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Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown
Eucharistic Revival
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Dear Coordinators, Small Group Leaders and those involved in the Eucharistic Revival,

I am sorry that I am getting some important information out to you rather late. I keep sifting through all the information sent to me and trying to determine what will be helpful to you and what will just be updates that you can readily read online.

I do want to share with you our Diocesan direction for the National Eucharistic Congress. The National Eucharistic Congress is a milestone moment of the three-year initiative of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops efforts to renew the Catholic Church in the United States through the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Congress will take place on **July 17-21, 2024**, in Indianapolis, IN, at the Lucas Oil Stadium. Registration for this event opened for groups and individuals on February 15, 2023. In our diocese we had many discussions as to how we could participate in this event. Our hope was to take a bus with one or more persons from each parish traveling to the Eucharistic Congress together. After reviewing the costs of the trip, itself, with the admissions to the Conference cost, we made the decision to not sponsor a trip, but rather to leave the attending of the Conference up to individuals and parishes. Customer support for registration and housing is now live and available to assist parishes and individuals who may decide to attend the conference.

Eucharistic Revival Musical Competition

Registrations for pathways for individuals and groups – eucharisticcongress.org/

Customer service: 1-888-303-6277

Registration: 1-833-895-6868 Ext. 1

Housing: 1-833-895-6886 Ext. 2

General inquiries: hello@euchariticcongress.org

Catholic composers, hymn writers and poets are invited to submit entries for the Eucharistic Musical Competition. Some of you may remember that there was a music competition at the last Eucharistic Conference out of which came the hymn: Gift of Finest Wheat in 1977. Interested Composers are invited to compose a hymn for the contest of the National Eucharistic Revival. The purpose for the competition is to renew zeal for the Gift of the Eucharist through music.

In the letters sent last week we highlighted that the **Leader's Playbook: Year of Diocesan Revival, will be available in April.** for downloading. On your internet page just type in the title listed in red, and you will be able to download a copy for yourself. I will send a link when we hear from the Secretariat.

Some Point persons shared with me that they are unable to open the POINT PERSON site to enter their registration. I am attaching the Link for this in hope Parish Point persons can register and receive materials. <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/bea8d373304a4e92b81aacc9958a35f5> (to open, right click and select hyperlink)

Sincerely in Christ,

Sr. Linda

