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My Brother Priests:

Greetings in the Lord! As you have already heard, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops announced a three-year Eucharistic Revival initiative that is set to begin this summer. Here in the Archdiocese of Louisville, a planning team has been at work for some time preparing for the initial diocesan year of the Revival.

I invite you and your parishes and communities to participate in the opening event of this Eucharistic Revival – a procession with the Blessed Sacrament from our Cathedral church through the streets of downtown Louisville – on Sunday, June 19, 2022, following the noon Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption. The procession will traverse a roughly half-mile route to the Belvedere, stopping at points along the way. At the Belvedere, there will be a time of adoration and prayer before returning along the same route. Benediction will follow at the Cathedral at approximately 3:00 p.m., followed by a simple ice cream reception.

June 19th is the day on which the Church celebrates Corpus Christi – the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This is an appropriate beginning for the Eucharistic Revival, reminding us of our foundational belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. This year, Corpus Christi Sunday also coincides with two secular observances: Father’s Day and Juneteenth. In the Eucharist, we come to know our oneness with the Body of Christ and the whole human family. In a procession flowing out of the church doors, we bear public witness to this unity. Therefore, participating in the holy Mass together and honoring our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament is a fitting way to celebrate family and community as well.

I encourage you to join in this archdiocesan celebration – all of it or any part of it – as your schedule allows. I also ask that you extend this invitation to members of your parish by means of bulletin announcements and other parish communications. (A sample bulletin announcement is attached.) Parishes and other auxiliary groups are welcome to carry banners in the procession.

In the coming year, you will receive additional communications about catechetical resources and opportunities for enrichment and devotions surrounding the Eucharistic Revival. A National Eucharistic Congress is being planned for summer 2024.

I am enthusiastic about the Eucharistic Revival and the wonderful fruit it will bear in the Archdiocese of Louisville, and I ask you to pray for its success. Much more than a collection of resources and events, it is a call to greater action, that we may be perpetually strengthened by our love for the Eucharist and challenged to make it the very center of our lives. We fulfill Pope Francis' vision of becoming a more missionary Church by allowing our love for Christ in the Eucharist to continually shape and transform us, and thus enable us as people of faith to be a part of constructive efforts to transform our world. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring Catholics together from all walks of life and to boldly proclaim the difference that a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church can make. I pray that we will all draw closer to Christ and be better prepared to share Him with our modern world.

For more information about the Eucharistic Revival, visit www.eucharisticrevival.org. For questions about our local efforts, contact Dr. Karen Shadle, chair of the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Revival committee and director of the Office of Worship: kshadle@archlou.org.

Sincerely in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelton J. Fabre". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre
Archbishop of Louisville

Sample Bulletin Announcement:

Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession

This summer marks the beginning of the Eucharistic Revival, a 3-year process initiated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to renew our devotion to and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The inaugural event of the Eucharistic Revival will be a public procession with the Blessed Sacrament on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 19, 2022. We invite all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Louisville to join us at the Cathedral of the Assumption for this procession immediately following the Sunday noon Mass. The procession will traverse an approximately one mile round-trip from the Cathedral to the Belvedere and back. Benediction at the Cathedral will take place at about 3:00 p.m. A simple ice cream reception will follow in the Cathedral undercroft. Parishes, schools, and other Catholic organizations are encouraged to carry banners in the procession.