



The Roman Catholic Diocese of  
**BATON ROUGE**  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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*The Solemnity of Corpus Christi*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, our Eucharistic Lord, be with you! On June 19, 2022, I announced, in union with the other Bishops of the United States, the beginning of the National Eucharistic Revival within our diocese. This three-year initiative was created with the intention of renewing the Church by rekindling a living relationship with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist amidst the joys and trials of our daily lives.

The intention of the first Year of Revival (June 16, 2022 - June 10, 2023) was to prepare diocesan leaders spiritually by renewing their devotions to the Eucharist. Almost one year later, I am moved by the growth I have already begun to see within our diocese. Throughout this year, the priests of our diocese and their staffs have attended (and will continue to attend) formational retreats to prepare their minds and hearts for the different initiatives that will be offered over the next year to their parishioners. In addition, some parishes have already begun offering formational opportunities for parishioners to personally encounter our Eucharistic Lord.

Over the year, I was also moved by how many families and individuals attended one of the five Holy Hours I hosted throughout the geographical boundaries of our diocese. To see hundreds of men, women and children from all walks of life adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament was incredibly moving, and I am so grateful I had the opportunity to witness those precious moments with you.

As we begin to shift our focus from the diocese to the parish for the second Year of Revival (beginning this weekend with the feast of Corpus Christi), I am inviting pastors and parish leaders to discern ways to strengthen their Eucharistic culture within their parishes by emphasizing:

Reinvigorated worship through the liturgy and the opportunity for increased access to the sacraments, especially Holy Eucharist and Confession;

Increased opportunities for personal encounter with the Blessed Sacrament by offering additional holy hour opportunities within parishes;

Robust faith formation within the parish through small groups, speaker series and catechetical homilies; and

Initiatives that encourage and activate the missionary hearts of parishioners to accompany and minister to fallen away parishioners and those who are most in need.

The Parish Year of Revival that you will be experiencing this year is your turn to personally encounter the Eucharistic Lord in a new way within your parish and diocesan community. If you are reading this letter and feel the Lord calling you to partake in the Revival throughout the upcoming year, I invite you to visit the National Eucharistic Revival's website (<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/get-involved>) and learn more about becoming a prayer partner or Eucharistic missionary.

As a diocese, let us give ourselves entirely to the One who has given us all of Himself in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I ask you to join me in prayer for all clergy, religious, parish leaders and volunteers who will be giving of themselves to these initiatives and for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit into each parish within this diocese and across our country.

Hope in the Lord,



Most Reverend Michael Gerard Duca  
Bishop of Baton Rouge



To stay up to date with our local Eucharistic Revival, visit <https://diobr.org/revival> or scan this QR code. In addition, be sure to follow our official Facebook and Instagram pages: @DioceseBR.