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07.10.21 2 6-10pm

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2401 West 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

ERIE, PA

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The Sacrament of Bapti celebrated the 1st & 3rd S each month, 11:00AM M 12:30PM respectively. A mandatory preparation cla parents is available (6-7P) 2021: Call the office for Call the Parish office to re Sacrament of Matrimon appointment with a parish months prior to the weddin Sacrament of Reconcilia Wednesdays 11:30-12:00 c Saturdays 8:30-9AM; 3:45 New Parishioners Welco Registration forms are available the Parish Office or onlin **RCIA (Rite of Christian)** Anyone seeking informat becoming Catholic or cor one's initiation into the Catholic faith should call the Parish Office. Prayer Request Line:

Day: Kandace, 453-6515 Night: Donna, 866-0792



Our Mission Statement: Our Lady of Peace is a Catholic Community of Faith called to proclaim the greatness of the Lord through Worship, Service, Education and Ministry.



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 4, 2021 My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. -2 Corinthians 12:9

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hitman ry rducci <i>Ministry</i> ver rrvisor bierski bierski wski wski wski bairman bek tism Sunday of Aass &	 right hand is filled with saving justice. First Reading - They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5). Psalm - Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123). Second Reading - I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). Gospel - "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of 						
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or by appt. 45-4:45PM come! vailable in ne. Initiation) tion on ompleting Catholic	NO BAD NEWS There are many times when we say, "Tell me what I want to hear, a facts." And we don't take kindly to someone who might be bold enough The biggest problem with such an attitude is not that we miss out o that we miss out on the new and surprising gifts others can give us. Like Gospel story, we too often refuse to allow others to display the talents the	to snuff out our expectations. on the truth or the facts, but a the townspeople in today's					

Today's readings call for hospitality and faith and discernment. Hospitality opens the doors of our bearts and minds to the "stranger" among us, no matter how familiar he or she may seem to be. Faith enables us to accept the gifts of others, no matter how alarming or "strange" they may seem to be. Discernment helps us discover the prophets in our midst, no matter how amazing they may seem to be. Hospitality, faith, and discernment-cultivate these. Then, nobody can bring bad news. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 5, 2021

7:00AM Linda Raimondi - Dick & Joyce Wingenbach 12:10PM John Winschel - Kevin Helsley Family

Church Offices Closed in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen Tuesday, July 6th



TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021

7:00AM Willard & Emma Passauer - Family 12:10PM Greg Galdon - Loretta & Craig Schaal

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021

7:00AM Andv & Ann Novak - Family 11:30-Noon Confessions 12:10PM Henry & Wilma Tarto - Family

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021

7:00AM George & Dorothy Zavasky - Family **12:10PM** Robert Lunardini - Family

FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2021

OLP Feast Day

7:00AM Eileen Fulton - Donna & Ron Runtas 12:10PM Frances A. McDade - Fred & Evelyn Fried

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2021

8:00AM Colomba Leone - Sister & Family 8:30-9AM Confessions 2:00PM Wedding - Tyler Fisher / Kaitlyn McCarthy

Outdoor Mass: 5:00PM Robert Evans - Family

6:00-10:00PM Party at the Pavilion (Adult Bonfire Night)

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Harry Chereson - Tom Weithman

9:00AM Charles Szymanowski - Buto Family

11:00AM Thomas Hodder - Kohmuench Family

4:30PM Parishioners

The church will remain open for private prayer daily from 7:00AM - 8:00PM.

Confessions available (in the Chapel):

Wednesdays 11:30-Noon Saturday 8:30-9AM and 3:45-4:45PM or by appointment - call the Church Office

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Benjamin Hynes - Friends.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Theresa Prassack - Husband, Jack.

