



Personal Encounter

Near the shores of Galilee, Jesus' words to his first disciples were "Come and See." In that moment of Encounter, something changed in the hearts of those men forever. Something in their lives and hearts finally made sense in meeting Jesus—a promise was fulfilled. Do you remember the first time you met Jesus in the Eucharist? What happened to your heart, the direction of your life, the desires you had?

Encounters with Jesus change us. During this Year of Parish Revival, we want all the faithful to be invited to "Come and See" in hopes that they truly Encounter the presence of Jesus alive in the Eucharist.



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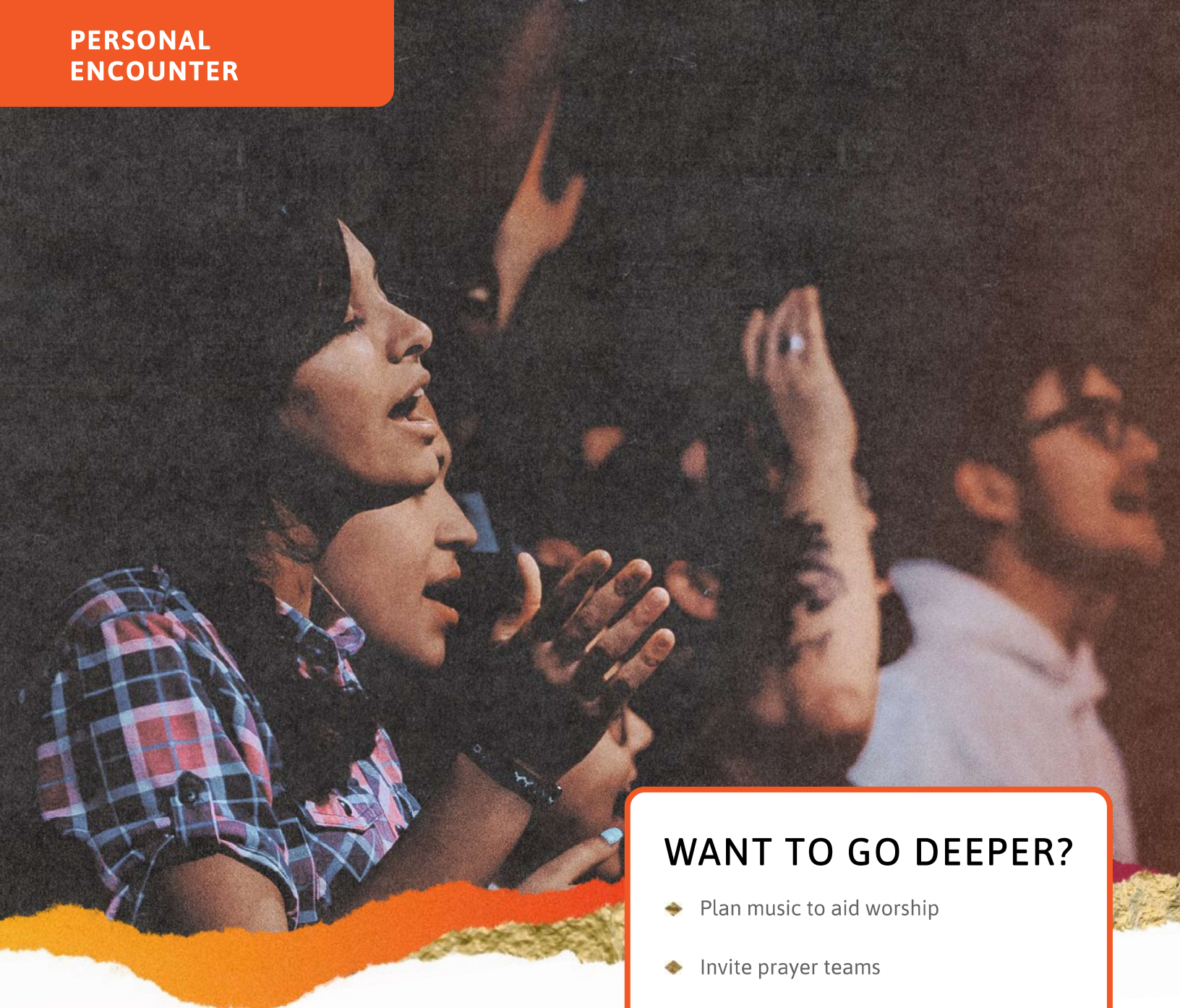
Monthly “Encounter Nights” That Help Parishioners Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist Personally

During the Year of Parish Revival, the National Eucharistic Revival proposes that every parish begins a monthly hour of Eucharistic adoration for “encounter,” so that every parishioner has the opportunity to meet Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. As the year begins, an “Encounter Night” guide will be provided along with other resources to give a detailed template that could be used, a list of liturgical items needed, appropriate prayers, and suggested options for songs.

These holy hours of Eucharistic adoration are planned for the evening or during the weekend—preferably a time that most members of the parish could attend—in a desire for every Catholic to encounter the Lord anew. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is encouraged to be offered, and appropriate readings or talks could be given.



It is powerful to see this movement already taking place across the country and the world. St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome has started their own monthly nights of Eucharistic adoration in the square. At the heart and home of the Church, our Pope is praying alongside his people for Jesus’ presence to be made known.



How will your parish do it?
These nights of Encounter are for your whole parish and its unique and personal culture.

WANT TO GO DEEPER?

- ◆ Plan music to aid worship
- ◆ Invite prayer teams
- ◆ Equip parishioners with language to invite others
- ◆ Plan a Eucharistic procession for Corpus Christi
- ◆ Plan a Eucharistic Revival parish retreat
- ◆ Discuss with your pastor ways your parish can provide space for regular Eucharistic adoration

INSPIRING EXAMPLES



In the Archdiocese of New York, St. Mary's Church in Newburg has been planning monthly holy hour nights called "Revival" nights. Run by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFRs), their monthly holy hours are planned in the evening for the first Friday of each month. It includes a time of adoration, music, preaching, and confessions.



Just a few miles away, Holy Cross Parish in the Bronx holds monthly Masses for healing that conclude with a time of adoration and Eucharistic procession. Celebrated in Spanish and English, these Masses invite all the faithful to a vibrant and passionate experience of worship and intercessory prayer. Jesus, in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, comes close to every person in the church by way of procession. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and prayer teams are also offered during the time Eucharistic adoration.



If you took all of the good works done by all of the humans who have ever lived in all of history and stacked them all up and multiplied them by a million, they wouldn't equal the merit, the virtue and the worth of one Mass.



SAINT TERESA OF AVILA