

## Fr. Martin's Reflection – June 26, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Last Sunday, we officially began our pilgrimage of Eucharistic Revival – an opportunity to come closer to Christ in the Eucharist. Below I have outlined an opportunity where you can invite Christ into your home. This is an opportunity to sit intimately with Christ and speak to him from the heart. I have a team that will bring the Eucharist to you, stay with you, and then bring the Eucharist back to the Church.

### What Do I Need To Do and Who Do I Invite?

- Think who you would like to have gathered, family, neighbors, or a combination of both.
- Contact the office to arrange an afternoon or evening that suits you—give as much time as possible.
- The group gathered should not be more than 10, so to keep it intimate.
- Create a sacred space where Christ in the Monstrance can be placed – somewhere everyone gathered can see Christ.
- Have a clean white cloth placed so the Monstrance can be placed on it, a candle on each end of the white cloth.
- Have a lit candle – real or battery.
- Greet Christ at the door with the candle and welcome Christ to your home and show the minister where you would like Christ to be placed.
- The Minister with the Eucharist can lead the group in prayer, but if the host has a prayer structure that they would like to follow, that is good too.
- Please, no coffee, tea, or alcohol before the arrival of the Eucharist or while the Eucharist is present – hospitality can take place after the Eucharist is returned to the Church. If you would like the minister to join you for refreshments, please invite at the time of scheduling Christ's visit to your home.

This is an opportunity to speak with Jesus, an opportunity to speak from the heart. To share with Jesus all that is going on in your life.

Why is having Jesus in our homes important? What impact can it have? I am reminded of the scripture passage when Jesus said to Zacchaeus, come down from the tree. I must stay at your house today. So, he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. Lk 19:5-6. We don't know what was said, but we do know that it changed Zacchaeus's life, and I believe if we, like Zacchaeus, invite Jesus into our home it too can change our lives.

May God bless you and keep you forever in God's loving care.

*Fr. Martin*