Dear Teachers, Catechists, and Friends,

The Diocese of Victoria’s Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, along with the Office of the Bishop, would like to thank you for everything you do for our children. You are a beacon of truth and light, filling their hearts with the Gospel and lessons of Christ’s love.

As you may know, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops has invited all dioceses to renew their understanding, love, and devotion to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of our Lord.

In an effort to help your parish and school promote Eucharistic devotion, the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis invites your students—as a religion and art class project—to participate in a Christmas Card Contest. Religion and art classes are asked to work together by incorporating Eucharistic lessons during the spring semester. The lessons should lead into the Christmas Contest where students will have an opportunity to take what they learned and share it in a creative way. The diocese will print the words, “O Come Let Us Adore Him” on the front of the cards.

Eucharistic resources can be found on our webpage (https://www.victoriadiocese.org/eucharistic-revival), or on the page for the National Revival National Eucharistic Revival: A Grassroots Response to God’s Invitation.

Students in PreK through 12th grades are invited to create a card no larger than 3.5” X 5” to promote adoration of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Cards should be hand-drawn which consists of artwork that uses pencil, paint, markers, crayons, etc. Each individual parish/school is encouraged to recognize their student’s exceptional work on a local level and then submit only the top 5 cards per grade level to our office to be judged on a diocesan level.

All submissions may be mailed to the Office of Catholic Schools or dropped off to your assigned Associate Vocation Director by Wednesday, May 3, 2023. The cards will be judged based on creativity, craftsmanship, effort, and the overall Eucharistic message. Winners on the diocesan level will have their cards go out as Bishop Cahill’s 2023 Christmas cards.

Thank you for your help in fostering a culture of devotion to our Lord in the Eucharist in our diocese. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 361-573-0828 X2213 or send us an email. We look forward to your student’s participation.

God’s blessings,

Father Jacob Koether, Episcopal Vicar for Evangelization and Catechesis, Diocese of Victoria