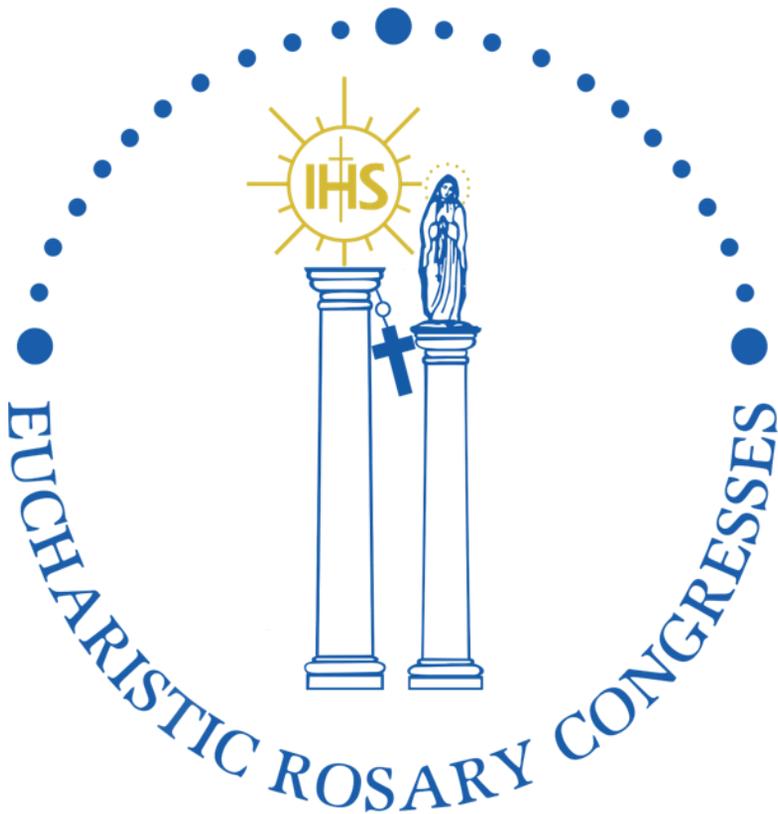


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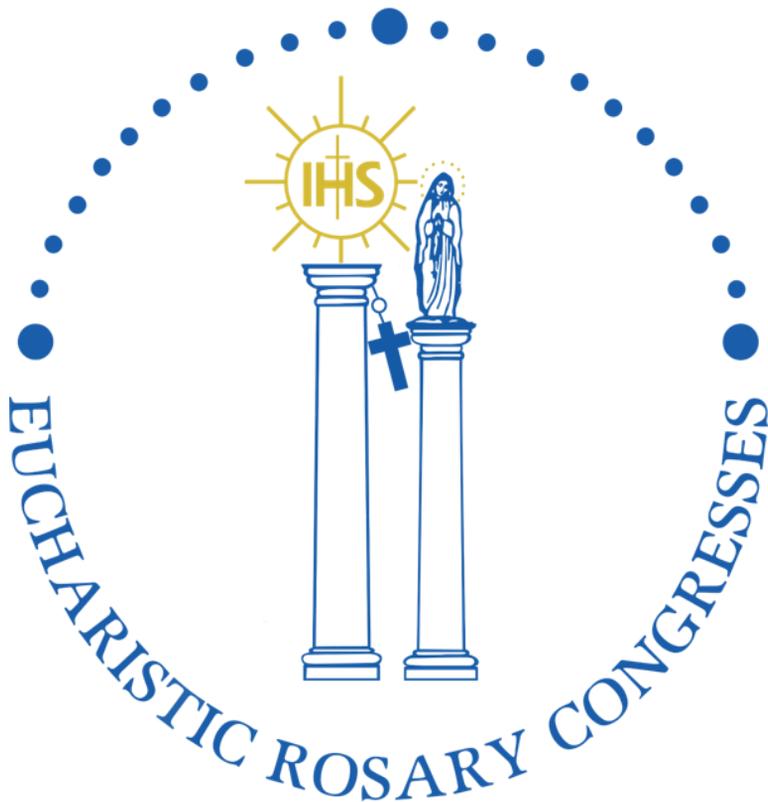
## **EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESSES: A GIFT FROM OUR LADY IN 1979**

In 1979, Our Lady gave to a Prayer Community in Poland this powerful plan to bring Pope John Paul II to visit his homeland freely and without restrictions from the Communist government. His papal visit, obtained by the prayerful intercession of the first Rosary Congress, produced the greatly desired fall of Communism.

