

THE TASK FORCE FOR
**EUCCHARISTIC
EDUCATION**
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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.

The Cardinal Newman Society Names Three Eucharistic Fellows

The Cardinal Newman Society has selected three research fellows for its Eucharistic Education Task Force, which is expanding substantially in 2023-2024 during this crucial year of the U.S. bishops' Eucharistic Revival effort.

The fellows will develop guidance and resources for Catholic school, homeschool, and college educators on teaching the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist across the curriculum and increasing reverence and beauty in student Masses, Eucharistic adoration, Eucharistic processions, and prayer. The Cardinal Newman Society will then get these materials into the hands of school and college chaplains, teachers, professors, principals, presidents, superintendents, and others who have the ability to strengthen Catholic education. [Read more](#)



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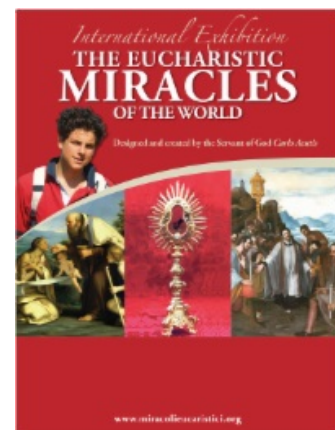
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**DO YOU HAVE A
PROJECT TO SHARE?**

Eucharistic Miracles Collection

The Cardinal Newman Society

Eucharistic miracle displays have recently become popular with the beatification of Carlo Acutis. Several schools and parishes have already submitted projects concerning the displays. More are welcomed. Here you will find a collection of existing projects on Eucharistic Miracles. Because there are numerous projects and resources on this topic, we have created this project-page as a gathering point for information on Eucharistic Miracles.



If you have another means of promoting Eucharistic education through the Eucharistic miracles exhibits, please let us know by **Joining** the Eucharistic Education Task Force and **submit it as a 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

There are over **60 projects** currently submitted as part of our Task Force. Check them out here!

ALL PROJECTS



Eucharist as the Great Teacher

Sangreal with Patrick Reilly

As reported by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, there are approximately 260 Catholic institutions of higher education operating in the United States today. But how can parents be sure that the college or university that they have their eye on will provide their children with an authentic Catholic experience with the Eucharist firmly grounded in the center? To learn more, we consulted with Patrick Reilly, president and founder of The Cardinal Newman Society.

Lesson Plan and Classroom Resources on the Real Presence of The Eucharist

Sophia Institute for Teachers

So many Catholics are ignorant of what the Eucharist actually is reveals an ugly crisis of faith in the Church today. If the majority of Catholics don't believe in the most fundamental truth of our Catholic Faith—the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist—what other teachings of the Faith do they not know, understand incorrectly, or simply choose not to believe? An important first

step in reclaiming an authentic Catholic Faith is to clarify just what we believe about the Eucharist and why it is the “source and summit” (Lumen Gentium 11) of our Christian life.

This month’s Teaching the Faith with Current Events explores what the Church proclaims about her most precious Sacrament, why the Eucharist should be preeminent in our lives and in our devotions, how we can truly participate in Christ’s Sacrifice at Mass, and what it means to carry our Faith out into the world with gratitude and joy.

In this lesson, students will:

- Learn what the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches about the Sacrament of the Eucharist.
- Read and analyze selections from Pope St. Paul VI’s 1965 Encyclical on the Eucharist, *Mysterium Fidei*, in which he proclaims that the Eucharist “should be the focal point and goal of all other forms of devotion” (64).
- Evaluate what it means to participate actively in the celebration of the Eucharist.
- Assess why so few U.S. Catholics believe in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist, as shown by the recent Pew Research survey of July, 2019.
- Discuss the ways that we can show reverence towards God in the Eucharist, and be witnesses of Christ in the world.



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