



July 27, 2022

Dear Monsignor or Father:

As you are aware, we are in the preliminary stages of an organized Eucharistic Revival. Having begun on June 19, this revival is being organized and led by the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the USCCB.

The first event called for by the revival timeline was a Diocesan Eucharistic Procession. The schedule of events also calls for a clergy convocation on the Eucharist. Recognizing that one procession located in Erie would not be impactful for the diocese, it was decided to have four processions led by myself, Msgr. Lohse, Msgr. Siefer and Fr. Allen. These processions were received warmly by those who participated. Also, being aware of the many obligations of the priests of the diocese, it was decided that instead of having another event, we would focus on the Eucharist and the Priesthood during our Emmaus Convocation in Latrobe, which was led by Bishop Ronald Gainer of Harrisburg.

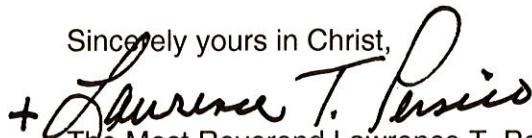
The next encounter called for by the revival effort is a diocesan gathering in the fall. However, aware of the same challenges alluded to above, I have decided that this "diocesan event" be held in each of our parishes.

Therefore, I direct that the weekend of October 15-16 be observed as a Diocesan Eucharistic Sunday in place of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Sunday Mass will use the texts directed in the attached memo from the Office for Divine Worship. The preaching at Mass should be explicitly Eucharistic. And, in addition to the Sunday Mass, some other celebration or event should take place in each parish. Ideas for devotion and mission are also included in the attached.

If priests and people of neighboring parishes, whole communities or even deaneries wish to work together on the celebration, this would be a wonderful sign of our unity in the Eucharist. However, be sure that all clergy and parishes are involved.

With gratitude for your participation in this effort, let us remember each other in prayer - not only at the altar - but also in our acts of service.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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