



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Congress**



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You don't want to miss this moment...

Near the shores of Galilee, Jesus' words to his first disciples were "Come and See." In that moment of Encounter, something changed in the hearts of those disciples forever. Something in their lives and hearts finally made sense in meeting Jesus—a promise was fulfilled.

Encounters with Jesus change us. During this time of Eucharistic Revival, we want all the faithful to be invited to "Come and See" in hopes that they truly Encounter the presence of Jesus alive in the Eucharist.

One of the many encounters Jesus offered two of the disciples was on the road to Emmaus. They were covered in doubt and fear, confusion and dismay. As Jesus journeyed with them, their hearts were "burning within them" as he opened the Scriptures and then made himself apparent in the Breaking of the Bread. These two disciples were comforted and consoled by the Lord and empowered to bring the Good News to the Church "at home" in Jerusalem as missionary disciples. (Luke 24)

Modeled after the Emmaus journey, as we seek renewal in the Church of Buffalo, a delegation of 25 missionary disciples will travel to the Tenth National Eucharistic Congress as part of the National Eucharistic Revival. The Congress will take place from July 17th to 21st at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana. Each day will include Mass, time for Adoration and Prayer, Praise and Worship and captivating national speakers in daily "Impact Sessions."

You can be a part of this amazing journey toward becoming a missionary like those on the road to Emmaus! Through a generous grant from the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, there will be **no cost** to participants (apart from personal expenses). Transportation, lodging, at least one meal per day, and the cost of Congress admission will be covered for each person attending.

If you are interested in being a part of this experience, please apply (details below). Part of this Emmaus experience is that each "disciple on the road" will nominate another disciple to go with them. All participants are asked to be 18 years of age and be willing to share a room with the person they nominate. Our hope is that each pair will return to our local Church of Buffalo, missionaries proclaiming all they have encountered.

Applications are due by Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Worship
(716) 847-5545 or worship@buffalodiocese.org.



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National Eucharistic Congress Application/Nomination

Your Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City/Town: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Please Check: Single Married Divorced Confirmed
 Seminarian Deacon Religious Priest

Parish/Family Name & Number: _____ Locale _____

Pastor/Priest/Chaplain Signature _____

Who would you like to nominate? (Please ask them if they are willing prior to submitting.)

Tip: Consider someone who you think you could support in deepening their faith in the Eucharist. Consider talking this over with your pastor first.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City/Town: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Please Check: Single Married Divorced Confirmed
 Seminarian Deacon Religious Priest

Parish/Family Name & Number: _____ Locale _____

Submission Instructions:

1. Please complete the form above.
2. Ask your pastor(s) for a letter of recommendation that speaks about your involvement in your parish family — one each for you and your nominee.
Please Note: These should be sent by the pastor directly to the Office of Worship.
3. Write a reflection/personal statement of no more than 2-3 pages **typed** including in some way **all** of the following:
 - (a) Do you remember the first time you met Jesus in the Eucharist?
 - (b) How does the Eucharist affect your heart, the direction of your life, the desires you have?
 - (c) How do you witness to/share your joy for the Eucharist?
 - (d) Why are you nominating the disciple above to share in this experience?

Please send the form above along with your personal statement **electronically** to **worship@buffalodiocese.org** by **February 28, 2024**.

Please contact Fr. Seán Paul Fleming with any questions.

