**Sacrament of the Sick**

Anointing of the Sick should be given if an individual is gravely ill or near death. If possible, the Sacrament should also be administered for serious illness, before major surgery or when one is initially hospitalized.

**Sacrament of Holy Matrimony**

Diocesan policy requires 12 months of preparation for Marriage. Contact the parish as soon as possible after engagement. **No venue reservations or other arrangements should be made prior to consultation with the pastor.**

**Sacrament of Penance**

Wednesday ~ 6:00 – 6:45PM; or by appointment.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Parents must be registered members of the parish and attend a Baptism preparation class prior to the Baptism if this is your first child baptized. Requirements for godparents are established by the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for Information and to register your child for Baptism.

**Parish Registration**

All Catholics should be registered in their local parish. Please contact the parish office to obtain registration forms, or if you are uncertain of the parish where you should register.



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**Soup Kitchen**

Please send donations directly to “Soup Kitchen”

**Website Development**

Kristen DiDio

**Life After Loss**

Dodie Huete

**OCIA**

Contact Fr. Dominic

**Picnic Co-Chairpersons**

John Neiderer

Wally Kane

**Pro-Life Ministry**

OPEN – Contact office if you are interested

**Knights of Columbus**

SK Bob Ternes

- Grand Knight



Judy Wilson / Janice Meligakes

**Bereavement Ministry**

Ginny Bittle / Dodie Huete

**Catholic Communications/EWTN**

Open - Contact office if you are interested

**Cemetery**

Contact Parish Office

**THEOSIS Ministry**

Kathy Dietsch 717-352-4558

Bicky Redman 717-677-8592





Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection Program

*www.YouthProtectionHBG.com*

Abuse Reporting Contact Information:

**First – Call the toll-free PA Child Abuse Hotline at 800-932-0313**

**Then – Call the Diocesan toll-free hotline at 800-626-1608**

**“If one member suffers,**

**all suffer together with it.” (*1 Cor* 12:26)**

**St. Ignatius Loyola RC Church**

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JUNE 25, 2023: 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Most Rev. Timothy C. Senior, *Bishop of Harrisburg*

