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Message of the Apostolic Nuncio

Reflection on the Road to Emmaus and how the Eucharist sends the faithful on a mission characterized by synodality.

“Perhaps we started out by looking at Eucharistic revival and synodality as two unrelated things. However, I would propose that these two realities belong together by their very nature, and they shed light on one another...My brothers, our people need us to be ‘adventurers’ for the Lord. They need us to be united with one another. They need to see how our diversity, harmonized, displays the beauty of the Church and of the Catholic faith. They need to be reminded that salvation comes, not from one idea or another, but through a shared encounter with the living person of Jesus, who is love.”

- Address of His Eminence Cardinal Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

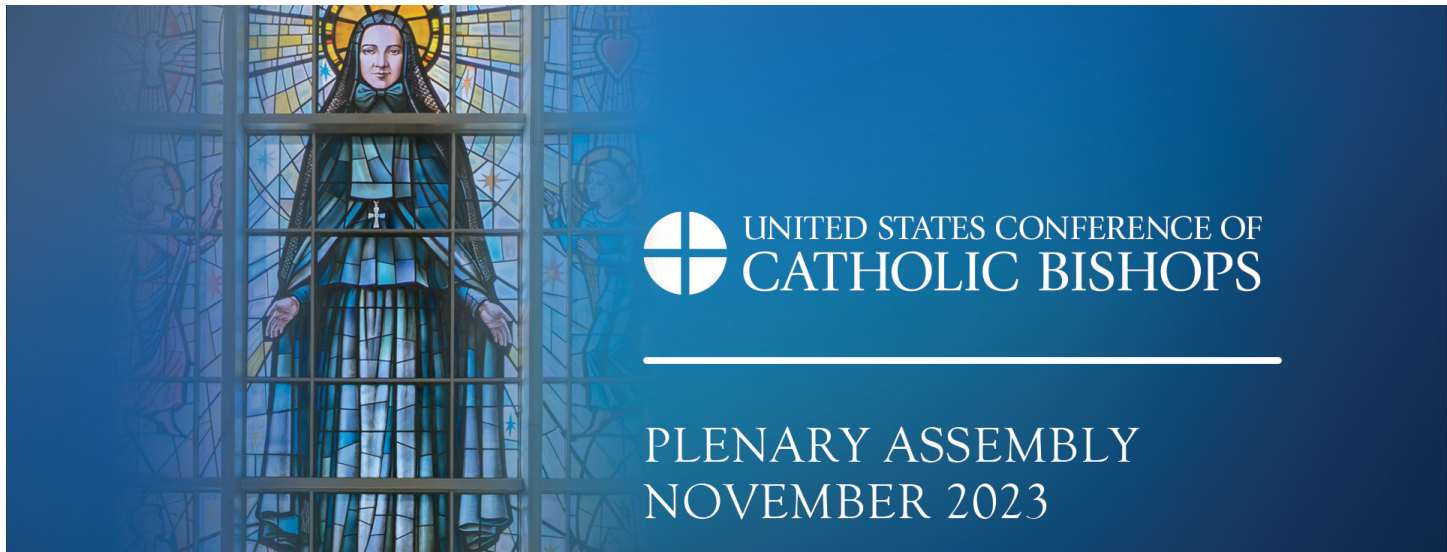
Message of the USCCB President

Synodality, evangelization, and calls for peace in Holy Land, Ukraine, Africa, Myanmar, Nicaragua, and Haiti

“Certainly, we pray that the Prince of Peace might enlighten those who determine the fate of the nations. We look out on our world and see so much armed conflict. We prayed for peace yesterday morning at our opening Mass and I know that we are ready to advocate for a lasting peace.”

- Address of His Excellency Timothy P. Broglio, President of the USCCB





Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Approval of new introductory note, five bulletin inserts, and a template video script for the bishops’ teaching document on political responsibility. The updated introductory note invites the faithful to “think with the mind of Christ” in political engagement and civil dialogue.



A Synodal Church in Mission

Conclusion of the first session of the 2021-2024 Synod: Communion, Participation, and Mission. Delegates shared experiences of solidarity at the synod in Rome and hopes for the coming year.

Eucharistic Revival and Congress

Blessing by Pope Francis on the Eucharistic Congress. Now in its Parish Year, the Eucharistic Revival is mobilizing parishes and offering accompaniment the faithful in small groups. Eucharistic pilgrimages are planned for the spring, ahead of the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2023.



Mental Health Campaign

Bishops’ campaign to address mental health crisis in the United States launched a novena in October on World Mental Health Day. The campaign aims to raise awareness, address the stigma, and advocate for help for those who need it.

Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism

Reauthorization of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism for a period of two years with the added mandate of determining a permanent place within the Conference. The committee seeks to teach about and to witness to the intrinsic dignity of the human person as an antidote to the grave sin of racism.