		Readings for the Week of July 4th			
	Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26			
	Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15;			
	-	Mt 9:32-38			
	Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a;			
l	-	Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7			
	Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21;			
	-	Mt 10:7-15			
	Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,			
	-	39-40; Mt 10:16-23			
	Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7;			
	•	Mt 10:24-33			
	Sunday:	Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14;			
	-	Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13			
		Our Lady of Peace			

OLP 31 Club

Pray for us.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray

for: Camden Ro Mackowski; and for Christina Langer. May

their families find hope and consolation through their faith

Praying for vocations every day of the year!

Members agree to go to daily Mass on a particular day every month and offer that Mass for an increase of vocations to the Church. There is a great need for vocations. One of the best ways to increase vocations is through prayer, and the greatest prayer we have is the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Upcoming Mass commitments:

July 4: Arlene B.

in the resurrected Lord.

- July 5: Ed B., Joyce K., Chuck & Linda R.
- July 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.
- July 7: Margaret K.
- July 8: Peggy C., Tim G., Pat H., Catilda M., Patricia P., Diane & Bill S., Jean V., Ann S.
- July 9: Ellie A., Elaine S., Jane D., Bill C.
- July 10: Ann T., Veronica W., Pat C., Pat M.
- July 11: Dave D., Paul M., Connie S.

If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 397-6443. There are no dues and no meetings, only opportunities for grace and the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church.

When at Mass offer the Mass for

Vocations by praying the prayer below: O God, who wills not the death of a sinner * but rather that he be converted and live * grant we beseech you * through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin * Saint Joseph, her spouse * St. Junipero Serra * and all the saints * an increase of laborers for your Church * fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls * through the same Jesus Christ * Your Son * Who lives and reigns with You * In the unity of the Holy Spirit * God forever * and ever. Amen. Serra Prayer for Vocations Serra Prayer for Vocations

JULY 4, 2021

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

From the Pastor's Desk...

Happy Fourth of July! We give thanks to God this weekend in a special way for the gift of our country and the freedom we are blessed to have in America. We also want to continue our prayers for the protection of religious freedom in the United States as that freedom is threatened by those who want to eliminate religion and expressions of faith from the public sphere. As great and important as our political and religious freedoms are, this is also a good time to remember what the most important and true freedom is. The most important and true freedom is not the ability to choose whatever we want (which is the ultimate argument of relativism/subjectivism that is at the core of the pro-choice mentality) but the ability to choose the good. Many people in our country overemphasize the ability to choose as the ultimate good and underemphasize what is being chosen (even if it is not good, like abortion). True freedom in the Holy Spirit allows us to choose what is good and right by overcoming the obstacles to the good (our sin, our weakness, false notions of the good, temptation, etc). So this weekend we ultimately pray in thanksgiving for the true freedom we have in Jesus Christ, and in petition for the spiritual freedom for each one of us from sin, weakness, temptation, addiction, Satan and whatever other obstacles we have to choosing the right and good in our lives each day.

Also, since we were not able to offer the usual Mass for our country that is recommended on July 4^{th} (since it lands on a Sunday and we celebrate the 14^{th} Sunday in Ordinary Time), we will celebrate the Fourth of July Mass for Our Country on Wednesday, July 7^{th} .

May God bless America and our week ahead! Fr. Rich

Our Lady of Peace, patroness of our parish & school.... pray for us!

St. Nicholas, patron of the Erie Catholic School System. pray for us!

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the Catholic Church of the USA... pray for us!

St. Joseph, universal patron of the church.... pray for us! St. Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Erie.... pray for us!

Other notes from the pastor...

****Party at the Pavilion** There will be an adult bonfire social fundraiser on **Saturday, July 10th from 6-10pm at the new parish pavilion behind the school**. There will be games of chance, basket raffles, a bonfire, music and other activities. Some food and drinks will be provided but you are asked to bring your own adult beverages if interested. This event is being sponsored by the parish and the school Family School Association (FSA).