Rev. Dominic M. DiBiccaro, *Pastor*

Deacon Steve Huete, *Pastoral Associate*

***Mass Schedule, Intentions, and Events***

**Please Pray for:**

Those who are ill, Jeanie Kline & the Kline Family, Terry Ahn, K. Grance, Lori McFadden & Family, Mike & Lisa Poole, Mervin Weikert, Chastity Rudisill, Mary Ellen Wilson, Terry & Bernie Cabana, Ed & Aggie Sherensky and Family, Bob Raffensberger, Jerry & Ginny Miller, Adeline Lienard, Kaylee Henry, Chuck & Nancy Wuller, Dr. Mike Colli, Mrs. Kelly Kump, Kevin & Brittany Groff, Gabriel Singer, Sharon McCormley, Ron Thumma, Joe Wisotzkey, Leo Hockensmith, Erika McKissick, Jean "Heather" O'Shea, Scott Moore and Sally Moore, Mary Wyatt, Jim & Joyce Deardorff, Brandon & Michelle Gilbert, Amy Weatherup, Sophia Joy Ernst, Deacon Richard Wentzel, Deacon Frank Enderle, Kathleen Thompson, Deb & Kathy McLintock and Family, Rachel Wonders, Amy Edwards, Jean O’Connor, Art Lazar, Sr., Mark & Michelle Huete, Paul Angello, Jen Baldwin, Ursula Kaley, Deb Bennet, Fr. Bill Sullivan, Larry Endy, Mary Beth McCarthy, Laura Lee, Marwa Abdelrahman, Cathy Gates, Donna Singley, Jack Ryff, Tim McGinn, Jane Kump, Peggy Neiderer, Chris Kimple, Robert Riquet, Gene & Jo-Ann McDannell, Bob Doxzen, Kimberly Mears, Gabriella Angello, Mark & Kate Morrow, Mark Morris, Linda Fogleman, Paul Knight, George & Barbara Erstila, Jeff Carpenter, Lana & Nelson Harmon, Diane Slothour, Sue McDannell, Larry Schneider, Joe & Lisa Grasel, Ange Pena, Julie Barnhart, the Shaffer Family, Heather & Emma Dickerson, Brad Pabody, Paul Ward, Aiden Tyler Schneider, Dorothy Vega, Karrie McCall & daughter, George Shahid, Denise Navlyt, Drew Schneider & Family, Ida Bloomfield, Linda McDannell, Janie Singley, Mary Beth Greenstreet, Rick Benedict, Jan Patla, Kathe Fogleman, Sam Sheffler, Kate Hemmis, Bill & Mary Lou Graham, Joanna Hodges, John Varones, Joan O’Sullivan, Martha Klinger, Lisa Dionne Lauretti, Sue Orndorff, Jim Gleason, Sue Gustafson, Joe & Michelle Cleary, Kim Johnson, Helen Mills, Kathy Haber, Haley Detman, Joe Durovey, Bev Smith, Donald Sheppard, Linda Mumaugh, Alison Haring, Janet Hartman, Edward Johnson, Angela Galeone, Juliete Lang, Chris MacBeth, Harry Graham, Donald Howard, Armond Binni, Elizabeth Stansky, Pat Johnson, Chris Morris, Faud Doaney, Wilson & Rae Harman, Patrick Glass, Helen Lagasse, Nancy Kewisnek, Andy Graham, Bill & Maureen Collins, Rosemary McGilloway, Anji Eisenhart, Monica Manner, Denny Borbonus, Dr. Paul Scarlata, Mary Hawthorne, Ed Washington, Josh Kempinski, Nancy Baker Baltzey, Spencer Propts, Karlton Smith & Cheryl Sobun, James & Marylyn Sobun, Marlene Webster, Yvette Stoklosa, Andy Consiglio, Bill & Michelle Cloonan, Nelson Salem, Janet Shunnarah, George Shunnarah, Bill & Deb McClintock **nursing home residents & shut-ins, the victims of war, violence, disease, disaster, & all private intentions.**

***Also in your prayers, please remember all***

***our men and women currently serving in***

***our Armed Forces:***

**Maj. Nathan Jeffcoat – US Marine Corps**

**Lt. Joseph Cleary – US Navy**

**Michael C. Kenney IV – US Coast Guard**

**Lt. Joshua Kimple – US Army**

**Lt. Sarah Fogleman, M.D. – US Navy**

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***for the Week of June 24 to July 2, 2023***

SATURDAY, June 24–V**IG**I**L MASS 12TH SUNDAY IN ORD.TIME**

 ***Jer 20:10-13 / Rom 5:12-15 / Mt 10:26-33***

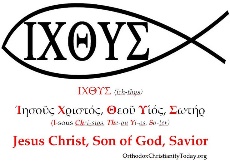
**5:00PM + Patricia Sobun**

**SUNDAY, June 25 – 12TH SUNDAY IN OT**

***Jer 20:10-13 /Rom 5:12-15 / Mt 10:26-33***

**8:00AM + Carl Leinbach**

**10:30AM ~ People of the Parish**

**Monday, June 26 (Weekday in OT)**

***Gn 12:1-9 / Mt 7:1-5***

**Parish Office Closed**

**Tuesday, June 27 – *St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and***

***Gn 13:2, 5-18 / Mt 7:6, 12-14 Doctor of the Church***

**8:00AM - 3:00 PM ~ Office Open**

**10:00AM + Jean Dillon Eisenhart**

**11AM: “Something More” Faith Group**

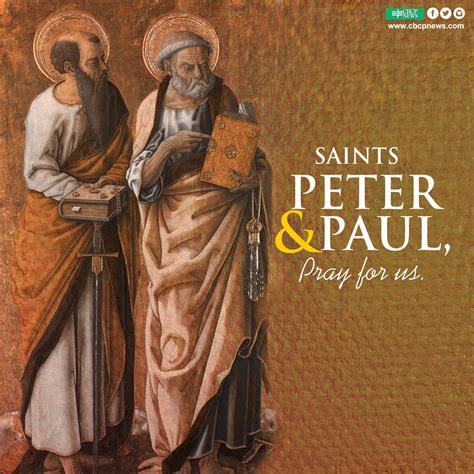
**Wednesday, June 28 – St. Irenaeus, Bishop**

***Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 / Mt 7:15-20* and Martyr**

**8:00AM - 3:00 PM ~ Office Open**

**10AM: Senior Spirituality Group**

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**VIGIL MASS for STS. PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES**

***Acts 3:1-10 / Gal 1:11-20 / Jn 21:15-19***

**7:00PM + Michael and Linda Ciavarella**

***NO Confessions; NO Adoration***

Thursday, June 29 – **STS. PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES**

***Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 / Mt 16:13-19***

**8:00AM – 3:00PM ~ Office Open**

**10:00AM + Sister Ignatia Maria, SSJ**

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| https://external-content.duckduckgo.com/iu/?u=https%3A%2F%2Fi.pinimg.com%2Foriginals%2F4c%2Ffa%2Fbb%2F4cfabb660a43d70312a2bd49be088202.png&f=1&nofb=1&ipt=d21da9027429ab72786048d810af8d39e941b6b9015b97e0a7e7ce9dbeb35f4e&ipo=imagesFriday, June 30 -***First Martyrs of the Holy***  ***Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 / Mt 8:1-4 Roman***  ***Parish Office CLOSED*** ***Church*** | THE LORD |  |

**10:00AM + Kevin “Mickey” Finn and the**

**Deceased Members of VFW Post 1599 Honor Guard**

**SATURDAY, July 1 – *St. Junípero Serra, Priest***

***MORNING:*  *Gn 18:1-15 / Mt 8:5-17***

SATURDAY, July 1 –V**IG**I**L MASS 13TH SUNDAY IN ORD.TIME**

***2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a / Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 / Mt 10:37-42***

**5:00PM ‒ Spec. Int. for Karlton Smith**

***https://external-content.duckduckgo.com/iu/?u=http%3A%2F%2Fclipart-library.com%2Fimage_gallery%2F80745.jpg&f=1&nofb=1*SUNDAY, July 2 – 13TH SUNDAY IN OT**

***2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a / Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 /***

**8:00AM + Christopher DiDio *Mt 10:37-42***

**10:30AM ~ People of the Parish**

**Sanctuary Candle offered for JUNE: In Loving Memory of Amy Weatherup from Doug & Terry Edwards**

**EXCERPTS FROM BISHOP SENIOR’S HOMILY**

“Though these have been difficult years for those who serve in the Church, and in some ways for all Catholics, it is imperative that we also call to mind the painful experience of those who are survivors of sexual abuse,” Bishop Senior said.

“I want to reaffirm the commitment of the Church in Harrisburg to do all that we can do to provide care and support for survivors of sexual abuse by clergy, and to ensure that the policies and procedures that are in place to protect children and to work with law enforcement to respond to allegations of sexual abuse, will remain in force, and will continue to be reviewed and evaluated when necessary.”

He urged all in attendance to proclaim the Gospel, calling it a duty shared by “all the Baptized.”

“We are called by God to make the presence of Jesus evident through our lives,” the Bishop said. “We must not allow the tragic scandals in the Church, or other challenges that we have faced to impede us in living our faith in Jesus Christ.”

He then urged priests to encourage young men contemplating the priesthood to follow their hearts into the vocation.

“If you know such a young man, tell him why you think God might be calling him,” he said. “Your encouragement can make a great difference in a young man’s discernment of a call.”

Addressing his predecessor, Bishop Gainer: “You have guided this local Church in Harrisburg for over nine years, through some challenging times, with great effectiveness, pastoral charity, wisdom and great love for those entrusted to your care. We are all blessed that you will be continuing to be active in ministry in the diocese in your retirement.”

Bishop Senior also acknowledged the challenging times that had beset the Diocese in recent years.”

“It hasn’t been easy on the front lines as priests during those times,” the Bishop said, addressing his fellow brother diocesan priests. “Thank you for your ministry dear brothers and for giving your lives so generously.”

Reflecting the growing diversity of the 15-county diocese, the Mass of Installation featured liturgical readings in Vietnamese and Spanish.

Speaking for a few minutes in Spanish, Senior addressed the sizable and growing Latino contingency across the Diocese: *“Nuestra diversidad cultura es una gran bendicion. Espero conocerlos, apoyarlos y altentarlos en la vida de fe,”* Bishop Senior said.

