

# One Faith One Family 2021: The Eucharist and the Parish

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Livestreamed into the Parishes of the Archdiocese of Mobile

## Pastor and Parish Coordinator Guide

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The **One Faith One Family Conference 2021** will be different from any of our past conferences. In keeping with Archbishop Rodi's announcement of 2021 being "The Year of the Eucharist and the Parish", OFOF2021 will be held at our *parishes*, incorporating livestreamed content from the Archdiocese with live activities utilizing parish talent and volunteers.

This guide is meant to be a resource to parishes. Each of the parishes in the Archdiocese of Mobile is unique in blessings and challenges. Pastors, along with a parish coordinator of their choosing, can take this guide and utilize the resources of the parish to design an afternoon conference that meets the needs of their specific parish. Some parishes may choose not to have a children's program, but rather have the entire parish family stay together for the day. Some parishes may choose not to offer a meal. Some parishes may choose to substitute an activity of their own design. Please remember that the activities offered here are only suggestions. The Archdiocesan Conference Planning team has put this resource together, utilizing the experience that they have gained from years of designing conferences, volunteering in parishes, and working in fields related to the tasks needed, as a resource. Parish teams can take this resource and design a conference that is best suited for their parish.

We are not able to foresee what the Covid-19 situation may be at the time of the Conference. When designing the Conference for your parish, please plan for flexibility. We cannot foresee what restrictions we may still be under in late April. We may not yet be able to gather for a meal. We may not yet be able to gather in certain smaller areas of our parish grounds. We suggest that you plan for the best scenario, but know what you can do if Covid-19 numbers remain high.

There will be no charge to parishes from the Archdiocese for the livestreamed sessions, this resource, or any assistance from the Conference Planning Team. If an individual parish would like to offset any expenses related to conducting the conference (food costs, children's program costs, possible equipment rental), that parish can charge a registration fee.

Should you have any questions or need more resources for any portion of the Conference, the Office for Evangelization and Family Life is here to help. Please call (251-433-6991) or email ([oeffl@mobarch.org](mailto:oeffl@mobarch.org)) the office with your questions. Additionally, members of our Conference Planning Team are available to help with questions regarding specific tasks. Their contact information is listed after the conclusion of the task descriptions below.

When the Conference Planning Team designed the overall schedule for the conference, we planned around two time-critical segments of the Conference – the livestreamed portions and the Vigil Mass.

1. Set times for the Livestreamed portions:
  - 1:00 – Opening
  - 1:10 – Session A Talk
  - 2:45 – Session B Talk
2. Conclude the conference with the Vigil Mass at each parish

Because of the wide variety of Vigil Mass times, we offer to you, two example schedules: the first for parishes with Vigil Mass starting at 4:30 or earlier, and the second for parishes with Vigil Mass starting at 5:00 or later. Additionally, parishes that have late Vigil Mass times are offered additional resources so that the participants remain engaged until the Vigil Mass begins.

## Example Schedules - Timing the day around your Vigil Mass

### If your Vigil is at 5:00pm or later

12:00	Parish Family Lunch
1:00	<b>Livestreamed:</b> Opening Prayer, Welcome & Explanation, Roll Call (1:08 – Children (MS and younger) dismissed for their session)
1:10	<b>Livestreamed:</b> Session A Talk - The Real Presence – Damon Owens
1:55	Session A in the Parish – Celebration of the Gift of Eucharist: Eucharistic Procession or Adoration (with explanation)
2:40	Gather back for next session
2:45	<b>Livestreamed:</b> Session B Talk – The Parish – Archbishop Rodi
3:15	Session B in the Parish – Celebration of the Gift of Parish: Ministry Fair or Highlight of specific ministries of the parish or “Invitation to Ministry” Plan  Snack served
3:40 or 4:00	Session C – “The Mass” video (17 minutes) and small groups (Parishes can determine the starting time of this session based on the starting time of their Vigil Mass)
Varies	Vigil Mass

(If preferred, the Conference could end with dinner after the Vigil instead of having lunch.)