****Outdoor Masses and Bonfires** Our remaining outdoor Masses this summer will be **Saturdays, July 10th and August 14th at 5pm.** They are held in the parking lot between the school and scout house. Please bring a chair. Our final parish bonfire will be on August 14th from 6-9pm. ****Special Masses this Week** Monday, July 5th-St. Elizabeth of Portugal (14th Century queen and mother, lover of the poor and patron of Catholic Charities); Tuesday, July 6th- St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr (20th Century twelve year old Italian girl who preferred death to being raped, patron of teenage girls); Wednesday, July 7th- Mass for Our Country (transferred from Sunday); Thursday, July 8th- Mass in Time of Pandemic; Friday, July 9th- St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (120 Chinese Martyrs killed in the 17th – 20th Centuries); Saturday, July 10th- Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians.

**6.21.21 Bishop Lawrence Persico's statement on last week's vote at the USCCB regarding the drafting of a statement on Eucharist: "I voted in favor of having the document drafted because it is not possible to have a fruitful discussion about a document that is still in the form of an outline. We need to have the committee put pen to paper so we can have a good dialogue. Unfortunately, the initial reporting on the vote by the members of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has been inaccurate. The vote was strictly about whether or not to begin drafting a document on the importance and meaning of the Eucharist for all Catholics. As the result of a survey last year, we learned that many Catholics do not have a full understanding about what the church teaches on this centrality of our faith. The bishops of the U.S. are planning a national pastoral and educational effort on this important topic. It's my hope the document will bring clarity and unity, not only among the bishops, but also among Catholics." Some people thought this was a vote on whether to ban certain Catholic political figures from receiving Holy Communion and it was not. For more information see the back cover from the USCCB.

******"True Reformers" Faith Formation Series We continue our series called "True Reformers" which is based on 6 significant saints who were part of the Catholic Counter Reformation of the 1500s and 1600s. St. Theresa of Avila and St. Francis de Sales were part of the ways that God helped bring new life and resurrection to the Catholic Church in response to the Protestant Reformation of the 1500s. We will have sessions on July 12 and August 16. They are Mondays at 6:30pm. These last two saints (St. Theresa and St. Francis de Sales) also advanced the devotion to St. Joseph so they will help us with our focus in this special year to our universal patron as well. You do not have to register for these sessions.

****Parish and School Movie Nights** Outdoor movies will be shown on the wall of the school gym each month. People are welcome to gather at 8pm and the movies will start at 9pm or dusk (whichever comes first). You are asked to bring your own chairs and blankets and there will be drinks and popcorn available for purchase. The schedule for movies is as follows:

Wednesday, July 28th- Fatima Wednesday, August 30th- Toy Story 4

**More Adjustments at Mass Since the state of Pennsylvania lifted the mask requirement on June 28th, we made a few more adjustments to our protocols: ONE- we will now begin singing an opening and closing song at Masses and provide a worship aid each weekend; TWO- there will be one less section reserved for only people with masks (the far east section of the pews nearest Pacific Ave). Recall that people with masks can sit anywhere in the church but the reserved section is for masks only; THREE- we will only block off every other pew in the section reserved for people with masks. All other sections will be completely open. FOUR- we will continue to offer Holy Communion in the gym after the 9am Mass (approximately 10-10:15am). FIVE- we will no longer spray the pews after every Mass. Thank you again for your patience as we have adjusted our protocols and it has been great to see the spiritual and human energy build as we have opened things up more at Our Lady of Peace.

**OLP Raffle Update: We are halfway to our goal of 2,500 tickets with 1,264 tickets sold. Thank you to all who have

sold tickets. Remember, all proceeds support the ministry and programming at OLP. Currently 177 parish



families have participated in the raffle, get you tickets back in time for the next early bird prize drawing on July 10th for the "Life's-a-Picnic" basket.

