




OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL
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MEMORANDUM

To: Brother Priests
From:  Joseph P. LaMorte
Date: March 28, 2023
Subject: Eucharistic Congress in Auriesville

Grace to you and peace during this first week of Passiontide.

The eight Catholic dioceses of New York State are sponsoring a historic statewide Eucharistic Congress, which will be held at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville from October 20-22, 2023.

The congress is taking place as part of a national effort to reinvigorate devotion to the Eucharist. This revival, sponsored by the USCCB aims to restore understanding and fidelity to the great mystery of the real presence of Jesus and to encourage all Catholics to make the Eucharist the source and summit of their faith.

To provide comprehensive information and to allow people to register, the bishops have launched an easy-to-use website at <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>.

We look forward to welcoming upwards of 10,000 people to the Eucharistic Congress, who want to draw closer to Jesus and share in this historic three-day event. Our congress will feature great speakers, uplifting music, Mass on Saturday celebrated by Timothy Cardinal Dolan, opportunities for prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, another special Mass on Sunday, and opportunities to socialize. It will be a wonderful time to renew our faith in Jesus and share that faith with others.

It will be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, the site of the 17th century martyrdom of Jesuit missionaries Saints Isaac Jogues, Rene Goupil and Jean Lalande, and of the birth of the first native American saint, St. Kateri Tekakwitha.

Isaac Jogues is famous for his devotion to the Mass and Kateri Tekakwitha for her love for Eucharistic adoration.

The shrine's coliseum, built in 1931 in response to the canonization of martyred Jesuit missionaries, is the largest church building in the United States, holding 10,000.

The congress' website will be updated regularly to provide information on the complete schedule of events, the speakers who will captivate and inspire the crowd, religious services that will take place, and nearby places to stay.

It will also allow individuals, families, groups, and parishes to register, as well as give them the opportunity to volunteer during this historic three-day event.

Attached to this email you will find posters you can hang in your parish or publish in your bulletin.

Your active participation in the Eucharistic Congress is essential to its success. Perhaps you might consider bringing a bus full of your parishioners for a day or more.

We look forward to seeing you and your parishioners in Auriesville in October.



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