Optional activities are offered on page 24 for parishes with Vigils starting at or after 6:00.

### If your Vigil is at 4:30 pm or earlier (note: “Session C” comes first in this example because of the early time for the Vigil Mass)

12:00	Session C – Celebration of the Gift of Coming Together  12:00 - Opening Prayer at Parish, Explanation 12:10 - Mass Video – 17 minutes 12:30 - Small Group Discussions
1:00	<b>Livestreamed:</b> Opening Prayer, Welcome & Explanation, Roll Call (1:08 – Children (MS and younger) dismissed for their session)
1:10	<b>Livestreamed:</b> Session A Talk - The Real Presence – Damon Owens
1:55	Session A in the Parish – Celebration of the Gift of Eucharist: Eucharistic Procession or Adoration (with explanation)
2:40	Gather back for next session – Snack Served
2:45	<b>Livestreamed:</b> Session B Talk – The Parish – Archbishop Rodi

3:15	Session B in the Parish – Celebration of the Gift of Parish: Ministry Fair or Highlight of specific ministries of the parish or “Invitation to Ministry” Plan
Varies	Vigil Mass
After Mass	Parish Family Dinner

(Parish with 3:30 Vigil would move Session B to immediately after Vigil Mass, followed by Dinner)  
(If preferred, the Conference could begin with lunch at 11:00 instead of having dinner after the Vigil.)

**IMPORTANT: In order to keep all parishes up to date with the development of the details of the conference, please email the Office for Evangelization and Family Life the name, cell phone number and email address of the Parish Conference Coordinator at [oeff@mobarch.org](mailto:oeff@mobarch.org)**

Finally, we ask for your prayers for the success of the Conference, that the people of the Archdiocese of Mobile journey closer to Jesus and engage more fully with their parish. The Conference Planners are asking Saint Joseph and Saints Louis and Zelig Martin for their intercession. We invite you to join us in this prayer. (Please see page 56 for more information.)

Thank you for bringing the vision of this Conference to life in your parish. May God bless you and your parish family!

## Conference Volunteer Checklist

Pastors and Parish Coordinators will need to make sure that each of these tasks are covered. In larger parishes, you may want to have different individuals handle each of these tasks. In smaller parishes, one person may be able to cover a few tasks. Parish Coordinators are responsible for good communication to and among all of the task Volunteers. More detailed explanations of each volunteer's responsibilities begin on page 6.

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### ***Parish Emcee***

This individual is responsible for maintaining the flow of the conference, introducing each segment to the large group.

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### ***Meal & Snack Volunteer***

This individual is responsible for pulling together a group to feed all of the conference participants – beverages, snacks, and an optional meal.

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### ***Participant Registration Volunteer***

This individual is responsible for designing and implementing a registration strategy. It will be necessary to have a fairly accurate count of the number expected at the conference, and the ages of children attending.

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### ***Marketing Volunteer***

This individual is responsible for making parishioners and those living in the area aware of the upcoming Conference. This individual will also take photographs (or ask for a volunteer photographer) and take notes during the conference.

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### ***Technology Volunteer***

This individual is responsible for setting up and implementing the technology needs for the day, including audio and video for the livestream, audio and video for the DVD presentation, and audio for in-house presenters.

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### ***Adoration Volunteers***

Two parishioners are asked to pray in front of Jesus for the success of the parish conference, from Exposition (about 12:30) until the Eucharistic Procession at 1:55. Also responsible for asking individuals and groups to pray for the conference in the days and weeks prior.

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### ***Nursery Volunteer (optional)***

This individual is responsible for staffing the nursery for those younger than Kindergarten.

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### ***Children's Program Volunteer (optional)***

This individual is responsible for staffing and supplying the Children's Program for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8.

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In addition, you may want to have individuals responsible for the implementation of Sessions A, B, and C. Or, the Parish Coordinator may choose to be responsible for these him/herself.