DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS



Office of the Bishop

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Dear friends in Christ,

"The reality that, in the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ without ceasing to appear as bread and wine to our five senses is one of the central mysteries of the Catholic faith." 1

But it is not enough for us to only enter this mystery once a week. We must continue to enter into it to renew our belief in Christ's real presence and seize the adventure that arises from an encounter with Him.

Therefore, I invite you to join me for "Into the Mystery," a special event coming up on June 10 in our diocese. It will be held at the Sturrus Sports and Fitness Center on the campus of Aquinas College from 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. This event will help move us into the parish year of the National Eucharistic Revival.

This day will be one of encounter – with both Christ and your Catholic brothers and sisters from around the diocese. The celebration will feature inspiring talks by Father Jonathan Kelly, rector of St. John Vianney College Seminary, and Missionary Meg Hunter-Kilmer, along with the celebration of Mass, a public Eucharistic procession, and the opportunity to visit the Vatican International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World. A family festival with food and beer for purchase will follow from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Understandably, the summer months are full of events so I invite you to join us for either all or a portion of the day. Tickets are just \$10 per person or \$40 for a family household. Registration is now open at: bit.ly/intothemysteryregister

We are nourished through the mystery of the Eucharist. Come encounter and celebrate what we have been given.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak

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1. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church, 2021, no. 21