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Dear Eucharistic Encounter Participants,

*“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”*

John 6:51

I am excited to welcome all of you to our Eucharistic Encounter and am looking forward to participating in this unique event myself. Today’s gathering is part of the National Eucharistic Revival, a 3-year movement to restore understanding and devotion to the Eucharist: the greatest gift God ever bestowed on humanity and the very source of our strength.

Our day will showcase truth, beauty and goodness with exceptional music and dynamic national speakers to embrace all in an engaging experience. It will include the celebration of Mass and culminate with a Eucharist procession to Amalie Arena, a public display of our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Did you know registration for this event sold out within one week? There were hundreds who asked to be placed on a wait list just in case space opened. Therefore, **I am extending a challenge to you: what we experience today cannot end here.** We must enthusiastically embrace this special opportunity and bring the messages we receive back to those who wanted to be here.

I hope and pray our Eucharistic Encounter will deepen for us the reality of the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, and that through this experience, you fall even more in love with your faith.

I ask the Lord’s blessing upon all of us as we take this step together. With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory Parkes
Bishop of St. Petersburg



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When we first met, we both had a dream and vision to create an event that would bring our diocese together to foster a deeper encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. Thank you for your enthusiastic “yes” to the invitation to join in this Eucharistic Encounter for the Diocese of St. Petersburg, which we hope will be one of many more to come.

We know there is a lot of hard work that goes into bringing an event like this to life. And so, in addition to thanking all of you, we also offer our thanks and appreciation to the planning team and volunteers who have spent countless hours preparing to encounter Christ in the Eucharist.

At World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal this summer, we were blessed to witness many lives changed. Together, we walked 3 miles in over 100° temperatures with 14 teens and three young adults to an open field with very little shade, and then waited 4 hours for the arrival of Pope Francis.

Once he arrived, the Pope graciously led us in a vigil prayer, followed by an opportunity to adore Jesus in the Eucharist. Within moments, more than 1.5 million people in a field 2-miles long immediately fell silent and hit their knees in the true presence of our Lord and Savior.

Today, as we continue to envision, seek to encounter Christ, and pray, we hope that everyone here has a similar personal encounter. Through that encounter, we pray that the Holy Spirit ignites or reignites a fire in your soul to courageously live the Gospel.

All has been prepared to offer you an incredible experience - a great line up of speakers, good food and music, availability of priests, and so much more. We believe it is now time to get out of the way and welcome the Holy Spirit, our lord Jesus Christ, and the Father’s love to speak.

Peace and Blessings,

Michael Guarino and Dr. Armando Chavarria
Event Co-Chairs

AGENDA

7:30 am	Registration/Breakfast	
9:00 am	Welcome and Introduction	Most Rev. Gregory Parkes, Bishop of St. Petersburg
9:20 am	Keynote #1	Fr. Tim Anastos, Eucharistic Preacher Archdiocese of Chicago
10:05 am	Break	
10:10 am	Video Presentation	
10:15 am	Keynote #2	Dr. John Bergsma, Professor of Theology Franciscan University of Steubenville
11:15 am	Announcements	
11:30 am	Lunch/Exhibits/Reconciliation	
1:30 pm	Music	
1:00 pm	Vocation Talk	Sr. Ana Chiara, DLJC, Vocation Director Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ
1:45 pm	Keynote #3	Mr. Curtis Martin, Founder, FOCUS Fellowship of Catholic University Students
2:35 pm	Break	
2:45 pm	Keynote #4	Mother Olga Yaqob, Founder and Mother Servant, Daughters of Mary of Nazareth
3:15 pm	Announcements/Break	
3:35 pm	Mass	Most Rev. Gregory Parkes Bishop of St. Petersburg
4:45 pm	Eucharistic Procession	Amalie Arena

