



BISHOP'S APPEAL

February 2, 2023
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Ordinariate, together with the whole Church in the United States, has been participating in the National Eucharistic Revival. The Gospel of Luke proclaims, "He was known to them in the breaking of the bread" (Lk 24:35). As the revival moves into the parish phase this year, it is our opportunity to renew our devotion and faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, to open our hearts anew to Jesus Christ who gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of his suffering and death. At the Easter Vigil, we proclaim that Christ is the Morning Star that never sets, and he gives us himself in the celebration of the Eucharist so that his presence and his light are tangible in our lives.

I would personally like to invite you to support the Ordinariate and its mission to proclaim Christ. Below are just a few ways that your support helps this mission thrive:

- Five seminarians are preparing for ordination to the priesthood at our own Benedict XVI House of Formation, St. Joseph's Seminary, St. Mary's Seminary, and the North American College in Rome.
- We will ordain three new priests in 2023.
- St. Edmund Campion in Hendersonville, North Carolina was recognized as a community in formation.
- Current communities are growing! St. Thomas Becket in Ft. Worth, TX advanced to quasi-parish status. Holy Nativity in Payson, AZ and Presentation of the Lord in Montgomery, TX completed their new altar and renovation of their church.

I ask you to consider prayerfully supporting this mission with a monetary gift to the 2023 Bishop's Appeal. Your gift, no matter how large or small contributes to these works and makes more like them possible. Now is the time for boldness in our Eucharistic faith. Now is the time to ignite a movement of Catholics as they are healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. Your generosity brings new Ordinariate members into full communion; cultivates vocations to the priesthood and religious life; provides crucial administrative support to our parishes; and further spreads our Eucharistic faith. In short, the Ordinariate is stronger because of your generosity. Looking ahead to 2024, the Revival will culminate in the first National Eucharistic Congress in the United States in almost fifty years. Almost a hundred thousand Catholics will gather in Indianapolis for a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage toward the "source and summit" of our Catholic faith. And, of course, we have an Ordinariate parish there, St. Cuthbert of Lindisfarne. There is much to be done!

Help us in our mission that all may know the Lord in the breaking of the bread. I thank you for your prayerful consideration of a sacrificial commitment to this year's Bishop's Appeal. May you be richly blest by the God who loved us to the point of taking on our humanity and comes to us still in the humility of bread and wine. With my profound appreciation for your support for the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Steven J. Lopes
Bishop of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

P.S. You may use the enclosed envelope and pledge card to donate to the 2023 Bishop's Appeal or save time and a stamp by giving online at ordinariate.net/bishops-appeal.