His words translate into: “Our cultural diversity is a great blessing. I hope to get to know all of you and support and help advance you in your life of faith.”

Bishop Senior concluded in simple words that affirmed his goal and desire as he prepares to lead the Diocese.

“As I begin my service as bishop in Harrisburg, my primary desire is to be a good pastor, to be a leader who is servant first and so to announce the Gospel of Jesus Christ with integrity and fidelity,” Senior said. “I will endeavor each day to give myself completely to this service.”

The Mass of Installation featured the second reading from 2 Timothy 1:6-14, which Bishop Senior commented he received “very personally” in his heart.

“Paul was writing to Timothy and encouraging him in his leadership of the Church....’for this reason, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands...do not be ashamed of your testimony to our LORD… [And] bear your share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God.’”

**Sunday Collection Summary**

**June 17 and 18**

**Weekend Collection**

Corpus Christi $ 3,497.00

Altar Flowers $ 15.00

Candles $ 52.50

Ascension $ 20.00

Corpus Christi (additional) $ 67.00

Local Poor $ 40.00

**TOTAL OFFERINGS $ 3,691.50**

**‒WEEKLY BUDGETARY NEEDS $ 5,819.68**

+Overage or (Shortfall) for the week ($ 2,128.18)

**Other Income**

Stewardship $ 169.00

Individual Contributions $ 5,000.00

**Total Other Offerings** $ 5,169.00

**Diocesan Second Collections**

Catholic Communications Campaign $ 661.00

Pentecost $ 20.00

**TOTAL DIOCESAN OFFERINGS** $ 681.00

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# Diocese Welcomes New Bishop in Solemn Installation Mass



**The Most Rev. Timothy Senior enters Saint Patrick’s Cathedral in Harrisburg to be installed as the 12th Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., on June 21, 2023. He is followed by our retiring Bishop Ronald Gainer.**

**No ‘transgender mandate’ for Catholic Doctors as Biden Admin Declines to Defend Further**

By [Kevin J. Jones](https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/author/408/kevin-j-jones) | Denver, Colo., Jun 21, 2023

Catholic organizations and medical professionals won’t be forced to perform gender-transition surgeries or provide insurance coverage for them after the Biden administration declined to defend the challenged “transgender mandate” federal rules with an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Becket, a religious-liberty-focused legal group, served as legal counsel for a coalition of Catholic organizations that represented hospitals, doctors, and clinics in the case known as [Sisters of Mercy v. Becerra](https://www.becketlaw.org/case/sisters-mercy-v-price/?section=caseDetail).

In January 2021, a federal district court ruled that the intrusion on the Catholic plaintiffs’ free exercise of religion was sufficient to show “irreparable harm.” A three-judge panel of the U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals [in a Dec. 9, 2022, decision](https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/253044/biden-s-transgender-mandate-suffers-second-big-loss-in-appellate-court) sided with the lower court’s ruling. The Biden administration had appealed the lower court’s ruling but did not ask the Supreme Court to hear a challenge to the appellate ruling by the June 20 deadline.

“After multiple defeats in court, the federal government has thrown in the towel on its controversial, medically unsupported transgender mandate,” Luke Goodrich, vice president and senior counsel at the Becket legal group, said June 21. “Doctors take a solemn oath to ‘do no harm,’ and they can’t keep that oath if the federal government is forcing them to perform harmful, irreversible procedures against their conscience and medical expertise.” The ruling ends a long legal battle related to a similar rule issued under the Obama administration in 2016.

The Biden administration’s Department of Health and Human Services issued the contested rule in January 2021. It revised Section 1557 health care rules under the 2010 Affordable Care Act to add “sexual orientation and gender identity” and “reproductive health care services” [including](https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/07/25/hhs-announces-proposed-rule-to-strengthen-nondiscrimination-in-health-care.html) “pregnancy termination” to existing “protections against discrimination on the basis of sex.” The rule also reversed Trump-era conscience protections that sought to allow medical professionals to opt out of performing procedures against their beliefs.

