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"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." John 6:51

Religious Re-Awakening and Revival Coming Soon

The Bishops of the United States (USCCB) are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist called, "**Eucharistic Revival: My Flesh for the Life of the World.**" Religious freedom in America, a fundamental and foundational right, guaranteed in the Constitution, protects this initiative to "start a fire" ⁽¹⁾, beginning on June 19, 2022, and culminating in December, 2024.

The Bishops propose to invite U.S. Catholics of all ages to become part of a national movement "to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist," said Bishop Andrew Cozzens, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis. ⁽²⁾ This revival could be a time of healing for the entire church and a reawakening of understanding of the sacrament of the Eucharist. ⁽³⁾

"One of the signs that the Holy Spirit is behind this is the incredible reception that so many different apostolates and movements have given to this idea," said Bishop Cozzens. ⁽⁴⁾ The development of the plan was spurred by a 2019 Pew Research study that found only about 30% of U.S. Catholics believe the Church's teaching that the Eucharist is truly the body and blood of Christ.

"I really believe our country and our world needs revival right now. In fact, each of us do. We get revived by the Sacraments and Sacramentals we use. We get revived by each other, our families, and thousands of (faithful) men and women...", wrote Fr. Richard Heilman. ⁽⁵⁾ This Eucharistic Revival within the Catholic Church could be the impetus for a national faith revival and a return to the vibrant religious liberty inherent in our Judeo-Christian roots.

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"The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble, because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness itself." St. Pius X