

Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau A brief overview of the Eucharistic Revival Program

"My flesh for the Life of the World." "Mi Carne para la vida del mundo."

John 6:51

The USCCB's mission of the National Eucharistic Revival:
"To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist."

The USCCB's vision for the National Eucharistic Revival:

"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 the mission 'for the life of the world."

To all Priests of the Archdiocese:

The Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau Eucharistic Revival Committee is finalizing plans to join dioceses across the country in participating in the National Eucharistic Revival. We want to provide you with an overview of the program and the resources you can expect.

The Eucharistic Revival initiative is planned for the next three years. The first year is focused on the Archdiocesan level. In the second year (June 2023-June 2024), activities and events will occur on the parish level. The USCCB is in the process of developing a plan for the third year that will continue the momentum generated by the Eucharist Revival and the national event that will be held in Indianapolis in July 2024.

Archbishop Andrew will begin the Eucharistic Revival's multi-year initiative with opening Masses on Sunday, October 2nd, at 9:00 a.m. (English) and 11:30 a.m. (Spanish) at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Anchorage. He is asking all priests to join him by celebrating the beginning of the Eucharistic Revival in their parishes and missions during their weekend Masses on October 1st and 2nd.

During your weekend Masses, Archbishop Andrew asks you to include a Eucharistic Procession when possible. In addition, the committee will be sending a prayer to be used throughout the two years of the Revival. We encourage you to say the prayer or put it in your bulletins for the weekend Masses of October 1st and 2nd.

The committee's goal for this first year of the Eucharistic Revival is to bring unity through our common belief that The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life (Lumen Gentium 11). As the Eucharist brings unity, the committee hopes that the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Revival plan, approved by the Archbishop, will guide and direct all parishes in one consistent effort utilizing the resources provided.



In the coming weeks, the archdiocesan committee for the Eucharistic Revival will send out a more detailed guide of what is being planned during the first year of this initiative.

As an overview of the first year, the committee is planning the following:

- Providing a prayer that we encourage all parishes and small groups to pray throughout the next two years;
- Using Mass petitions created by the USCCB that will be sent to you weekly by the committee;
- The Archdiocesan website will include a Eucharistic Revival page with updated activities and resources;
- Monthly archdiocesan-sponsored video presentations. These will be uploaded to the Archdiocesan website and focus on a catechetical topic to understand better the Church's teaching and belief in the Eucharist. The format of the videos will begin with a presentation followed by a dialogue between two or three presenters.
- We are encouraging all parishes to host small group discussions on the presentations. The committee will provide a dialogue guide to the parishes and small groups to include the prayer, reflection questions, and a format for dialogue. The first video will be uploaded in November and will provide an introduction to the Revival. The second will give a foundation for the remaining topics from which to build.
- Small group discussion guides will be sent out beginning with the January presentation. This time will allow parishes a few months to determine how to engage on the local level with the Archdiocesan endeavor.
- Approximately seven videos will be presented during this 2022-2023 faith formation year.

These videos will include both clerics and laity from across the Archdiocese and will take place in various parishes throughout the Archdiocese. As we further prepare the presentation, we will reach out to many priests, deacons, and parish staff to participate and sponsor the topics related to the Eucharist. If you have any questions, you can contact the committee directly at: revival@aoaj.org.

"The Eucharist is the heart of the Church. Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the Church will blossom". Pope Saint John Paul II

In gratitude,

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