages: Matthew 7:21-29; Mark 8:14-20; Luke 13:22-30; John 6:22-33;
John 6:34-40; John 6:60-71; John 13:31-35; 1 Cor 11:23-34

Intercessions

Conclude with the Lord’s Prayer



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STRATEGIC PILLARS OF THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

1. Foster encounters with Jesus through kerygmatic proclamation and experiences of Eucharistic devotion.
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3. Empower grassroots creativity by partnering with movements, apostolates, parishes, and educational institutions.
4. Reach the smallest unit: parish small groups and families.
5. Embrace and learn from the various rich intercultural Eucharistic traditions.

TEN STEPS TO LAUNCH THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Step 1: Reach Out. Reach out to local religious communities asking them to pray for the success of the Eucharistic Revival at the local and national level. The attached flier can be provided to give context to the request (Appendix A).

Step 2. Diocesan Point-Person. Bishops will designate the diocesan point-person(s) to facilitate the sharing of information and resources related to the National Eucharistic Revival. The “Diocesan Point-Person Roles and Responsibilities” document will help with the discernment regarding the appropriate person to be selected for this role (Appendix B).

Step 3. Review Roles/Responsibilities of the Diocesan Point-Person. The diocesan point-person(s) will establish a team for the visioning and implementation phase of the National Eucharistic Revival.

Step 4: Establish Expectations. Set forth expectations for meetings and regular communication regarding the National Eucharistic Revival. How often will the team meet and for how long?

Step 5: Timeline for Implementation/Best Practices. Review the corresponding timeline document and best practices, particularly noting the “milestones” for each phase of the process (Appendix C):

- Phase I: Diocesan Preparation. The first half of 2022 provides time to cast a vision for the Eucharistic Revival throughout the diocese, focusing on the importance of the Eucharist and building momentum through diocesan teams and presbyterates, while potentially also engaging local movements, apostolates, ministries, and more.
- Phase II: Beginning of the Diocesan Year. The formal launch of the Diocesan year begins on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 19, 2022; it includes an opportunity to host diocesan events centered on the Eucharistic Revival.
- Phase III: Beginning of the Parish Year. The parish year begins on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 11, 2023; it will be an opportunity to generate momentum across all parishes, apostolates, and ministries of the diocese.
- Phase IV: The National Eucharistic Congress and Missionary Sending. There will be regional or provincial events leading up to a National Eucharistic Congress to take place July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis; it will culminate with a missionary sending of those attending the national event. Resources and initiatives will be provided to carry the Eucharistic Revival forward, building on the momentum created from the National Eucharistic Congress.



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Step 6: Review the following in support of the Eucharistic Revival.

- Diocesan calendar to identify events that will be important to generate momentum. Align Clergy Convocations, formation days, study days and other formation events with a Eucharistic focus.
- Ministries/apostolates that could support this initiative. Begin to build awareness of the Eucharistic Revival Initiative in more engaged lay Catholics through apostolates and movements.
- Existing resources, formation tools, and documents that are being used in the diocese that have a Eucharistic focus or could be better refocused on the Eucharist.
- Existing media channels such as newspapers, magazines, website, newsletter, and social media channels.

Step 7: Previous Diocesan events/Congresses/Year of the Eucharist. For those dioceses that have recently held a Year of the Eucharist, consider how the National Eucharistic Revival and previous initiatives could complement and expand upon the foundation that is already in place.

Step 8: The Synod. As efforts to engage in a Synodal process continue to move forward, consider collaboration with those who are working on the Synod and points of integration for both processes during the next year. There are many questions that the Synod is proposing, and some are more Eucharistic in nature. Consider focusing on the following information provided by the Synod:

“‘Walking together’ is only possible if it is based on communal listening to the Word and the celebration of the Eucharist. How do prayer and liturgical celebrations actually inspire and guide our common life and mission in our community? How do they inspire the most important decisions? How do we promote the active participation of all the faithful in the liturgy? What space is given to participating in the ministries of lector and acolyte?”

Step 9. Upcoming Preparatory Sessions for Diocesan Point-Persons. Diocesan Point-Persons will have the opportunity to attend a virtual preparatory session in the Spring 2022. More information will be forthcoming.

Step 10. The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church. Finally, in support of the recent teaching document approved by the U.S. bishops, *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*, Bishop Andrew Cozzens has recorded a course based on the Eucharistic document which could serve as a very helpful resource for the diocesan Eucharistic Revival team to watch and discuss together. Visit uscbb.org/eucharisticrevival to access these resources and more.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe and Bl. Carlo Acutis pray for us!

