

This newsletter of The Cardinal Newman Society features projects submitted by individuals and organizations as part of the Society's Task Force on Eucharistic Education.

**PROJECT OF THE MONTH**

## **Symposium on Transforming Culture in America**

*Benedictine College, KS*

Each year, Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas holds a Symposium on Transforming Culture in America. This year it was focused specifically on “Proclaiming the Real Presence: The Body of Christ in a Secular World.”



The theme for 2023 addressed the power of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist as a source of cultural transformation, contributing to the multi-year Eucharistic Revival project launched by the USCCB in June 2022. As the “source and summit” of Catholic faith, the Eucharist touches all aspects of the life of the Church, especially Her mission to evangelize individuals and culture. Proclaiming the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist proposes a response to the expressive individualism, social atomism, and technocratic materialism of secular culture.

We bring this project to your attention this month as a form of Eucharistic Education. Many of us have speaker series, symposiums, or annual conferences. Perhaps the focus of your next event can be focused on Eucharistic education. Check out our Project of the Month below. For other ideas, see all of the projects at: <https://eucharisticeducation.org/task-force-projects/>.

[Click here to view the Project of the Month!](https://eucharisticeducation.org/task-force-projects/)



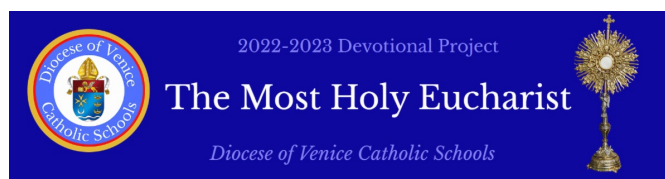
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## Junior Catechist Program

*Diocese of Venice, FL*

Last month, we featured the Department of Education of the Diocese of Venice, Florida, diocesan-wide project focused on Eucharistic education as our Project of the Month.



The Department of Education provides all the resources necessary for classroom teachers and students to participate. This is intended as a way to supplement religion classes and a way to teach our students different forms of prayer and spiritual leadership. One element of his emphasis is their junior catechists program featured below.

### Junior Catechists:

Schools train two eighth graders, a boy and a girl, to act as Junior Catechists for this project. These student leaders will catechize their classmates with a classroom lesson and go classroom to classroom, teaching about our Catholic devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist. Their training was focused on the importance of leadership in the faith, evangelization and discipleship.

[Click here to view this project!](#)

November 3, 2022	April 20, 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• November 3, 2022<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Jr. Catechist Training</li><li>◦ 2 8th grade students from all Diocese of Venice Schools were trained in teaching lessons on the Eucharist to their school peers throughout the year to promote the devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist.</li></ul></li><li>• November 7, 2022<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Launch of the 15 Eucharistic Miracles (Week 1)</li></ul></li><li>• December 5, 2022<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Announcement of STREAM Devotional Contest</li></ul></li><li>• December 5, 2022<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Announcement of K-12 Devotional Art Competition</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• March 6, 2023<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Week 15 of Eucharistic Miracles</li></ul></li><li>• March 24, 2023<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Deadline for Art Competition Submissions</li></ul></li><li>• March 24-25, 2023<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Diocese of Venice Eucharistic Congress (Fort Myers, FL)</li></ul></li><li>• April 10, 2023<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Announcement of Competition Winners</li></ul></li><li>• April 20, 2023<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Devotional Project Mass in Venice</li></ul></li></ul>

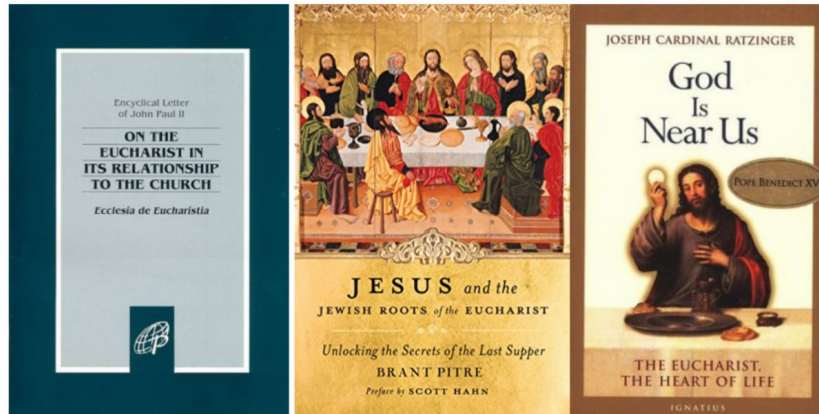
There is a related project provided by the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Michigan. A high school student completed a project in the form of a series of short videos emphasizing the importance of the Eucharist. The project was of high quality and was shared with other schools around the diocese. **You can see more about this project here.**

## Book Distribution to Students

*Benedictine College, KS*

Benedictine College has purchased and distributed a number of different books to students to help increase their understanding of and devotion to the Eucharist. Some of these books are: John Paul II's "Ecclesia de Eucharistia", Brant Pitre's "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist", and Joseph Ratzinger's "God Is Near Us".