**TODAY**, in order to combat the affront on the family and faith in Jesus in the Eucharist, Our Lady has initiated a revival of this powerful yet tender devotion in our country. **EVERY MEMBER OF THE DIOCESE CAN PARTICIPATE** by joining in the Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration at some point during the week in order to bring about a tremendous renewal of faith in the Eucharistic Jesus!

During seven days and nights of Eucharistic Adoration and hourly Rosaries, Our Victorious Queen, Mary Mother of the Church, leads us into the deep mystery of the Eucharist in the life of the Church. Meditating on the mysteries of our faith before the Lord in the Eucharist, in every diocese, will bear tremendous fruit for the **LIFE OF THE CHURCH** in our country and in the world.



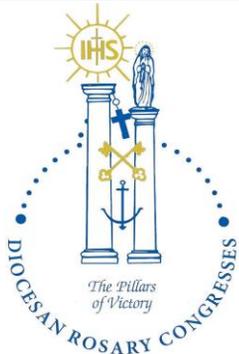


## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

**The Vision of the Eucharistic Rosary Congresses is to build a world in which people love, above all, our Eucharistic Lord and Our Lady, and seek Them often in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar and in the prayer of the Rosary in our churches, and thus usher in the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

**Our Mission, therefore, is to bring every soul to believe in and to love deeply Jesus Christ in the Eucharist through Mary and the Rosary.**





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Dear Friends of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

There is clearly a need for a renewal—a *revival*—of the Catholic faith in our country.

So many Catholics don't know, or don't believe, that at Mass the bread and wine truly become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. Yet the Eucharist is central to our faith! It is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1324). This is because the Eucharist *is* Jesus Christ and it is *He* whom we must place at the very center of our existence. Too many today fail to give Him the central place He deserves.

To foster the urgently needed revitalization of the faith in our country, the U.S. Bishops, guided by the Spirit of God, are calling for a *Eucharistic Revival!* The goal is "to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist." For the next three years, our good shepherds have planned Eucharistic events which will culminate in a National Eucharistic Congress in 2024.

The Diocesan Rosary Congress is centered on this same desire to foster Eucharistic awareness and amazement. With each Diocesan Rosary Congress, we unite with our Blessed Mother through the Rosary and go before her Son Jesus—truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. One week of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, with the Rosary prayed every hour on the hour, will be a powerful means to bring about the Eucharistic revival the bishops are calling for.

Your "yes" to helping establish a Rosary Congress in your Diocese is clearly so important. United with our Bishops in their efforts for a *Eucharistic Revival*, you will be employing the means that our Blessed Mother desires us to use: the Holy Rosary. Our Blessed Mother's "yes" opened her to receive the Divine Seed which was planted within her. Your "yes", offered in union with our Blessed Mother, will help bring Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, anew to this country and this world.

Thank you for your "yes" to this crucial work.

Entrusting all to our Lady's victorious heart,

Fr. Francis Dankoski  
Spiritual Director of the Diocesan Rosary Congresses



# **A Eucharistic Rosary Congress Is:**

- **7-Days of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration**
- **Rosary prayed out loud every hour day and night for the entire week**

## **Eucharistic Rosary Congresses Are Needed:**

**Because we are in the midst of a great spiritual battle raging against**

- **LIFE**
- **the FAMILY**
- **our FAITH**

**And because we owe Almighty God**

- **REPARATION**
- **ADORATION and WORSHIP**
- **And ALL OUR LOVE**



# **There Are Three Ways To Hold A Eucharistic Rosary Congress**

**Choose the Eucharistic Rosary Congress that meets the needs of your diocese or parish:**

- **A very basic Congress**
- **A fully-scheduled Congress**
- **A traveling Congress**



