



## Re-membering Our Sunday Story

*Discussion questions for pastoral letter*

Welcome! Bishop Persico's pastoral letter in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent reopening of churches was written to facilitate encounter and deepen our appreciation for the Eucharist. In that vein, discussion questions are included. You are encouraged to use the discussion questions to enter more deeply into the letter as an individual, to spark conversation among friends and family, and to facilitate discussion in small faith communities.

### Introduction

1. What were some of the personal losses you experienced in this time of pandemic?
2. What were the losses your parish experienced in this time?
3. What did you miss most about your parish celebration of the Eucharist?

### Returning to the Emmaus Story: Communion

1. What does communion mean? Are there different ways to experience communion?
2. What new ways did you experience communion with other people during this pandemic?
3. What new insights do you have about God and God's presence because of this pandemic experience?

### Returning to the Emmaus Story: Inviting Jesus

1. Where do I need to invite Jesus into my life now?
2. What am I struggling with at this point in my life? How can I invite Jesus into this struggle?

### Reading Further: Renewed and Strengthened

1. What acts of service did you witness during this pandemic? In your parish? In the world?
2. How are Eucharist and service connected? How are they elements of communion?
3. How can your parish continue these acts of service in a post-pandemic setting?
4. What types of service have surfaced as needs in your parish because of this pandemic?  
How might you begin to address those needs?
5. What is most important about our celebration of the Eucharist for you?
6. How can we better connect our celebrations of Eucharist to our parish life, our personal life, and our home life?
7. Where is the Eucharist calling us in terms of outreach to others?

### Conclusion

1. What does it mean to have full, conscious, and active participation in the Eucharist?
2. In what ways can we foster this participation to make our liturgies more vibrant and life-giving?
3. Who are the people who have not yet returned to our celebrations of the Eucharist?  
How might we reach out to them?