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Appendices

The following pages are for your reference. You may share, print, and distribute them as you see fit. For additional resources, visit usccb.org/eucharisticrevival.

APPENDIX A

National Eucharistic Revival Informational Flier (2 pages): Provides context for the Revival and can be shared with staff, local religious communities, volunteers, etc.

APPENDIX B

Diocesan Point-Person: Responsibilities & Recommendations (2 pages): Provides help with the discernment regarding the appropriate person to be selected for the Diocesan Point-Person role.

APPENDIX C

Timeline for Implementation/Best Practices (1 page): Provides milestones and best practices with regards to each phase of the process.



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2024 National Eucharistic Congress

Indianapolis
Wednesday, July 17 - Sunday, July 21, 2024

A National Pilgrimage to a National Eucharist Congress in Summer of 2024, with both in-person and virtual dimensions, which aims to form and send forth more than 80,000 Eucharistic missionaries.

Featured Resources

2022

WINTER Launch EucharisticRevival.com website and Eucharist.Formed.org platform.

SPRING Toolkit and training resource for diocesan Corpus Christi processions.

SUMMER Turn-key recommendations for Eucharistic events and formation opportunities.

FALL National Eucharistic Preachers sent to diocesan events; catechetical resources on the liturgy.

2023

WINTER Social media campaign for Lenten devotions.

SPRING Toolkit and training resources for parish Corpus Christi processions.

SUMMER Training materials and resources for parish small group formation.

FALL McGrath Institute's online training for Eucharistic witnesses; prayer cards on "how to live a eucharistic day."

2024

WINTER Our Sunday Visitor tract on Eucharistic belief and practice.

SPRING Pilgrimage of regional processions to the National Eucharistic Congress.

SUMMER National Eucharistic Congress and missionary sending.

FALL Resources for Eucharistic missionaries.

Resources and initiatives will continue to carry the revival of the Eucharist forward beyond 2024, building on the momentum created from the National Eucharistic Congress.

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Diocesan Point-Person: Responsibilities & Recommendations

FOCUS

Year One (2022-2023): Diocesan Revival will center on casting vision throughout the diocese regarding the importance of the Eucharist and building momentum through diocesan teams and presbyterates while potentially also engaging local movements, apostolates, ministries, and more.

Year Two (2023-2024): Parish Revival will focus on organizing parish Eucharistic team leaders.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Each diocese* should select one or two individuals to serve as the Diocesan Contact Person(s) or co-leaders. If possible, they should organize a team of people to collaborate with them through this process. Responsibilities include:

- Serve as the primary contact with the USCCB’s Executive Team for the Revival.
- Organize a working team to help guide the initiative locally.
- Provide information on a timely basis to the diocesan curia in support of the Eucharistic Revival.
- Identify current and existing diocesan initiatives that can support this process.
- Serve as the point(s) of reference for parishes and other ecclesial groups in the diocese regarding the Eucharistic Revival.

* Note: the term “diocese” refers to local Churches in general, and can be substituted with the terms eparchy, ordinariate, or any other equivalent ecclesial body.



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QUALITIES OF THE DIOCESAN POINT-PERSON(S)

- Familiar with diocesan structures and processes.
- Have a desire to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus in the most Holy Eucharist.
- Have responded to the call to live as missionary disciples and have been prompted in their hearts to share that call with others.
- Lead collaboratively with charity, patience, humility, empathy, and authenticity.
- Prayerful, organized, and administratively gifted, coupled with the strong ability to prudently discern and engage others.
- Are willing and able to devote some time during the workday, and possibly on evenings or weekends as necessary.
- Capable of galvanizing team members into action with the exemplary joy and zeal of missionary discipleship.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE POINT-PERSON(S) AND DIOCESAN TEAM

The team collaborating with the Diocesan Point-Person(s) should reflect the diversity of the diocese and include key diocesan leaders: lay women and men, clergy, and consecrated religious, of different cultures, generations, and backgrounds, representing the Church's diverse ministries and charisms in particular the diocese's pastoral work with young people, families, migrants and refugees, and the poor. It would be helpful if some members of the team had previously/recently worked with local, diocesan, or national synodal processes, or similar endeavors.

- Reach out to local religious communities to ask for pray for the success of the National Eucharistic Revival and the local and national level.
- Reach out to local religious communities and request their support by asking them to pray for the success of the National Eucharistic Revival at the local and national level.
- Work with the diocesan curia to align as many events and gatherings as possible with a Eucharistic focus.
- Explore options for scheduling days of renewal and formation for clergy, religious, and diocesan leaders with a Eucharistic focus.
- Ask all apostolates and movements to intentionally cultivate a Eucharistic prayer culture.
- Cultivate relationships with pastors of parishes to facilitate cooperation in the parochial phase.