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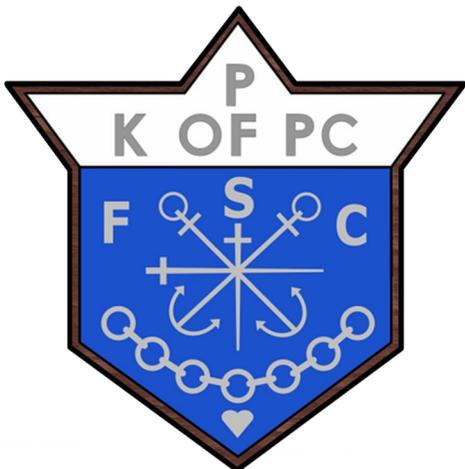
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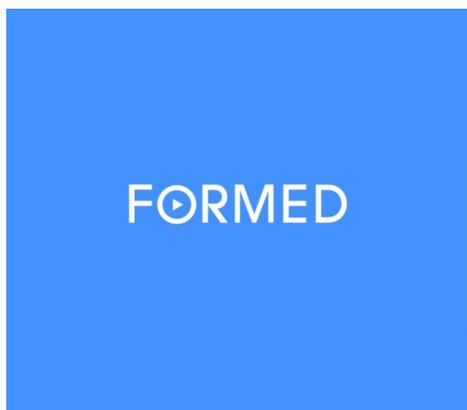
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Meet Our Speakers

Fr. Tim Anastos

Fr. Tim Anastos is a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the assistant chaplain at the St. John Paul II Newman Center at the University of Illinois-Chicago. He serves as a eucharistic preacher for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



Fr. Tim earned a bachelor's degree in linguistics from the University of Illinois and a bachelor's degree in sacred theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He previously served as parochial vicar of Mary Seat of Wisdom Parish in Park Ridge, Illinois. Fr. Tim releases *Reel Homilies*, one-minute reflections on the Sunday Mass readings through the lens of the Church tradition, pop culture, and self-improvement with Spirit Juice Studios.

Mr. Curtis Martin

Curtis A. Martin founded the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) in 1998. He holds a master's degree in Theology and is the author of the best-selling books, *Made for More*, and *Making Missionary Disciples*. This year, Pope Francis appointed Curtis as a Consultor to the Section for the Fundamental Questions of Evangelization. Curtis and his wife, Michaelann, live in Colorado. They have been blessed with nine children, and eight grandchildren....so far.



Dr. John Bergsma

Dr. John Bergsma serves as Professor of Theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville and Vice President at the St. Paul Center. He holds the M.Div. and Th.M. degrees from Calvin Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and served as a Protestant pastor for four years before entering the Catholic Church in 2001 while pursuing a Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Notre Dame. He specialized in the Old Testament and the Dead Sea Scrolls, graduating with high honors in 2004.



Dr. Bergsma over the years has become a sought-after speaker and author. Last year alone John spoke to over 1,000 Priests. He is the bestselling author of numerous books on Scripture including his most recent release: *The Word of the Lord: Reflections on the Sunday Mass Readings for Year A*.

Other popular books include *Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls: Revealing the Jewish Roots of the Church*, *Introduction to the Bible: The Old Testament*, the *Bible Basics series*, and *Stunned by Scripture* which details John's conversion story. John can be also found frequently each week on the St. Paul Center's *Letters from Home* podcast and YouTube channel. He also hosts a weekly show with Dr. Scott Hahn titled: *Word of the Lord* which is reaches Catholics around the world at stpaulcenter.com.

Most importantly: John and his wife Dawn have been married since 1993 and have eight children!

Meet Our Speakers

Sister Ana Chiara, DLJC

Sr. Ana Chiara, Vocation Director for the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, was born in a small farming town in the San Juaquin valley of California to Ronnie and Theresa Richardson. Marie, as she was so named, is the middle child of five girls and so felt that Providence was preparing her from the very beginning to live community life, though a call to a religious vocation did not occur to her until she was in her mid 20's.



Returning to her Catholic faith, though, after several years of searching for God within other Christian faith traditions, Marie found that in the deepest part of her heart something still remained unsatisfied. She hungered for something more, that friends, family and even her faith could not completely satisfy, but she didn't know what that "something" was. That is, until one Sunday evening after the youth Mass at her parish she heard a 14 year old girl say, "I'm going to be a nun." Never having encountered somebody discerning the religious life, Marie was intrigued and asked to speak with the young girl.

