



National Eucharistic Revival

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- ▶ A Pastoral Letter: *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*
- ▶ A Committee established within the Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis to spearhead:
 - (1) the Bishop's implementation of the National Eucharistic Revival - and
 - (2) the message of their Pastoral Letter

Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

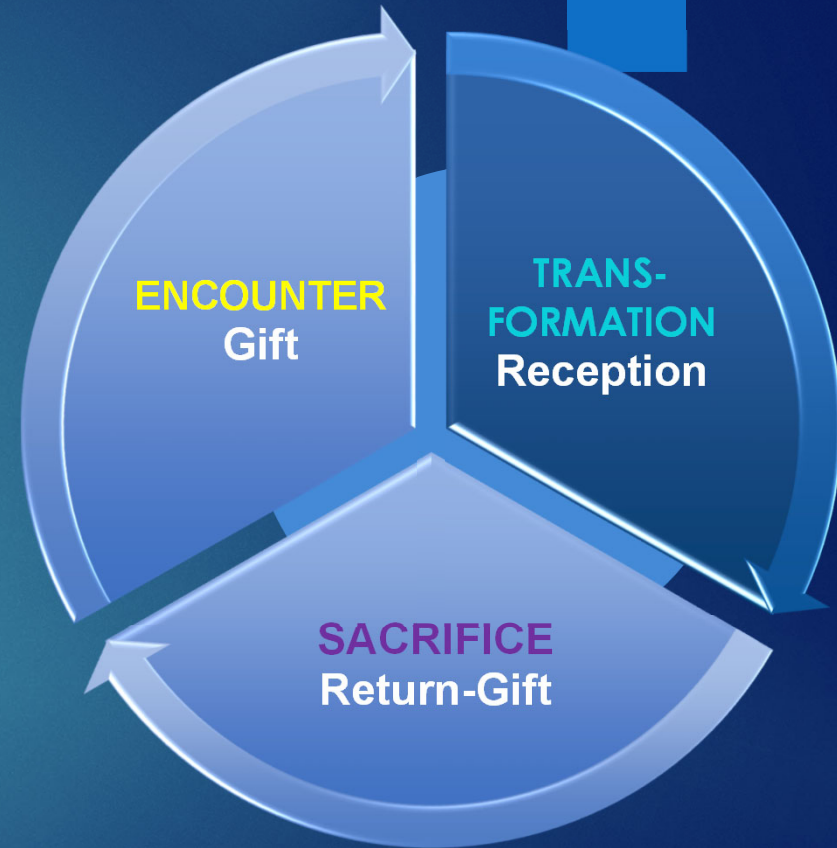
- ▶ Bishop Gruss appoints diocesan point persons – Father Jim Bessert (Liturgy) and Kellie Deming (Parish Life and Evangelization) to collaborate with the USCCB Committee.
- ▶ The Diocesan Worship Commission is entrusted with the study and planning for the Eucharistic Revival and the Office of Parish Life and Evangelization entrusted with its implementation.

MISSION

To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

VISION

A movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission “for the life of the world.”





Pillar
One

- ▶ Foster encounters with Jesus through kerygmatic proclamation and experiences of Eucharistic devotion.



Pillar
Two

- ▶ Contemplate and proclaim the doctrine of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist through the Truth of our teaching, Beauty of our worship, and Goodness of our accompaniment of persons in poverty and those who are vulnerable.



Pillar
Three

- ▶ Empower grassroots creativity by partnering with movements, apostolates, parishes, and educational institutions.



Pillar
Four

- ▶ Reach the smallest unit: parish small groups and families (“domestic church”).



Pillar
Five

- ▶ Embrace and learn from the various, rich, and intercultural Eucharistic traditions.

Sacramentum caritatis

“A Mystery to be Celebrated”

*We are baptized into Christ's
Priestly Ministry*

LEX ORANDI

-Beauty-
>Sacrament<

“A Mystery to be Believed”

*We are baptized into
Christ's
Prophetic Ministry*

LEX CREDENDI

-Truth-
>Scripture<

“A Mystery to be Lived”

*We are baptized onto
Christ's
Royal Ministry*

LEX VIVENDI

-Goodness-
>Ethics<

“Worship pleasing to God can never be a purely private matter, without consequences for our relationships with others: it demands a public witness to our faith” (SC 83).

So, what's envisioned for the Diocese of Saginaw ...

Immediate Implementation ...

- ▶ “Inauguration” of the Eucharistic Revival with Mass and Procession on Sunday, June 19th (Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ) at the Cathedral at 2:00 pm with Bishop Gruss
- ▶ Sent out: (1) “A Liturgy Preparation Aid for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ” from the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions – AND – (2) A letter of invitation for all priests, deacons, seminarians, directors of parish life and diocesan staff – and to bring along with them a family to celebrate.
- ▶ The five (5) vicariates will prepare and provide the enhancement of the “Stations” for the Eucharistic Procession immediately following Mass.
- ▶ The Diocesan Music Committee is doing a survey of the parishes’ three (3) most cherished Eucharistic hymns to be incorporated into all diocesan liturgies throughout the Eucharistic Revival timeframe.

Proximate Implementation ...

- Our Diocesan Worship Commission, in collaboration with the National Eucharistic Revival Committee and our own diocesan Office of Parish Life and Evangelization, has been charged with the implementation of the Eucharistic Revival initiative.
- They are presently working on creating a comprehensive endeavor to afford our clergy, pastoral leaders, parish faith formation programs (for parishioners of all ages) and Catholic schools to be engaged in the Eucharistic Revival's mission and aspirations.
- A variety of liturgical rites centered on the Eucharist – the Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass), Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hours for Vocations, and Eucharistic Processions – will be celebrated across the Diocese of Saginaw throughout the Eucharistic Revival timeframe.

The Anima Christi

This prayer touches each and every person on a profound level.

*The words are most sacred and, with the Spirit's help, they can lead us into an immediate union with Christ. The Anima Christi (Soul of Christ) has been attributed to **Saint Ignatius of Loyola** (1491–1556), but historians say that it predates Ignatius by as much as a century-and-a-half.*

Moreover, a long tradition tells us that it was a favorite of his. In many cases, in fact, it served as the opening prayer of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius.

This sacred prayer is sublime and seems to transcend all time, all centuries ... ever ancient, ever new!

THE ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, embolden me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Never permit me to be parted from you.

At the hour of my death call me and bid
me come to you,

That with your Saints I may praise you

For age upon age.

Amen.



Gift Of Finest Wheat

You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O Saving Lord,
the Bread of Life to eat.

Hymn of the 1976 International Eucharistic Congress, Philadelphia, PA

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