**Second Early-Bird OLP Raffle Drawing: takes place at the

Party at the Pavilion event, Saturday,



July 10th at 7PM "Life's a Picnic Theme:

- Director's Chair (2)
- Picnic Basket
- Plates/Bowls/Napkins/Table Cloth
- OLP Water Bottles (4)
- S'mores Kit
 - Gift Cards: \$50 Sara's \$50 Gordon's Market

Turn your tickets in for a chance to WIN!

Donations needed for several **Basket Raffles** taking place this summer at OLP:

Saturday, July 10th Thursday, August 5th Saturday, Sept. 11th

Party at the Pavilion Men's Picnic Parish Picnic

Donations can be dropped off at the church office. Items of all kinds are welcome!

> We are grateful for all your support.



This is the theme of a one week summer Vacation Bible School that will be taking place at Our Lady of Peace Church from August 2-6, 2021. Students



currently in Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to attend.

Camp will run from 8:45AM to 12:45PM each day. On Friday we will end camp with 12:10 Mass. Families are encouraged to attend Mass with us.

The cost is \$40.00 per child and includes a t-shirt, snack each day, and supplies. Please complete one registration form per student. Forms can be found at: www.olp.org under the Faith Formation tab. The deadline to register is July 2, 2021. Late registrants are not guaranteed a t-shirt. Make check payable to "OLP". Forms can be dropped off at the church office or mailed to: **Faith Formation**

Our Lady of Peace Church 2401 West 38th St Erie PA 16506

Families of registered campers will receive an email on or around July 26, 2021 with further details.



God, source of all freedom,

this day is bright with the memory

of those who declared that life and liberty

are your gift to every human being.

Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.

Make our vision clear and our will strong:

that only in human solidarity will we find liberty,

and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth.

Turn our hearts toward the family of nations: to understand the ways of others,

to offer friendship,

and to find safety only in the common good of all



BANN III Tyler Fisher / Kaitlyn McCarthy **BANN II Stephen Buttaccio / Ashley Achille**





What's Happening in Youth Ministry:

Sarah Beaver, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, invites you to join us for our summer events. If you have any questions or would like to be more involved with youth events (either attending or helping out) please email me at sarah.beaver@olp.org

This past weekend we participated in a conference for high school youth in our Diocese. We had an awesome time having fun with each other and discussing our faith and who God is to us. We had times of prayer and journaling that were transformative for our youth.

Here are a few things they had to say:

"I learned more about God. I also grew closer to him. I love being Catholic because I know that this is not the end. There is eternal life in heaven."

"My favorite part of the weekend was adoration. My favorite part of being Catholic is getting to make deeper friendships through existing friends with the faith."

"Favorite part about being Catholic is getting to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. My favorite part of the weekend was playing games with everyone."

"My favorite thing about being Catholic is knowing that it doesn't matter if I'm having a bad day, I still have Jesus. My favorite part of the weekend was adoration because it was the most true and real thing I have ever experienced."

There are more opportunities for the youth to encounter Christ. See below for upcoming dates, all youth are welcome!

7/7-Soccer and Fellowship for Middle Schoolers (6:30-8:30 pm/Soccer Field)

7/20-Conversations with God for Middle Schoolers (6:30-8:30/OLP Pavilion and conclude in church)

7/22-Beach Night for High Schoolers (6:30-9 pm/Beach TBA)

7/28-Fatima Presentation before Fatima Showing for All Youth (8 pm/Outside of School Gym)

7/31 Binge Jesus Retreat at St. Joe's BOL for high schoolers, watching season 1 of The Chosen (9am-9pm), email Sarah to register.