# Basic Eucharistic Rosary Congress

## A. Suggested Structure of the Congress:

- **Opening Mass** at your parish Saturday Mass
- **Eucharistic Adoration and Praying the Rosary** at the start of each hour of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration from the Opening Mass to the Closing Mass
- **Closing Mass** in the evening on the last day of the Eucharistic Rosary Congress

## B. Who Coordinates:

- **Adoration Coordinator:**
  - **Recruit Shift Captains** for 6 hour shifts. Shift Captains are responsible for signing up adorers for their 6 hours and assisting during those hours. (See Role of Shift Captain page 11.)
  - **Maintain** master schedule of leaders of the Rosary and adorers
- **Mass Coordinator:**
  - **Coordinates** details for Opening Mass
  - **Coordinates** details for Closing Mass



# Fully-Scheduled Eucharistic Rosary Congress

## A. Suggested Structure Of Congress

### 1. Evening of Day 1

- a) Opening Mass
- b) Marian Procession (optional any day of the week)
- c) Exposition and nighttime Eucharistic adoration with hourly Rosary

### 2. Day 2

- a) Repose Blessed Sacrament before morning Masses and expose after last morning Mass for Eucharistic adoration and hourly Rosary
- b) Special Evening Mass or Evening Conference, if possible
- c) Continue Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration and hourly Rosary until next day's morning Mass

### 3. Day 3-7

- a) Eucharistic Adoration continues throughout the day after morning Mass
- b) Special Evening Mass or Conference, if possible
- c) Confessions for one hour after morning Mass and one hour before Special Evening Mass (optional)
- d) Eucharistic Procession Thursday after Special evening Mass in honor of the Lord's Last Supper and Institution of the Holy Eucharist (optional any day of the week)

### 4. Evening of Day 7

- a) Closing Mass ending with Consecration of the Family to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



# Fully-Scheduled Eucharistic Rosary Congress (continued)

## B. Who Coordinates:

### 1. Main Coordinator/Parish Liaison:

- a) Contact between Pastor and Congress Committee
- b) Recruits Coordinators to organize Congress
- c) Maintains Master Schedule of Congress events

### 2. Eucharistic Adoration Coordinator:

- a) Recruits 24 Shift Captains to cover 6-hour shifts  
(Shift Captains recruit a minimum of two adorers for each hour of their shift. See page 11)
- a) Maintains the Master Eucharistic Adoration Schedule and Leaders of Rosary for the entire Congress
- b) Creates a Eucharistic Adoration schedule to be displayed for the duration of the Congress

### 3. Mass and Confessions Coordinator:

- a) Set up Opening Mass, Closing Mass, and any Special Evening Masses during the week
- b) Ensures Blessed Sacrament is reposed 15 minutes before Masses with Divine Praises and Exposed again after Masses
- c) Recruits priests for Confessions in collaboration with pastor and maintains Confession Schedule

### 4. Promotion/Marketing Coordinator:

- a) Develops bulletin and diocesan newspaper announcements
- b) Develops signage, social media posts, and email blasts
- c) Contacts local parishes, schools, church organizations

### 5. Processions Coordinator:

- a) Develops procession route
- b) Recruits and organizes individuals necessary for carrying out the procession



# Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress

## A. Suggested Structure Of Congress:

### 1. First Parish:

- a) Opening Evening Mass (followed by one hour for Confessions if possible)
- b) Marian Procession or Eucharistic Procession around inside of Church, if desired
- c) 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration with Rosary prayed at the start of every hour
- d) Closing Evening Mass on second day if possible

### 2. Second Parish through Sixth Parish:

- a) Continue in each Parish as above
- b) 6<sup>th</sup> Parish, Final Benediction and Closing Mass for entire Eucharistic Rosary Congress
- c) Conclude with Consecration of the Family to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