"Every Religious takes three vows," began the young girl. Then she proceeded to explain each of the vows in more detail. At some point in the conversation she qualified one of her statements about poverty by saying, "Religious poverty, though, is not as much about *having* nothing as it is about *needing* nothing but Jesus. "And something leaped in my heart as I recognized my deepest longing: to live a life that needed nothing but Jesus."

And for the first time, Marie wondered if Jesus might be calling her to be His bride. After that, she deepened her prayer life, started making longer and more frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament and opened her heart to hear God's plan for her life.

Mother Olga Yaqob

Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, foundress and mother servant of *Daughters of Mary of Nazareth*, was born and raised in the Middle East. She lived through four wars. In 1993, as a young laywoman, she started a lay movement called *Love Your Neighbor*. She invited young men and women from Christian and Muslim communities to be part of this community to serve the needs of the poor in Iraq. In 1995 she established the order of Mart Mariam Sisters- *Missionaries of the Virgin Mary*, the first order for Religious Sisters in the Assyrian Church of the East in 700 years.



She was received into the Roman Catholic Church on September 8th 2005, in the Archdiocese of Boston. Cardinal Séan Patrick O'Malley, OFM. Cap. received her perpetual vows on December 8th 2005.

In her homeland was involved in pastoral ministry for the college students and youth in the parishes throughout the country. She also served the prisoners, homeless, elderly, and handicapped of war for many years. The Iraqi government gave her the Humanitarian Award for her service to the poorest of the poor there.

In summer 2009, Cardinal O'Malley gave her the permission to start a new apostolate on the Boston University campus called the *Nazareth House*. It was a house of prayer and discernment for young women. In December 9, 2011, Cardinal Séan Patrick O'Malley, entrusted to her the mission of establishing a new religious community of sisters in the Archdiocese of Boston, *Daughters of Mary of Nazareth*

Vigil Mass
Saturday, September 16, 2023
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Celebrant:
Most Reverend Gregory L. Parkes, J.C.L.
Bishop - Diocese of Saint Petersburg

J. W Marriot
Tampa, Florida

We welcome your participation. In order to maintain a reverent and dignified celebration, please switch all mobile devices to silent mode, remain at your place during the ceremony, and refrain from all photography.



Processional Hymn

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty
God in three Persons blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy all the saints adore Thee
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
which wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy holy holy though the darkness hide Thee
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
only Thou art holy there is none beside Thee
perfect in pow'r in love and purity

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty
God in three Persons blessed Trinity

(Hymn within Public Domain)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA

First Reading

Ec (Sir) 27, 33–28, 9

Primera Lectura

Cosas abominables son el rencor y la cólera;
sin embargo, el pecador se aferra a ellas.
El Señor se vengará del vengativo
y llevará rigurosa cuenta de sus pecados.

Perdona la ofensa a tu prójimo,
y así, cuando pidas perdón, se te perdonarán
tus pecados.
Si un hombre le guarda rencor a otro,
¿le puede acaso pedir la salud al Señor?

El que no tiene compasión de un semejante,
¿cómo pide perdón de sus pecados?
Cuando el hombre que guarda rencor
pide a Dios el perdón de sus pecados,
¿hallará quien interceda por él?
Piensa en tu fin y deja de odiar,
piensa en la corrupción del sepulcro
y guarda los mandamientos.

Ten presentes los mandamientos
y no guardes rencor a tu prójimo.
Recuerda la alianza del Altísimo
y pasa por alto las ofensas.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *All respond:* **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103

Salmo Responsorial

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

Segunda Lectura

Translation:

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Reader: Palabra de Dios. *All respond:* **Te alabamos, Señor.**

Gospel Acclamation

*I give you a new commandment, says the Lord;
love one another as I have loved you.*

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

En aquel tiempo, Pedro se acercó a Jesús y le preguntó: "Si mi hermano me ofende, ¿cuántas veces tengo que perdonarlo? ¿Hasta siete veces?" Jesús le contestó: "No sólo hasta siete, sino hasta setenta veces siete". Entonces Jesús les dijo: "El Reino de los cielos es semejante a un rey que quiso ajustar cuentas con sus servidores. El primero que le presentaron le debía muchos millones. Como no tenía con qué pagar, el señor mandó que lo vendieran a él, a su mujer, a sus hijos y todas sus posesiones, para saldar la deuda. El servidor, arrojándose a sus pies, le suplicaba, diciendo: 'Ten paciencia conmigo y te lo pagaré todo'. El rey tuvo lástima de aquel servidor, lo soltó y hasta le perdonó la deuda.

