



September 6, 2022

Dear Clergy, Religious, and Lay Faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia,

On Corpus Christi Sunday, we entered the first year of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival. In a world all too often marred by polarization, doubt, violence, and disease, we have great reason for hope: Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, offers us forgiveness, healing, and the fullness of life. Our participation in the National Eucharistic Revival will transform us as a community of missionary disciples through deep, personal encounters with Jesus in the Eucharist, which is “the source and summit of the whole Christian life” (*Lumen Gentium*, #11). We will be empowered to foster a culture of “living as a Eucharistic people” by renewing our relationship with the Lord.

As we enter the Revival together with the heart of missionary disciples, the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Revival Committee would like to effectively provide updates to parishes, schools, and institutions. Please appoint a Parish/Institutional Revival Contact Person. This person is important as he/she will receive information about the revival and disseminate it; hence, assisting us in building momentum around the Revival. Send the name and contact information to revival@archphila.org by September 15, 2022.

Several resources are available from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) during this Diocesan Phase of the Eucharistic Revival. These materials can be found on the Archdiocesan website phillyeucharisticrevival.org.

During this year, parishes, institutions, and religious communities are encouraged to (re)introduce the *Ars Celebrandi* on all aspects of the liturgy by taking advantage of the training workshops being offered by the Office for Divine Worship (see Attachment 1). Additionally, parishes, schools, and institutions are encouraged to celebrate Forty Hours Devotions and offer times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Office of Catholic Education is initiating a “Eucharistic-themed” art, video, and essay contest for children in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Twelve for students in our Catholic Schools, PREP programs, homeschooling families, and schools of special education (see Attachment 2).

The Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis of the USCCB has prepared excellent, bilingual **free audio and video content** on the Eucharist available on their digital resource platform ([one-time sign-in form](#)). Additionally, the McGrath Institute for Church Life has prepared a free

bilingual [*Program in Priestly Renewal: Eucharistic Revival*](#) to provide intellectual, pastoral, and practical content for priests during the first year of the Revival.

Please save the date for our Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress, which will be held on **Saturday, September 30, 2023**, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown (see Attachment 3). We are also looking forward to the National Eucharistic Congress, which will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, from July 17-24, 2024.

May the intercession of Philadelphia's Saint John Neumann and Saint Katherine Drexel, both of whom were so devoted to the Eucharist, help us to be renewed in our love for the Eucharistic Lord.

Sincerely yours,

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