The rule changes meant that Catholic doctors would be forced to perform purported sex change operations and that Catholic organizations would be forced to cover the procedures in their health insurance plans. The Catholic plaintiffs filed the legal challenge to the Biden administration’s mandate. The Catholic groups argued the mandate violated their religious freedom and their conscientious objections protected by federal law.

Plaintiffs included the Religious Sisters of Mercy and their health system and hospitals joined by the Catholic Benefits Association, the Catholic Medical Association, the University of Mary, the Diocese of Fargo, and Catholic Charities of North Dakota. They were also joined by the state of North Dakota.

Goodrich said the Catholic doctors and hospitals provide “vital care to patients in need, including millions of dollars in free and low-cost care to the elderly, poor, and underserved.”

“This is a win for patients, conscience, and common sense,” he said in a statement.

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops condemned the federal rule in a July 2022 [statement](https://www.usccb.org/news/2022/bishop-chairmen-condemn-harmful-regulations-forcing-gender-ideology-and-potentially). The bishops objected to requiring health care workers “to perform life-altering surgeries to remove perfectly healthy body parts.”

The bishops characterized the rule as “a violation of religious freedom and bad medicine.”

The mandate was challenged in another federal lawsuit, Franciscan Alliance v. Becerra, which resulted in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals striking down the mandate in an August 2022 decision. The deadline to appeal that decision passed last November. In that case, religious medical groups including Franciscan Alliance, Christian Medical and Dental Society, and Specialty Physicians of Illinois had challenged the mandate.

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**The Holy Father, Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions for 2023**

Entrusted to His Worldwide Prayer Network

**JUNE ⁓ FOR THE ABOLISHMENT OF TORTURE**

**We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture, and guarantee support to victims and their families.**



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# Be Not Afraid: Scott Hahn Reflects

# on the Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test.

We will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in today’s First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap and trip us up.

For His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts — even in our own homes, we hear in today’s Psalm.

As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love.

“Do not be afraid,” Jesus assures us *three times* in today’s Gospel.

Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us today, everything unfolds in His Providence, under His watchful gaze — even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him.

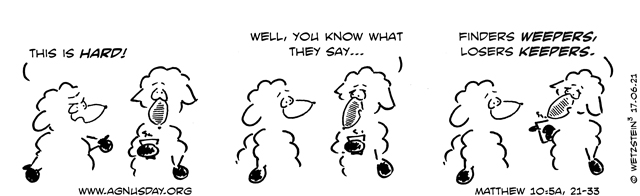
Steadfast in this faith, we must resist the tactics of Satan. He is the enemy who seeks the ruin of our soul in Gehenna, or aka: hell!

We are to seek God, as the Psalmist says. Zeal for the LORD’s House, for the Heavenly Kingdom of the Father, should consume us, as it consumed Jesus (see [John 2:17](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/John%202.17)). As Jesus bore the insults of those who blasphemed God, so should we (see [Romans 15:3](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Rom%2015.3)).

By the gracious gift of Himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, St. Paul tells us in today’s Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress. In His great mercy, He will turn toward us, as well. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked.

That is why we proclaim His Name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus’ Promise — that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our Heavenly Father.

Readings: [*Jeremiah 20:10–13*](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Jer%2020.10%E2%80%9313)*;* [*Psalm 69:8–10*](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Ps%2069.8%E2%80%9310)*,* [*14*](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Psalm%2069.14)*,* [*17*](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Psalm%2069.17)*,* [*33–35*](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Psalm%2069.33%E2%80%9335)*;* [*Romans 5:12–15*](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Rom%205.12%E2%80%9315)*;* [*Matthew 10:26–33*](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Matt%2010.26%E2%80%9333)



**UPDATED: Here’s What You Need to Know**

**About the National Eucharistic Revival**

By [CNA Staff](https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/author/21/cna-staff) | Washington, D.C. Newsroom, Jun 20, 2023

The [National Eucharistic Revival](https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/), which launched on the feast of Corpus Christi in 2022, has a [mission](https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/mission-vision-and-timeline) to “renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the LORD Jesus Christ in the holy Eucharist,” as stated on its website.

Sponsored by the U.S. Catholic bishops, the revival aims to inspire people to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist.

