



Robust Faith Formation

“After three days they found [Jesus] in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers” (Lk 2:46–47).

Jesus captivated crowds by his teachings. “When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them...” (Mt 5:1–2). “He was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test’” (Lk 11:1–4).

At the heart of the Church’s life is the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus, represented for us in the Holy Eucharist (see *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, no. 3). Yet Christ came not only to suffer, die, and rise again for our salvation; he also came to instruct us on how to live, how to pray, and most importantly, how to love as he loves us.

We all need this continual formation in the sacrament of love, the Holy Eucharist, so that we can be more effective servants of our Lord.



INVITATION #3

Preaching Series and Small Group Initiative “Jesus and the Eucharist”

The preaching and homilies of our priests, “inserted in a unique way into the Eucharistic celebration, from which it receives special force and vigor, certainly has a particular role... to the extent that it expresses the profound faith of the sacred minister and is impregnated with love” (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, no. 43).

During this Year of Parish Revival, we are encouraging parish priests to implement a series of Sunday homilies to be devoted exclusively to the Eucharist. Eucharistic worship and the implications of this worship are vital for our whole lives. These homilies might cover:



1. Paschal Mystery and the Eucharist



2. Real Presence and Eucharistic Worship



3. Eucharist and the Call to Holiness



4. Eucharist and the Call to Evangelize and Serve¹



Along with this preaching series, each parish will be invited to participate in a small group program called “Jesus and the Eucharist.” This program has been developed specifically for the Year of Parish Revival by a team of Catholic experts who are working closely with the National Eucharistic Revival. Every parish in the country is encouraged to use this program, in union with the preaching series, at least once. By attending this series of homilies preached at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, small groups not only receive the gift of important catechetical formation but an encounter with Jesus Himself. The small groups will provide formation and opportunities for growth in faith and love for the Eucharist in union with the preaching of their own pastor who leads them to this Eucharistic Encounter at its very source, the Holy Mass. These two elements complement each other and are meant to be paired in an intentional way.

WANT TO GO DEEPER?

- ◆ Provide Eucharistic talks throughout the year.
- ◆ Encourage participation in Eucharistic formation programs available on the National Eucharistic Revival [Learn Platform](#) and in the [Heart of the Revival](#) Newsletter.



*Do you wish to honor
the Body of Christ?*

***Do not ignore him
when he is naked.***



SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

on Mt 25:31–46