



WEST VIRGINIA EUCHARISTIC CONGRESSES

April 21-22 | April 28-29 | June 2-3

Charleston Eucharistic Congress Breakout Sessions:

Session 1: Bishop Mark Brennan – “Believe what Christ said at the Last Supper, ‘This is my Body. This is my Blood!’” - This has been Bishop Mark Brennan’s emboldening message to the faithful during his ministry and is the emphasis of a national movement to help us enter into the Mass more fully and be sent out to share that love for the life of the world. Bishop Mark enthusiastically supported with his vote and promotion of the USCCB’s three-year Eucharistic revival - “a plan to revive the faith of our people in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is not merely a symbol. It is a reality of Jesus coming to us under the appearance of bread and wine – Jesus changes that into His Glorified Body and Blood.”

Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan was installed on August 22, 2019, as the 9th Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. He is the son of the late Edward Charles Brennan and Regina Claire Lonsway. Bishop Mark attended public schools in Massachusetts and Maryland before entering St. Anthony High School in Washington, D.C. He entered Christ the King Seminary in Alleghany, New York for a year of philosophy before attending the Pontifical North American College in Rome for his theological studies. Bishop Mark was a parish priest for nearly his entire career serving the faithful around Maryland and Washington, D.C. until 2016, when he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Baltimore with a focus on enhancing Hispanic Ministry.

Sessions 1 & 2: Deacon Harry Evans – Ministering to the Sick and Homebound: Offering the Gift of the Eucharist - Come and learn about ministering to the sick and homebound, especially from the perspective of a permanent deacon. Deacon Harry will share some personal experiences as well as present some practical aspects to keep in mind when visiting homes and hospitals to pray and offer communion to those who are ill or homebound.

Deacon Harry Evans was baptized in the Presbyterian Church and entered into full communion with the Catholic Church in 1980. He has been married 51 years to Marcia, has four children, retired from the coal industry in 2017, ordained permanent deacon in 2016, and is currently the Pastoral Associate at St Francis DeSales Parish in Beckley.

Session 1: Chris Bayardi - The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Catholic Identity - The highest goal of Catholic education is to connect what is learned to who is loved, Jesus Christ. Our celebration of the Eucharistic places us in intimate encounter with Jesus. This talk is geared toward Catholic educators (Catholic schools, PSR, OCIA, etc.) about creating and sustaining vibrant Eucharistic worship as part of your program.”

Session 2: Chris Bayardi - Not Impressed? This Is Dumb? (for Middle School and High School students) a presentation and conversation with young people on “How to focus on your relationship with Jesus amidst the voices and vices of the world.”

Chris Bayardi grew up in Wheeling, West Virginia where he graduated from Wheeling Central Catholic High School, earned a B.A. in Education from West Liberty University and later a Masters Degree in Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville. Chris has been around the block of Catholic Ministry and Education, working at the school, parish, and diocesan levels for over 20 years. Currently he works as a high school religion teacher and director of campus ministry. Chris and his wife Sarah have been married for 21 joyful years. They chip away at life on a little homestead in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia with their two sons.



Session 1 & 2: Shirley Carter - Bread: Blessed and Broken

More than nice alliteration this phrase identifies Jesus as the Bread of Life. It challenges us to unite our brokenness to His, to receive the fullness of life that he offers and to become that bread for others. This workshop will look at some of the references to bread in the Scriptures and what it means to be a Eucharistic people enabling us to say that we too “Recognize Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread.”

Shirley Carter is the mother of four daughters and is blessed with twelve grandchildren. She is a member of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Wheeling. Shirley has been involved in various forms of ministry throughout her life including director of parish youth ministry and director of spiritual formation at an elementary school level. She was a campus minister at the former Wheeling Jesuit University serving as the Director of Retreats and Leadership Programs. Currently, she is employed by the Diocese as the Director of Hilltop Campus Ministry at West Liberty University and Bethany College. She is also a facilitator through the University of Dayton’s Virtual Learning Community of Faith Formation. Shirley holds a Bachelor of Liberal Arts from West Liberty University and a Master of Theology degree from Wheeling Jesuit University where she was the recipient of the Pedro Arrupe Distinguished Alumni of the year in 2010.

Session 1 & 2: Missionary Servants of the Word/ Misioneras Servidoras de la Palabra (bilingual – Spanish and English) - The Mystery of the Eucharistic in the Life of the Church / El Misterio de la Eucaristía en la Vida de la Iglesia

-Reflection on the document written by the Bishops of the United States on the Eucharist that inspired the Eucharistic Revival. Discuss how the Eucharist can be the center of our lives and ignite a fire in our hearts.

-Reflexión del documento escrito por los Obispos de los Estados Unidos de América, sobre la Eucaristía que inspiró el Avivamiento Eucarístico. Debatir cómo la Eucaristía puede ser el centro de nuestras vidas y como puede encender el fuego en nuestros corazones.

Nora Covarrubias is a Missionary Servant of the Word. Originally from Mexicali B.C. Mexico she lived in Fontana, CA for the last 13 years. She is in her second year of mission and is very grateful to God for calling her to serve him through this experience where she has grown personally, learned more about the word of God, his love, and his will for us.

Nora Covarrubias es una Misionera Servidora de la Palabra. Originaria de Mexicali B.C. México, vivió en Fontana, CA durante los últimos 13 años. Ella está cursando el segundo año de misión y está muy agradecida con Dios por llamarla a servirle a través de esta experiencia donde ha crecido personalmente y ha aprendido más sobre la palabra de Dios, su amor y su voluntad para con nosotros.

Daniela Sandoval is 22 years old and a lay missionary with the Missionary Servants of the Word. Her family originally comes from Mexico but she was born and raised in the state of Idaho. She lived there all her life up until she decided to do this missionary experience and live this encounter with God. After finishing up her formation period she is now in Beckley for her first period of mission. She is super grateful towards God for allowing her to serve Him through this community here in West Virginia.

Daniela Sandoval tiene 22 años y es una Misionera Servidora de la Palabra. Su familia proviene originalmente de México, pero ella nació y creció en el estado de Idaho. Ella vivió ahí por toda su vida hasta que decidió experimentar ser misionera y vivir el encuentro con Dios. Después de terminar su período de formación, ella reside en Beckley, donde cursa actualmente su primer período de misión. Ella está agradecida con Dios por permitirle servirle a través de esta comunidad aquí en West Virginia.



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Session 1 & 2: Clare M. Tupta – (youth and young adults) "My Journey to Encountering the Real Presence and the Call to Eucharistic Reverence".

Come and hear the personal testimony of a college student who realized Christ's True Presence as well as the changes she made in her life when she encountered this truth. Clare will speak on Eucharistic reverence as our ultimate calling and as the foundation of all human love.

Clare Tupta is a native of Charleston, West Virginia. She grew up a parishioner at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral and is currently a rising senior at Ave Maria University in Florida. Her major is Theology, and she has the desire to become a Catechist. For her, the Eucharist is God's greatest gift to us, and I desire for all to come to know how much He desires union with us.

Sessions 1 & 2: Mark Tirona – (children K to 5th Grade) The Bread of Angels

In this two session long interactive track children will learn about how the Old Testament is fulfilled in the New Testament and how that continues into the present day. Activities will include role playing, consuming regular bread, and participating in dynamic activities aimed at raising their understanding and appreciation of the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Mark Tirona is a graduate student in both the Catechetics and Philosophy programs at Franciscan University of Steubenville. He is also the Director of Religious Education at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Weirton, WV. Mark has three beautiful children, Catherine, Olivia, and Bernadette, with Jonah, to whom he has been married for 18 years.

Session 1: Bernadette McMasters Kime – Feasting at the Table of the God's Word. During the Eucharistic liturgy, we hear about the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Church teaches that Christ is truly present in the Word as well as the Eucharist. This presentation explores what we mean by "feasting on God's Word" and offers practical insight on how the Word can be alive in us and "feed" God's people. Those who minister as Lectors (Readers) are encouraged to attend, as well as anyone who wishes to delve more deeply into the importance of God's Word in our lives.

Bernadette Kime has been the director of the Office of Worship and Sacraments for the Diocese since 2009. She has recently earned a PhD in Instructional Management and Leadership from Robert Morris University. She is an instructor for Saint Meinrad Seminary Permanent Diaconate formation program. She travels across the Diocese giving presentations on various liturgical and spiritual topics. Bernadette lives in Wheeling with her husband Eric and two daughters: Erica, age 7 and Elena, age 5.

Session 1: FaithInWV Comes to Life– A MODERATED PANEL WITH SEMINARIANS (moderator: Joyce Bibey)

- Meet our seminarians and see what energizes their faith. They come from big families and small ones. We have cradle Catholics and those who have converted. While some have discerned religious life in high school, others didn't respond to God's call until later in life after they've had a career. Come learn about them in this session and see what they have to share in an interactive FaithInWV-style talk.



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Session 2: Joyce Bibey – Be a Saint & Keep it Real! - Come and hear stories of Saints and those the Church calls “Blessed” that we can relate to on our journey to keep it real – honoring Christ’s True Presence in the Blessed Sacrament! How is God calling you to be a saint? What are your holy habits? Let’s chat.

Joyce is your Manager of Social Media and Writing in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston’s Office of Communications and Marketing. She writes the diocesan FaithInWV e-bulletin; #FaithInWV feature stories, and the FaithInWV.org website. You can also find her byline in The Catholic Spirit. She grew up in Marshall County and attended St. Francis Xavier School and Bishop Donahue High School with her five siblings. After graduating from Fairmont State University with a degree in journalism and graphics, she worked for the Times Leader in Belmont County, Ohio, and The Columbus Dispatch News Service in Columbus. She also served as the Public Relations Director for Upper Arlington City Schools, before returning to West Virginia with her husband Lance to raise their two children, Boyd and Lane. Joyce worked as the office manager for St. Jude Parish in Glen Dale; and advancement director for Our Lady of Peace School in Wheeling before taking her current position at the chancery.

Sessions 1 & 2: Daniel Maul – Do We Really Need Another Renewal Program? How the Eucharistic Revival is Something New! - In this session, Daniel will explore the origins, nature, and purpose of the Eucharistic Revival. For example, “What is a revival, in Catholic terms? Why have the U.S. Bishops set us on this course of Eucharistic Revival? What issues are we trying to address as Church? What are we hoping comes out of this, for the U.S. Catholic Church? And what can we do, at the parish level, to help our people fully participate in this national movement?” Daniel will explore such topics as (1) the increasing polarization of U.S. Catholics into two distinct and rather opposing camps, (2) how Catholics sometimes follow cultural norms more than Catholic religious identity, (3) the two-part nature of our Faith: love of God and love of neighbor, (4) why Jesus Christ has given Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist, and, (5) how the Church is supposed to be a blessing to the world.

Daniel Maul hails from South Holland, Illinois, a southern suburb of Chicago. In the winter of 2020, he moved from Indiana with his wife (Amanda) and two small children (Daniela and Abram). He is the Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. Daniel has a Bachelor’s degree in Religious Studies and Philosophy from Saint Norbert College, and a Master’s degree in Theology from Catholic Theological Union, in Chicago. He did years of doctoral work in Theology at Loyola University Chicago, before finally giving up and ending as an ABD. He’s been a parish youth minister, a DRE, a high school theology teacher, and a part-time, adjunct, theology professor.