



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Next weekend is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*), and the following Friday and Saturday are the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary (respectively). Normally, I write about the feast of the day (Trinity Sunday), and don't look ahead, but there's so much to say, I want to make sure I can get it out there.

The United States is beginning a National Eucharistic Revival (see eucharisticrevival.org and for the Diocese of Manchester eucharisticrevivalnh.org). So many Catholics do not believe in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Too many believe the Eucharist is merely a symbol of Christ's presence or a fellowship meal. Yet, the constant teaching of the Church is that the Eucharist is the real Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus our God! At the consecration at Mass, the bread and wine cease to exist, and the only substance is the Body and Blood of Christ,

though the outward signs of bread and wine remain. This is our faith. This is why we have Adoration – we do not look at a piece of bread, we look at **Jesus** under the form of bread. We receive Him in our bodies, deep within our being, and He comes into intimate union with us.

The Eucharistic Revival is meant to help us grow in our devotion of the Eucharist – to cultivate Eucharistic amazement! This begins next Sunday, June 19th. We will have a Year of Diocesan Revival (June 19, 2022-June 11, 2023). Then, from June 11, 2023-July 17, 2024, there will be a Year of Parish Revival. July 17-21, 2024 there will be a Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN. Finally, there will be a Year of Going Out on Mission from July 21, 2024-Pentecost, 2025.

Within our Diocese, the Bishop has asked each parish to have a Eucharistic Procession next weekend (*Corpus Christi*), and there will be a Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 8:00am-2:30pm at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion in Gilford. He has also asked that we have a Diocesan-Parish Enthronement and Consecration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in order to welcome Jesus into our Diocese, Parishes and Homes.

What will all of this look like for us? Actually, I don't know. I'm sure we'll find out more from the Diocese as we go along. However, there are couple of up-coming events. As mentioned above, the Bishop has asked each parish to have a Eucharistic Procession on *Corpus Christi*. So next Sunday, June 19th, we will end the 10:30 Mass with a procession. We'll go out the front doors, around the property, and conclude with Benediction at the outdoor altar. This is a great reminder that *Jesus still walks amidst us!*

The following Saturday, June 25th, we will pray the Enthronement and Consecration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary immediately after the 4:00pm Mass. We actually did the Enthronement and Consecration several years ago (some of you may remember Mother Paul Marie of the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Healing Love coming and preparing us for this), but now we'll renew it as the whole Diocese does this together.

This was all in the works before Uvalde, yet I think Uvalde points to the need we have as a Church and as a nation to turn back to Jesus and Mary! May these years of Eucharistic Revival draw us back to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary!