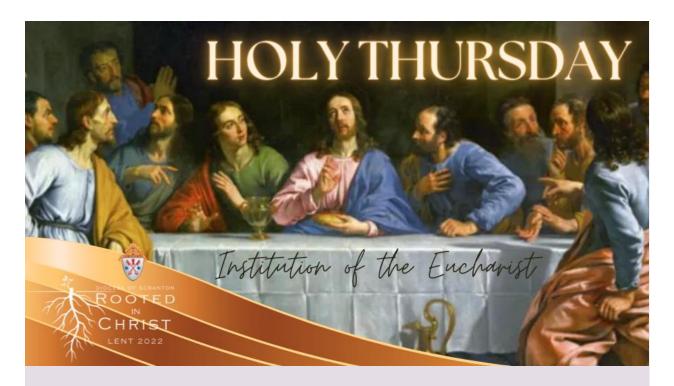




Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

With this Mass, celebrated in the evening of the Thursday in Holy Week, the Church begins the sacred Easter Triduum and devotes herself to the remembrance of the Last Supper. At the supper on the night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus, loving those who were his own in the world even to the end, offered his Body and Blood to the Father under the appearance of bread and wine, gave them to the apostles to eat and drink, then enjoined the apostles and their successors in the priesthood to offer them in turn. (Ceremonial of Bishops, 297)



The Lord accompanies us in many ways, but none as profound as when we encounter him in the Eucharist. On our journey toward eternal life, Christ nourishes us with his very self. Once, when told by someone that she no longer saw the point of going to daily Mass, the Servant of God Dorothy Day reflected: "We go eat of this fruit of the tree of life because Jesus told us to... He took upon himself our humanity that we might share in his divinity. We are nourished by his flesh that we may grow to be other Christs. I believe this literally, just as I believe the child is nourished by the milk from his mother's breast." (*The Duty of Delight: The Diaries of Dorothy Day, p. 483*)

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In late 2019, a Pew Study indicated what many had long suspected. Few Catholics, approximately 30 percent, fully believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In response to this startling news, the U.S. Bishops were inspired to action, and began to envision a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an

encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission "for the life of the world."

Over the course of 3 years, every Catholic diocese, parish, school, apostolate, and family is invited to be a part of renewing the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. You'll be hearing more about this in the days to come!



June 19, 2022 Feast of Corpus Christi launch of the Eucharistic Revival

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