Those who have completed 5th-12th grade-I need volunteers for VBS (August 2nd-6th), email me for forms!





rst of a series of Outgoor Masses at OLP Saturday, May 22

Mark your calendar for more summer activities:

July 10, 2021 (Saturday)	Parking Lot	5pm	Outdoor Mass* Feast of Our Lady of Peace
Party at the Pavilion: July 10, 2021 (Saturday)	Pavilion	6-10pm	Adult Bonfire Fundraiser*
July 12, 2021 (Monday) July 28, 2021 (Wednesday) August 5, 2021 (Thursday) August 14, 2021 (Saturday) August 16, 2021 (Monday) August 25, 2021 (Wednesday) September 11, 2021 (Saturday) October 2 (Saturday)	Church Gym Parking Lot Pavilion Parking Lot/Pavilion Church Gym Parking Lot Whole Campus Presque Isle	6:30-8pm TBD 5-9pm 5-8pm 6:30-8pm TBD 4:30-10pm 8am	True Reformers Outdoor Movie Night* (Fatima) OLP Men's Picnic (tickets \$12) Outdoor Mass and Bonfire* True Reformers Outdoor Movie Night* (Toy Story 4) Parish Picnic* Faithful to the Finish 5K

*For comfortable seating, please bring your own chair

These events provide a chance to get together with other parishioners and families to build our relationships and connections which in turn strengthens our community.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration forms were emailed in June 30 to families with students going into grades 1-10 next school year. Registration forms with payment must be remitted to the Faith Formation Office no later than August 1, 2021.

Confirmation registration forms were emailed to parents on May 18. Forms along with payments must be remitted to the Faith Formation Office no later than August 1, 2021. In order to be confirmed in eleventh grade students must either attend a Catholic high school OR attend Religious Education classes for grades 9 and 10 before registering for Confirmation classes in grade 11.

All forms can be found on our website under the Faith Formation tab at <u>www.olp.org</u> For more info please contact Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director, at 838-9983 or <u>Tammie mang@olp.org</u>

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

CHECK ONE:

 $\hfill\square$ New Registration

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish

Want envelopes

Name _____ Address

City_

_ Phone _

Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.

Zip

Ways to stay connected during this time:

As most of our communications will be by EMail please make sure the office has your current email.

We send weekly emails with updates and resources you can use to strengthen your Spiritual life. Also visit our website:

www.olp.org.

Downloaded the **MyParishApp** as we will use the App as well to communicate during this time.

To the right are directions for the App and how to log into **FORMED**, which is one of our greatest resources.



OLP Items for Sale: Water Bottles / Face Masks \$5.00 each

Download Our Parish App! myParish App



Our OLP app is available to download for iPhone and Android smartphones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via FaceBook or Twitter. **Download the myParish app by texting APP to phone number 88202.** You will receive a reply with the app link to download. Once downloaded, select Our Lady of Peace, Erie, PA.

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Erie City Mission Volunteers Needed

We need your help in preparing and cooking food for our brothers and sisters in need.

Dates are Saturday's:

July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16Time: 9:00AM to 1:00PMWhere: 11th & French St.What: Prepare/Serve the Lunch MealTime: Any parishioner 15 yrs or olderContact: Scott Barnes, 881-8889

Qualifies for service hours!

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FEAST OF FAITH Little Mysteries

Two small rites—or, as one liturgist has called them, "little mysteries"—accompany the preparation of the gifts. The priest or deacon takes a small cruet of water from the server and adds a drop of water to the wine. Then, after the elevation of the chalice (and the incensation, if incense is used), the priest washes his hands. Both of these actions were at first practical, matter -of-fact realities: in the ancient world the wine was usually quite thick, and was generally mixed with water before it was drunk. And in the early church, when the faithful brought forward a great variety of gifts at this time, there was a definite need for the presider to wash his hands!

But now these rites serve a purely symbolic function. The mingling of the water and wine is accompanied by a prayer that speaks of the wonderful exchange of the Mass, the mingling of Christ's divinity and our humanity. And as the priest washes his hands, he prays words of supplication from Psalm 51, acknowledging his own sinfulness in the presence of the assembly before he dares to approach the altar for this most sacred action. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Special Collection This Weekend: Peter's Pence

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Peter's Pence Collection! The monies collected will join those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit: www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Thank you for your support.