[Click here to view this project!](#)



### About the Task Force for Eucharistic Education

The Task Force for Eucharistic Education is an initiative of The Cardinal Newman Society to help solicit, identify, and promote Catholic schools' efforts to revive Eucharistic literacy, liturgy, devotion, and living.

### SEE OUR OTHER PROJECTS

Currently there are over **60 projects** submitted as part of the Task Force. Check them out here!

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## Theology on Tap - Eucharistic Revival

*Benedictine College, KS*

Theology on Tap has been a highly successful evangelization program run in dioceses, parishes, and colleges over the years. Benedictine College recently sponsored a Theology on Tap series focused specifically on the Eucharistic Revival. Topics include how the Eucharist transforms our relationship with God and the rest of creation, Eucharistic apologetics, St. Paul on the Eucharist, and the Eucharist and the ars moriendi tradition. Students gather together with faculty members to enjoy a beer (or root beer) while discussing the source and summit of the Catholic faith.

[Click here to view this project!](#)

# PREVIOUSLY FEATURED PROJECTS

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## **The Most Holy Eucharist: The Riches of His Glorious Inheritance**

*Diocese of Venice, Fla.*

The Department of Education within the Diocese of Venice, Florida annually selects a theme as the focus for the development of the devotional lives of the students. This is a diocesan-wide project that provides the necessary resources for teachers and their students to participate. "This is intended as a way to supplement religion classes and a way to teach our students different forms of prayer and spiritual leadership."

Bishop Dewane has selected the devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist as the focus for the year. This theme supports the National Eucharistic Revival, led by the USCCB and the Eucharistic Congress led by the Diocese of Venice on March 25th.

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## **Eucharistic Procession**

*Beckman Catholic High School, Iowa*

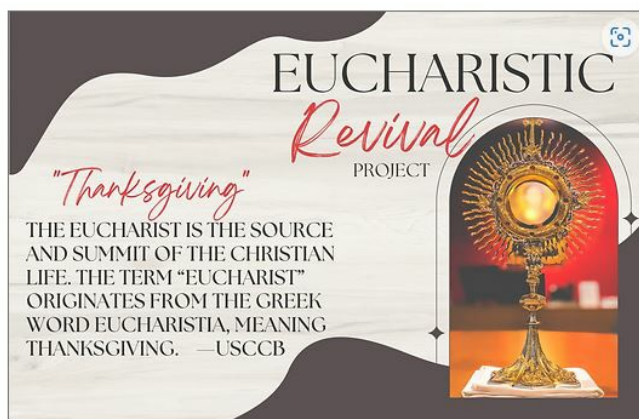
On January 29, 2023 Beckman Catholic Staff and families started Catholic Schools week with their first ever Eucharistic Procession throughout the school! The purpose of this procession was to emphasize to students and families "the central role of Christ in every aspect of school life and to pray for continued guidance and blessings."

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## **Music of the Eucharist: Moved by Beauty**

*University of Mary, N.Dak.*

*"The Early Church Fathers recognized that music was a powerful tool to convert the hearts and minds of the faithful and draw them to Christ. Music has the capacity to help us understand more fully and gratefully, the mystery and truth of our faith."*



The University of St. Mary's Capella group has a particular mission and ministry to draw others more fully into the beauty of the Eucharist. In 2023 they have begun a two-year project, "devoting rehearsal time and resources to record a collection of music that focuses on the Eucharist. This includes chant, antiphons, hymns, and polyphony from a wide range of years and styles." They are planning a pilgrimage to Spain and France where they will sing and record their beautiful music on the sites of Eucharistic Miracles in adoration of Christ's true presence in the Eucharist.

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## Evening Lecture and Adoration

*Aquinas College, Nashville, Tenn.*

Often a speaker or a homily or even a good article about the Eucharist helps instill a sense of love to this beautiful gift that Our Lord has given us.

Aquinas College in Nashville, TN. invited Father Augustine Wetta, OSB, to give a presentation on the Eucharist entitled: “The Envy of Angels: How to Make the Most of Your Eucharistic Journey.” His talk was followed by a time of Eucharistic Adoration and concluded with Benediction. The Evening Lecture and Adoration were promoted to the college community as well as the local community.

