

IGNITE THE FAITH



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF KALAMAZOO

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST **Loving God and our Neighbor: Living the Mission of the Eucharist**

Loving God and Father, we give You thanks and praise! You have revealed Yourself to humanity as the Source of all creation, while at the same time as the One who wills us into existence, loves us unconditionally and extends Your mercy to us even in our sinfulness.

As the greatest expression of Your love, You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus, to be one with us by taking on our human nature, while remaining one with You in His divinity. Jesus taught us Your love, revealed You as Our Father, and showed us what it means to fulfill the greatest of all Your commands: to love You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength; and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Having fulfilled the mission You gave Him, to redeem the human race and to bring us the Gift of Salvation, Jesus revealed the perfect way to remain with us through the Gift of the Eucharist,

Continued prayer on back –

His Body and Blood, as our Food and Drink,
to nourish us on our journey of faith, and to give us
the strength to fulfill the Great Commandment of
loving God and neighbor just as He did.

Please send Your Holy Spirit upon each of us and
upon our entire Diocese so that, just as You inflamed
the hearts of the frightened Apostles on the original
Feast of Pentecost, so too, may the same Holy Spirit
Ignite the Faith in our hearts. May this holy fire of
Your love renew our devotion to this miraculous
Gift of the Eucharist, and set our hearts aflame with
love for You, so that we will joyfully share the
Good News of Your love with all those we meet,
especially the poor, the oppressed, the marginalized
and those who have never heard of Your love,
but who desperately need it.

May our dear Blessed Mother, to whose maternal care
and protection we have consecrated our Diocese,
intercede on our behalf and help us to do what she
always did in saying “Yes” to Your holy will. May her
prayers move us to stay close to her Son, Jesus,
through His Self-Gift in the Eucharist, and help us
live as His joyful disciples in this world, that we may
one day be brought to the joy of our Heavenly Home.

We ask this through Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord,
now and forever. Amen.



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