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Timeline for Implementation/Best Practices

Year	Month	Audience	Supporting Activities
Phase I			
			Diocesan Preparatory Phase
2022	Jan-March	Consultative Bodies	Bishop meets with Presbyteral Council/Consultors/Diocesan Pastoral Council
2022	Jan-March	Curia	Bishop communicates the vision/mission/milestones for National Eucharistic Revival
2022	Jan-April	Presbyterate	Bishop communicates the vision/mission/milestones for National Eucharistic Revival
2022	Feb/March/April	Curia	Diocesan Point-Persons register for "Diocesan Point Persons Webinar"
2022	Jan- March	Curia	Review documents for diocesan point persons on the USCCB website
2022	Spring	Curia	Review templates provided by the USCCB for diocesan teams
2022	March	Presbyterate	Identify host pastors for Presbyteral Holy Hours
2022	March	Presbyterate	Invite presbyterate to sign up for 1 or more weekly holy hours
2022	March	Curia	Determine procession route for Diocesan Eucharistic procession on Corpus Christi
2022	April	Curia	Commence recruitment for volunteers for Diocesan Eucharistic procession
2022	April	Curia	Review Diocesan website to focus on Eucharistic Revival and lead with diocesan process
2022	May	Parishes	Diocesan "save the date" to parishes around Corpus Christi Procession
2022		Parishes	Diocesan "bulletin inserts"/social media to parishes
2022	May	Parishes	Parishes submit delegation names to diocese for Corpus Christi procession
2022	May	Presbyterate	Bishop leads weekly Holy Hour for the Presbyterate in the weeks preceding the procession
2022	May	Curia	Create postcards/material for distribution advertising Congress to be distributed at procession
2022	May	Curia	Bishop/Vicar General leads weekly Holy Hour for the Curia in the weeks preceding the procession
2022	June	Curia	Video the Diocesan Procession as a model for parishes
Phase II			
			Launch of Diocesan Phase
Phase II	June, 2022	All	Diocesan Corpus Christi Procession
2022	July	Parishes	Record video welcome message from Bishop for Congress
2022	August	Parishes	Specific invitation to pastors/parish teams to Diocesan Congress
2022	Fall	Curia	Provide a Eucharistic Blessing to the parish team during Mass before Diocesan Gathering
2022	Fall		Diocesan Congress/Gathering
2022	October	Presbyterate	Annual Presbyteral Convocation focuses on Eucharist
2022	Sep-Nov	Parish Staff	Focus parish staff/catechetical leaders/teacher gatherings on the Eucharist
2022	Fall/Spring	Presbyterate	Encourage priests to attend regional days of formation in preparation for launch of parish year
2022	October	Presbyterate	Confirm host parishes for Advent and Lenten Adoration Series
2022	Spring	Parish Staff	Review parish documents provided from the USCCB
2022	Spring	Parish Staff	Focus Parish Missions/Renewal Days on the Eucharist
2023	March	Presbyterate	Host a Holy Hour after Sunday Mass for Easter
2023	Winter	Presbyterate	Provide Remarks from Bishop on Eucharist importance for Parishes during Annual Appeal
Phase III			
			Launch of Parish Phase
2023	March/April		Template provided to parishes for Corpus Christi processions
2023	April/May		Easter mystagogy on the Eucharist (Adoration and catechesis)
2023	May/June		Parishes advertise upcoming Corpus Christi Procession for all weekends in May/June
2023	June	Parish Staff	Take photos/video of Corpus Christi Procession to promote the parish
	June		Parish Corpus Christi Procession
2023	Summer	Parishes	Host a post-procession catechetical discussion on the Eucharist
2023	Jan-April	Curia	Ensure Annual Appeal/Diocesan appeal has a Eucharistic Focus
2024	Feb/March	Parishes	Host a regular Holy Hour
2024	March	Parishes	Identify participants representing the diocese for the National Event
2024	March/April	Diocese	Send to USCCB total registrants and identify point person for National Event
2024	May/June	Curia	Prepare diocesan teams for National Event
Phase IV			
	July 17-21, 2024		National Eucharistic Revival Event, Indianapolis
2024	Fall	Curia	Debrief National Eucharistic Revival Event
	Fall	Curia	Identify resources and initiatives to continue to carry the Eucharistic Revival forward
	Fall	Curia	Develop plan to continue momentum generated by the Eucharistic Revival
	Fall/Spring	Curia	Continued liturgical formation for priests and all liturgical ministers