## B. Who Coordinates:

### 1. Main Coordinator:

- a) Recruits 6 parishes to agree to host 24 hours of Adoration
- b) Maintains schedule of hosting parishes
- c) Prepares advertisement of Congress locations for diocesan newspaper and bulletins

### 2. Parish Coordinators:

- a) Coordinate Opening and Closing Masses
- b) Coordinate Confession Schedule
- c) Recruit adorers for the 24-hour period
- d) Or, may recruit Mass and Confession Coordinator, and Adoration Coordinator



# Role Of Shift Captain

## **A. The Shift Captain is responsible for scheduling adorers to cover 6 consecutive hours of Eucharistic Adoration and hourly Rosaries.**

- 1) The Shift Captain seeks 6 different ministries, groups, families or individuals to commit to covering one hour of adoration each, and designates who will lead the Rosary out loud at the beginning of each hour of Eucharistic Adoration.
- 2) The Shift Captain is responsible for providing a list of his/her adorers to the Adoration Coordinator.
- 3) The Shift Captain is responsible for reminding his/her adorers one week in advance of their scheduled times.

## **B. The Shift Captain remains at the Church for his/her 6 hours to ensure a smooth transition between hours.**

- 1) The Shift Captain greets the adorers as they come and provides the Rosary Binder containing the prayers to be prayed at the beginning of each hour.
- 2) The Shift Captain serves as the hourly Rosary Leader and adorer in the event that someone does not show for their scheduled time.



# EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS



*"Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with exposition needs a great push. People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer."  
- Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is a Eucharistic Rosary Congress?

- A means to usher in the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 7 days of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
- Praying of the Rosary at the top of each hour
- Can include: Processions, Confessions, Family Consecration to Mary, Children's Eucharistic Hour, Catholic School Participation, Guest Speakers to address topics affecting the Church today, Special Evening Masses for Youth, Healing, Vocations, and Families, and so much more!

### For a complete and full Eucharistic Rosary Congress, you will need:

- Parish priest willing to host the Congress
- Main Overall Coordinator
- Adoration Coordinator
- Procession Coordinator
- Mass and Confession Coordinator
- Publicity Aid

#### Also very helpful but not required:

- Staff member from the diocese to assist with publicity
- Deacon to help with liturgies
- Guest speakers as an evening event

### How is 24/7 Eucharistic adoration organized?

- The Eucharistic Adoration Coordinator recruits 24 Shift Captains to cover 6-hour shifts
- Shift Captains recruit 6 prayer groups, families, or individuals to fill their 6 hours of Eucharistic adoration and lead the rosary
- The coordinator is there to help out if the hours cannot get filled
- Advertisements in the bulletins and various other venues of social media are used for awareness and to encourage sign-up.
- In addition to personal recruitment and sign-up sheets at a parish, an electronic sign-up program can be used to schedule adorers.

### Why have it be a lay-lead mission?

- Laity have a very special role to fulfill in God's plan for the Church
- We are the Mystical Body of Christ, the hands and the feet of Christ in this world
- We are baptized laity to be priest, prophet, and king
- We need our priests' support, but we must take the task upon ourselves
- Our role is to draw people closer to God in the Blessed Sacrament/Eucharist and prayer
- The more involved and engaged the laity are, the better for the Church



### **Why host a Eucharistic Rosary Congress every year?**

- WE NEED IT
- Bringing the diocese together for a week each year to pray, in unity, in reparation and in petition for the needs of the diocese and the Church, is powerful
- Christ and His Bride, the Church, are under attack
- Our parishes, families, and world are being attacked
- Our most powerful weapons are Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Rosary
- This annual Eucharistic Rosary Congress will help keep Adoration and the Rosary fresh in our minds and the momentum of the prayer continual
- The graces that flow from the prayers and Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration are amazing

### **Why seek the blessing of the Bishop?**

- The blessing of the bishop itself is spiritually very powerful due to his Episcopal ordination
- Impactful and beautiful to have his leadership and guidance
- The Bishop's blessing can make the priests more likely to support the effort

