

## **THE CHURCH NEEDS EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL TO CHANGE THE WORLD**

### **KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES**

This past June the Catholic Conference of American Bishops have begun various programs and initiatives at the parish level, in order to rekindle the faith in the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Adoration chapels are opening everywhere, and the faithful are encouraged to spend time in prayer in front of Jesus present in the tabernacle or exposed in the monstrance.

Catechetical programs are being offered, so that Catholics may be formed on the “summit and source” of our faith, the Eucharist.

Eucharistic devotions and processions are making a comeback, as a public witness to what we believe to be true and real.

For the world to acknowledge and worship the True and only God, the Creator, IT NEEDS AUTHENTIC WITNESSES!

Christian Catholics need to be authentic witnesses of Jesus Christ.

To be authentic witnesses, we need to be AUTHENTIC DISCIPLES, FOLLOWERS of Jesus Christ.

To be disciples / followers of Jesus Christ WE MUST IMITATE Jesus Christ, we must adopt HIS ATTITUDES and HIS MIND (see St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians ch.2:5-8).

This is NOT AN OPTION, it is a COMMAND from Jesus himself:

“I give you a NEW COMMANDMENT, LOVE ONE ANOTHER... BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.”

(John 13:34-35).

The pagan Roman Empire in the first centuries was converted by the great number of Christians who gave witness to the commandment of LOVE, and were ready to die for it.

“Martyr” was the Greek term for witness, from which came the term martyrs.

We may not be called to “red martyrdom” (to give our blood for Christ), but we may be called to “white martyrdom”, which means giving witness by the way we live our life, and by patiently putting up with opposition, ridicule and subtle persecution.

**EVERY PARISH NEEDS A EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL.**

Let us pray:

“Loving and merciful Father, fill us, your children, with the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be true and credible witnesses of your Son and our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.”