Pero, apenas había salido aquel servidor, se encontró con uno de sus compañeros, que le debía poco dinero. Entonces lo agarró por el cuello y casi lo estrangulaba, mientras le decía: 'Págame lo que me debes'. El compañero se le arrodilló y le rogaba: 'Ten paciencia conmigo y te lo pagaré todo'. Pero el otro no quiso escucharlo, sino que fue y lo metió en la cárcel hasta que le pagara la deuda. Al ver lo ocurrido, sus compañeros se llenaron de indignación y fueron a contar al rey lo sucedido. Entonces el señor lo llamó y le dijo: 'Siervo malvado. Te perdoné toda aquella deuda porque me lo suplicaste. ¿No debías tú también haber tenido compasión de tu compañero, como yo tuve compasión de ti?' Y el señor, encolerizado, lo entregó a los verdugos para que no lo soltaran hasta que pagara lo que debía. Pues lo mismo hará mi Padre celestial con ustedes, si cada cual no perdona de corazón a su hermano".

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *All respond:* **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

Offertory Hymn

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

The King of love my shepherd is
whose goodness fails me never
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed
but yet in love he sought m;
and on his shoulder gently laid
and home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee dear Lord beside me
thy rod and staff my comfort still
thy cross before to guide me

Thou spreadst a table in my sight
thy unction grace bestoweth
and oh what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever

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Communion Songs

HUMBLY WE ADORE THEE

Humbly we adore thee Christ Redeemer King
Thou art Lord of heaven thou to whom we sing
God the Mighty thou has come bearing gifts of grace
Son of Adam still thou art Savior to our race

Jesus Lord we thank thee for this wondrous bread
In our land thou dwellest by thee we are fed
We who share this mystery in thee are made one
Ev'ry act we offer thee in thy name is done

Thou who died to save us livest as our light
Though our eyes are blinded yet our faith gives sight
Christ do thou be merciful Lamb for sinners slain
We in grief confess our guilt cleanse our souls of stain

Christ our God and brother hear our humble plea
By this holy banquet keep us joined to thee
Make us one in loving thee one in mind and heart
Till in heaven we are thine never more to part

Hail thou Word Incarnate born from Mary's womb
Hail thou Strength immortal risen from the tomb
Share with us thy victory Savior ever blest
Live more fully in our hearts be our constant quest

Faith alone reveals here bread of Paradise
Faith alone may witness Jesus' sacrifice
Therefore Lord as once of old Thomas gained his sight
Now increase our feeble faith shed thy healing light

(Hymn within Public Domain)

IN CHRIST ALONE

Stuart Townend

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that day as Jesus died
The Son of God was crucified
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And now He stands in victory
Sin conquered by love's mystery
Flees from the one who tore the veil
Here in the power of Christ I stand

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Now I offer what You've given
Where the breaking brings Your healing
Your love made visible
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This is the fruit the vine has given
This is the bread and wine from heaven
Your love made visible
This is a humble miracle

Taste and see that the Lord is good
Taste and see that the Lord is good

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Though I know I am not worthy
Still You come to meet me
This is a humble miracle
This is a humble miracle



EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

PROCESIÓN

*Join us in Our Eucharistic Procession that will proceed and have Benediction at the
Amalie Arena*

Processional Songs

Procesión

O SALUTARIS Hostia
Quae caeli pandis ostium.
Bella premunt hostilia;
Da robur, fer auxilium.
Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria:
Qui vitam sine termino,
Nobis donet in patria.
Amen

Benediction

Benedición

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

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