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The Diocese of Winona-Rochester to participate in the National Eucharistic Procession.

WINONA, MINNESOTA, MAY 6, 2024 – The Catholic Church in the United States, in an effort to enkindle a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, has been involved in a three-year Eucharistic Revival. This summer, a historical National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will take place with four routes from the north, south, east and west edges of our country all culminating in Indianapolis where the 10th National Eucharistic Congress will take place July 17-21.

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is excited to announce that from May 31 to June 7 the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will move through the Eastern side of the Diocese. This particular route, named the Marian Route, starts at the headwaters of the Mississippi on May 17 and on May 31 arrives in our Diocese.

The parishes hosting stops along the way are Pax Christi, Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, and St. Francis of Assisi, Rochester; Holy Redeemer, Eyota; St. Charles Borromeo, St. Charles; St. Rose of Lima, Lewiston; Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, and St. Stanislaus Basilica, Winona; Crucifixion, La Crescent. The Procession will then continue on into Wisconsin with Bishop Barron passing on the Eucharist to Bishop Battersby of the Diocese of La Crosse.

On June 2, the Feast of Corpus Christi (Latin for “Body of Christ”), a special Mass will take place at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester with Bishop Robert Barron as the main celebrant. Bishop Barron invites all the people of the Diocese to come and take part in this National Eucharistic Procession. More information can be found at Eucharist.dowr.org.

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester serves the 20 southernmost counties of Minnesota with more than 130,000 Catholics and 96 parishes, four high schools, 19 elementary schools and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary on the campus of St. Mary’s University in Winona.