From the Eucharistic Revival Website:

“The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.”

“The difficulties and challenges over the last few years have shed light on the Church’s need for healing, unity, formation, and conversion. More than 30 percent of Catholics have not returned to the pews post-pandemic, and recent data reveals that the majority of Mass-going Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The past decade has also seen the rise of the “nones” among the millennial generation, with more than 40 percent now self-identifying as “unaffiliated” with any religion. Many young Catholics find the faith to be irrelevant to the meaning of their lives and challenges.”

“Grounded in prayer and seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the National Eucharistic Revival has four primary goals:

1. To provide a more profound encounter with Jesus Christ in the Sunday liturgy as a point of unity among all Catholics, and through this powerful encounter, find personal healing and courage to take the Gospel to a world in need of authentic love – the love of Christ found in the Eucharist.
2. To spark personal conversions through the joyful discovery of a relationship with Christ by encountering the love of God present in Jesus in the Eucharist.
3. To elevate the truth and practices of our Catholic faith through the rediscovery of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist – the source and summit of our Church and of who we are as a people of God.
4. To form, inspire, and launch missionary disciples, filled with love of God and neighbor that comes from an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist, to the margins of the Church and the world.”

Upcoming Parish Phase

“The second phase will foster eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through eucharistic adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit. These local efforts will help convert hearts and minds to fall more deeply in love with Jesus Christ, truly present in the Holy Eucharist.”

What does this all mean for Catholic Schools?

- Catholic Schools must be the apostolates which witness first and foremost to our Eucharistic faith as the flagship institutions of Christian Education.
• If reverence for and understanding of the "source and summit" of living out our faith is not instilled in our students, we have failed.
• Catholic Schools must witness to that Eucharistic faith by a life of prayer and through missionary and service activities.
• Deepening of Eucharistic faith is not just for students. It begins first and foremost in educators and administrative staff.
• Eucharistic Coherence is critical to expressing our Eucharistic Faith. The Sacrament of Penance and effective pastoral accompaniment should be made available for faculty and staff so that they walk the path of Eucharistic Coherence in their lives of faith.

What do we propose Catholic Schools do in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City?

We propose different areas of emphasis for consideration during this year of the parish phase of Eucharistic Revival (2023-2024):

In the Classroom

• Place a special emphasis on Eucharistic catechesis in all grade levels of Religion/Theology
  o Discuss especially the meaning, history, symbolism, and theology of the Mass.
  o Emphasize the belief in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.
  o Discuss the devotional practice of Eucharistic Adoration and its role in the life of the church.
• Utilize age-appropriate resources to instill deeper understanding and spark amazement of the Eucharist and the Eucharistic liturgy (the Mass). (Catholic Schools office will be presenting resources at a later time)
  o Formed.org has several videos which accomplish this.
  o Eucharistic miracles compiled by Bl. Carlos Acutis can be found on http://www.miracolieuaristici.org/en/liste/list.html

In the Church

• Revisit School Mass protocols and practices with the following question in mind, “How can all school Mass be more reverent and reveal more clearly the Eucharistic mystery?”
• Implement at least once-monthly Eucharistic Adoration for all students.
  o Age appropriate time-spans. Always including at least some time of silence.
  o Catechesis before and mystagogy after. Could pray a vocal prayer together (eg. Litany of the Eucharist).
• Consider options to include more than 1 Mass for students during a week, especially in weeks with a Holy day of Obligation. Test having 2 or more Masses for students during a week.
• As a class, make a short (1 min) visit to the Blessed Sacrament (church/chapel) multiple times during the week or include a daily prayer affirming faith in the true presence.

Around the School/Around the Archdiocese

• Consider bulletin boards and other decoration which utilizes the theme of Eucharistic Revival
• Participate in upcoming traveling exposition of the Eucharistic Miracles (more details forthcoming)
• Participate in Archdiocesan-wide Eucharistic Revival prayer card contest for schools (more details forthcoming)