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A Family Perspective

Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary members of our family. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it.

Penn State Behrend Smith Carillon 2021 Concert Series

Let the ringing of the bells bring us together.

Thursday, July 8 Tom Gurin Thursday, July 15 Lisa Lonie Thursday, July 22 Frank DellaPenna Thursday, July 29 Julie Zhu

- Concerts begin at 7PM
- Parking at Junker Center
- Outside seating; bring a blanket or chair.
- Free hot dogs and snacks
- For more info, contact the Smith Chapel, 814-898-6609

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College 4701 College Drive, Erie PA 16563

ATTENTION: High School Youth in grades 9 through 12

High school youth in grades 9 through 12 are invited to participate in our annual summer mission trip, which will take place from Sunday July 11th through Friday July 16th.

This summer we are planning an opportunity for mission work within our diocese that would include our traditional experiences of service, prayer and community while meeting the needs of the poor in our local area. This will be a hybrid of our usual program and will include service at *Young People Who Care* in Frenchville, Clearfield County, PA. We will also be assisting Catholic Rural Ministries in Oil City PA and Emmaus Ministries here in Erie throughout the week. Our trip will include living in community, social service orientation, work projects, time for reflection, prayer, and recreation as well as meeting the needs of the poor.

Space is limited so if you are interested, please contact Darrell Meyers at 814-450-3697 or email to <u>darrell.meyers@olp.org</u> right away to reserve your spot or for more information.





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Questions and Answers on the U.S. Bishops' Vote to Draft a Document on the Meaning of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

Since the conclusion of the Spring Plenary Assembly of the U.S. bishops last week, there has been much attention on the vote taken to draft a document on the Eucharist. The question of whether or not to deny any individual or groups Holy Communion was not on the ballot. The vote by the bishops last week tasked the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine to begin the drafting of a teaching document on the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. The importance of nurturing an ever deeper understanding of the beauty and mystery of the Eucharist in our lives is not a new topic for the bishops. The document being drafted is not meant to be disciplinary in nature, nor is it targeted at any one individual or class of persons. It will include a section on the Church's teaching on the responsibility of <u>every</u> Catholic, including bishops, to live in accordance with the truth, goodness and beauty of the Eucharist we celebrate.

Below are a few commonly asked questions on the meeting and on this topic at issue.

Why are the bishops doing this now?

For some time now, a major concern of the bishops has been the declining belief and understanding of the Eucharist among the Catholic faithful. This was a deep enough concern, that the theme of the bishops' <u>strategic plan</u> for 2021-2024 is *Created Anew by the Body and Blood of Christ: Source of Our Healing and Hope*. This important document on the Eucharist will serve as a foundation for the multi-year Eucharistic Revival Project, a major national effort to reignite Eucharistic faith in our country. It was clear from the intensity and passion expressed in the individual interventions made by the bishops during last week's meeting that each bishop deeply loves the Eucharist.

Did the bishops vote to ban politicians from receiving Holy Communion?

No, this was not up for vote or debate. The bishops made no decision about barring anyone from receiving Holy Communion. Each Catholic - regardless of whether they hold public office or not - is called to continual conversion, and the U.S. bishops have repeatedly emphasized the obligation of all Catholics to support human life and dignity and other fundamental principles of Catholic moral and social teaching.

Are the bishops going to issue a national policy on withholding Communion from politicians?

No. There will be no national policy on withholding Communion from politicians. The intent is to present a clear understanding of the Church's teachings to bring heightened awareness among the faithful of how the Eucharist can transform our lives and bring us closer to our creator and the life he wants for us.

Did the Vatican tell the bishops not to move forward on drafting the document?

No. The Holy See did encourage the bishops to engage in dialogue and broad consultation. Last week's meeting was the first part of that process. It is important to note that collaboration and consultation among the bishops will be key in the drafting of this document.