### **What are some of the blessings you have received by saying Yes to working with the Eucharistic Rosary Congress?**

*There are countless apostolates out there that talk in theory or emphasize community, but this one is lean and focused on what truly matters: getting people to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary via the greatest gifts the Church has given us: the Eucharist and the Rosary.*

*We currently find ourselves in a nationwide Eucharistic Revival. The crisis of faith within the Church and the crisis of culture outside the Church make the pressing need for this Revival self-evident. I believe that a Eucharistic Rosary Congress is an important part of effectuating this Revival in a diocese, for a couple of specific reasons:*

- *it brings the faithful together in a concentrated one-week "burst" of prayer, strengthening the community, and calls upon the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary;*
- *it can serve as a blueprint or proof-of-concept for starting Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the parish(es) in which the Congress takes place, because the logistics and personnel required are similar;*
- *it is an opportunity for the faithful of the diocese to attend Eucharistic Adoration where there would otherwise be none, and an "event" which makes them more likely to attend.*

*The power of the Eucharistic Rosary Congresses lies in the purposeful simplicity of its pointed mission, which itself is exactly aligned with what is so needed in the Church today.*

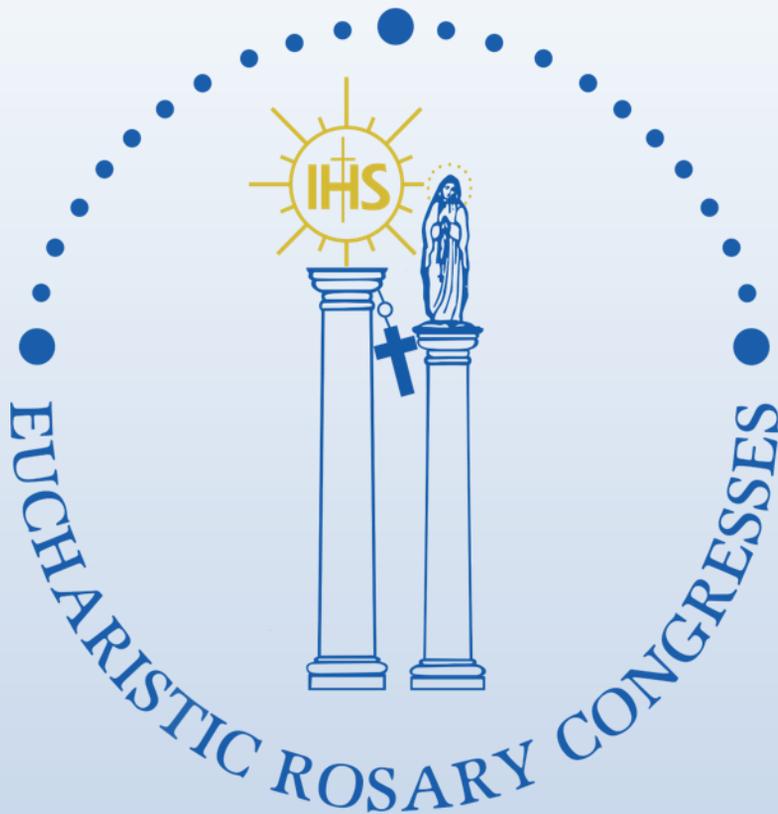
*- Sam Shadle, Volunteer, Eucharistic Rosary Congresses*

*On the cross, Christ looked down to His Mother, he asked her to behold John as her son and to John, He said, "Behold your mother." Jesus offered His beloved Mother to St. John but He is also offering His Mother, Our Heavenly Mother to all of us.*

*With the Eucharistic Rosary Congress, we are accepting this gift of the Heavenly Mother's intercession in a very intentional way. In this week, we eagerly run to our Blessed Mother who always leads us to Her Son and away from spiritual danger.*

*- Kathy Schmugge, Senior Director, Office of Discipleship, Office of Family Life, Diocese of Charleston*





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