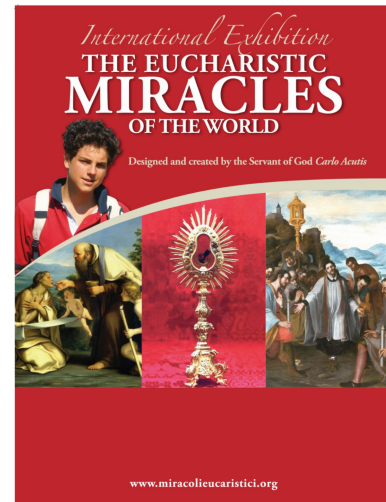
Individuals could come for the presentation, Adoration, or both. What a simple yet effective means of bringing a school, college, or parish community together to focus on the Truth, beauty, and goodness of the Eucharist!

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## Eucharistic Miracles Presentation and Exhibit

*Faith Based Communications, Colo.*

For the past 10 years, **Faith Based Communications** has been dedicated to educating Catholic adults and young people regarding the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. They exhibit the Carlo Acutis created and Vatican sponsored **International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles** of the World, accompanied by a presentation on Eucharistic Miracles. They travel all over North America with the exhibit and presentations strongly encouraging participation in Eucharistic Adoration.



Faith Based Communications has two other projects that are offered to parishes they visit. One is on the Sacred Cloths of the Passion (Shroud of Turin, Sudarium of Oviedo, and Tunic of Argenteuil). The other is on Life after Life. The Life after Life presentation provides a huge potential for people to change the way they are living their lives.

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## How to Start a Schola Choir

*Benedict XVI Institute of San Francisco Archdiocese*

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco founded the Benedict XVI Institute for Sacred Music and Divine Worship within his archdiocese to **open the door of Beauty to God**. The Institute pursues this mission by providing “practical resources for more beautiful and reverent liturgies and energizing a Catholic culture of the arts.”

One such example of this is a lesson on how to start a Schola Choir. Authored by Diane Silva, the founding chairman of the sacred music department at Ave Maria University in Ave Maria, Fla., shows that it doesn’t take expert musicians to “pull off” Gregorian chant. “This is the same music that was sung in thousands of ordinary parishes over thousands of years by people who not only did not know how to read music, they didn’t know how to read,” Silva explains.



## Eucharistic Miracles Lecture and First Friday Holy Hours

*Coeur du Christ Academy, Idaho*

Coeur du Christ Academy in Coeur d'Alene, ID, presents a wonderful opportunity for students, parents, and friends of the Academy to attend a **scholarly lecture on Eucharistic Miracles**. The Eucharistic Miracles program is a family-friendly event open to individuals of all ages, but specifically tailored for high school-aged youth and their families. Coeur du Christ Academy anticipates approximately 200 attendees.



Additionally, because the Coeur du Christ's motto is Christus in Corde Omnium (Christ at the Heart of everything), the Academy also emphasizes the importance of First Friday devotions including Mass, Confessions, Holy Hour, and the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament. Following morning Mass and Adoration, Coeur du Christ Academy hosts religious and academics as guest lecturers to present a scholarly or spiritual formational presentation to the students.



*The first photo (left) is from the Eucharistic Miracles lecture, the photo of the students in Adoration (right) is from a First Friday devotion, and lastly the image of students kneeling before the statue of Christ was from a recent fundraiser (top).*

## Eucharistic Literacy Project

*Holy Child Catholic School, Tijeras, N.Mex.*

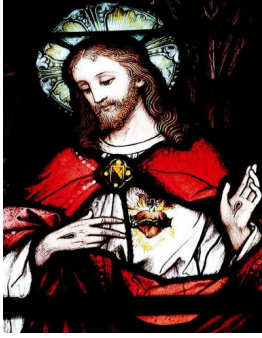
Our school is hosting a weekly Holy Hour. We have purchased a small Eucharistic library with resources for conducting a Holy Hour. We have provided digital resources as well to help people learn the basics about Eucharistic Adoration.

*"My inspiration came from the fact that I know that the real power behind any school initiative comes from Jesus Himself. Real transformation happens when we sit in front of Him in the Blessed*



*Eucharist. Only then can He renew our minds, heal our hearts and give us the inspiration and resources to have the school that He desires." (Janice Martinez, Principal)*

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I have made a private Holy Hour  
before the Blessed Sacrament  
at St. Raymond of Peñafort  
for you and for all the intentions  
which are dear to your heart.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed  
Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved  
with grateful affection, at every moment,  
in all the tabernacles of the world,  
even to the end of time. Amen.



## Prayer Cards for Eucharistic Adoration

*St. Raymond of Peñafort Catholic Church, Springfield, Va.*

We all traditionally offer and send a Mass card to someone for multiple reasons – birthday, anniversary, illness. St. Raymond's Catholic Church in Springfield, Va., has made prayer cards available for those making a holy hour for someone else.

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