Here is what you need to know about the National Eucharistic Revival:

**What is the National Eucharistic Revival?**

The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative by the U.S. bishops that aims to inspire, educate, and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist.

In a society where the LORD is often forgotten and even a majority of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the revival is meant to rededicate the entire nation to the Eucharistic Jesus.

The U.S. bishops hope to change the lives of Catholics and non-Catholics alike through a series of Eucharist-centric events including Eucharistic pilgrimages across the nation and a National Eucharistic Congress in 2024.

As the campaign organizers say on the revival’s website, those [who](https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/mission-vision-and-timeline) have been “healed, converted, formed, and unified” by the Eucharist have a mission to teach others “for the life of the world.” This is what the National Eucharistic Revival envisions for the future of this movement.

**Why are the U.S. Bishops encourage his effort?**

According to [Pew Research Center](https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/08/05/transubstantiation-eucharist-u-s-catholics/#:~:text=A%20small%20share%20of%20Catholics,the%20church's%20teaching%20about%20transubstantiation.), only 31% of Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

It is up to that 31% to spread the Truth to all. As the revival website says: “We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith — his Real Presence in the holy Eucharist.”

It is a time to confront the hardships that face people in everyday life. The National Eucharistic Revival is a powerful, uplifting way to rise to this challenge.

**What has happened so far?**

Everything started with widespread Eucharistic adoration and processions across the country on the solemnity of Corpus Christi 2022.

The first year of the revival focused on diocesan renewal. Individual dioceses across the country offered events to promote and inspire understanding of the Eucharist.

“Eucharistic missionaries” from all walks of life were also trained through online and in-person resources the initiative made available to teach about Christ and the Real Presence.

**What happens next?**

Each year is dedicated to serving a specific purpose in the National Eucharistic Revival’s mission. The first year of the movement was dedicated to diocesan revival.

The secnd year of the revival, which has now begun, is dedicated to fostering eucharistic devotion at the parish level.

The movement will culminate in two major events involving Catholics across the entire country. In the summer of 2024, thousands are expected to participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage beginning from each corner of the country and ending in Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress July 17–24.

The third and final year, following the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress, will be dedicated to the Church “going out on mission” to renew the world.

**What is the** [**National Eucharistic Pilgrimage**](https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/)**?**

The pilgrimage organizers are calling it “our national Emmaus moment,” after the biblical passage in which Jesus walked with two of his disciples along the road to Emmaus.

Pilgrims will collectively carry the Eucharistic LORD 6,500 miles, passing through major cities, holy sites, and countryside along the way.

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It will begin during the feast of Pentecost, May 17–19, 2024, from four origin points: San Francisco in the west; Bemidji, Minnesota, from the north; New Haven, Conn., from the east; and Brownsville, Texas, from the south.

All of the faithful are invited to join in for portions of the pilgrimage to walk with the eucharistic Jesus in cities and through the countryside across the nation.

Though everyone is invited to join the pilgrimage, four dozen full-time pilgrims from each corner of the U.S. will make the entire journey. These full-time pilgrims will be young adult Catholics ages 19–29. If you are a young adult interested in applying to be a full-time pilgrim, email hello@eucharisticpilgrimage.org to be notified when the application goes live this summer.

**What is the** [**National Eucharistic Congress**](https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/congress-2024)**?**

The National Eucharistic Congress will be “a defining moment in our generation,” according to the [website](https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/) for the event. A five-day event of prayers, speakers, and liturgical celebrations, the congress will be the capstone of the bishops’ three-year National Eucharistic Revival campaign. This major national event will be held in Indianapolis from July 17–21, 2024.

Approximately 80,000 Catholics are expected to “worship our risen LORD in his humble disguise” and allow the Holy Spirit to “enkindle a missionary fire in the heart of our nation,” according to the revival website.

The congress will have both in-person and remote options, so everyone can take part in this joyful celebration.

**Where can I go for more information?**

The best way to obtain more information is to visit the National Eucharistic Revival [website](https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/). Not only does it have an abundance of learning resources and prayer assistance, but it also has answers to [frequently asked questions](https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/faqs). The USCCB [website](https://www.usccb.org/search?key=national+Eucharistic+revival&created=&created_1=&items_per_page=20) also contains a wealth of resources.