Eucharistic Renewal

Objective

Celebrate the diocesan quinquagesimus anniversary with a three-year commitment to Eucharistic renewal, celebration, and catechesis.

- YEAR I – Liturgical Year 2017– PREPARATION
- YEAR II – Liturgical Year 2018- CELEBRATION
- YEAR III – Liturgical Year 2019- ONGOING RENEWAL

Opportunity

A two-fold focus of nourishment and transformation would be fostered on all levels of ecclesial life – diocesan, parish, and extra-parochial entities.

- Strategy #1: Incorporate a Eucharistic-theme, focus, or component into major diocesan events and celebrations.
- Strategy #2: Provide parishes, Catholic schools, and other entities with resources and support that will enhance life in the Eucharist at the local level.
- Strategy #3: Be a conduit for a renewed sense of Eucharistic spirituality and discipleship among the Catholic faithful that results in increased Mass attendance.

Activity

Shape existing events and activities to foster Eucharistic renewal and spirituality; provide new programming initiatives aligned specifically to Eucharistic themes and catechesis.

- Recommendation #1: Integrate a Eucharistic theme/element within major pinnacle gatherings such as the Convocation of Priests, Convocation of Deacons, and Ministry Formation Conference.
  - FY 2017-2018 – involve a headliner who can address relevant topics on the Eucharist (e.g. Reverend Kenneth Boyack, CSP on Living the Eucharist)
  - FY 2018-2019 – invite a headliner (e.g. Archbishop Gomez, Bishop Seitz, or Archbishop Gregory) to address a relevant topic (e.g. encountering cultures and the Eucharist; cf, Gomez on popular piety, liturgy, and the new evangelization).
  - FY 2019-2020 – encourage priests, deacons, and lay ecclesial ministers to attend the Ministry Formation Conference with parish lay leaders and ministers to solidify a common/unified element across all ministry personnel and genres.
- Recommendation #2: Promulgate a Eucharistic-theme for the Ministry Formation Conference.
o FY 2017-2018 – Disciples of Word, Sacrament, and Mission (ties Eucharist and Missionary Discipleship together; cf, “Missionary Discipleship” relates to major USCCB initiatives during the 2017-2020 cycle – e.g. Joy of the Gospel Leadership Convocation, V Encuentro, etc.).

o FY 2018-2019 – Living the Eucharist (aligns with the Eucharistic programs facilitated by Fr. George Dunn and the Paulist Fathers).

o FY 2019-2020 – TBD.

• Recommendation #3: Integrate Eucharistic themes/elements within professional development and in-service opportunities.
  o Use Eucharistic-themes for prayer and/or catechesis at meetings, events, etc.
  o See resource appendix.

• Recommendation #4: Provide Eucharist-based programming resources and support for local adoption.
  o Publish a comprehensive list of suggested resources regarding the Eucharist.
  o See resource appendix.

• Recommendation #5: Convene a committee of resource and support collaborators.
  o TBD.
  o Employ a broad array of specialists across various disciplines (e.g. liturgy, catechetics, social justice, etc.).

Resources and Support

An addendum of resources has been compiled for use in parishes, missions, Catholic schools, and extra-parochial entities. The enclosed list will continue to be edited and expanded as necessary. More extensive descriptions of each item are available in the attached Resource Appendix.

Diocesan support is also available to assist and enhance parish participation. Contact the various curial departments to customize assistance to meet your needs.

For a central referral point, please contact the Secretariat for Laity, Family, and Life at 407.246.4910 or self@orlandodiocese.org.