



## Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is with great anticipation and hope that I share plans for the kick-off of our diocesan phase of the USCCB three-year initiative, "Eucharistic Revival: My Flesh for the Life of the World," which invites all Catholics into renewal of our relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. I ask you to join me in supporting the initiative by participating and engaging your parish and apostolate communities in the events below.

### **40-Hours Devotion and Eucharistic Procession, June 17-19, 2022**

The weekend will begin with a 40-Hours Devotion at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 17 and culminate with an evening Eucharistic Procession through downtown Birmingham on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 19.

- It is my sincerest hope that all our priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful come together for this Eucharistic Procession and I invite your parish or apostolate to begin working on a banner to be used in procession (suggested parameters are attached).
- I also invite all altar servers, those who have made their first communion this year, members of various cultural apostolates, as well as any other creative groups that you may wish to assemble to be part of this procession.
- As previously communicated, it is my desire that no other parish programming be schedule that evening.

### **Diocesan Eucharistic Celebration and Fall Festival, October 22, 2022**

I also remind you of the Diocesan Eucharistic Event on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville. Please plan to participate in our outdoor Eucharistic Celebration in the square of the Shrine and our Diocesan Fall Festival on the grounds following Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a diocesan family and, again, I ask that you prioritize this event in planning your parish schedules.

Our Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Planning Team, tasked with permeating every aspect of our mission and ministry toward authentic Eucharistic renewal, will be providing more details in the coming weeks. I pray that many fruits will be born as we begin to enact these efforts and that we draw closer to Christ in the Eucharist throughout these next years.

Please let us all offer our prayers for Eucharistic revival across our nation and for what I am confident will be a great time of grace for our own Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama.

Sincerely in Christ,

*+ Steven J. Raica*

Most Reverend Steven J. Raica  
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama