



IMMACULATE HEART^{OF}MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR MAY 30, 2021

Dear friends in the Risen Lord,

Next weekend, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, *Corpus Christi*, the Archdiocese of Atlanta, and the Catholic Church throughout the United States, will enter upon a multi-year period of Eucharistic renewal for the sake of advancing a new phase of evangelization. This effort will be called *Come to Me*.

In Archbishop Hartmayer's words, "this will be a time to renew and deepen our encounter with the Lord Jesus, especially in his Blessed Sacrament, to grow as his disciples, and to respond to the Lord's call to go forth and make disciples. All renewal in the church and in our hearts depends on the Lord Jesus, and we are called to rely more and more on his grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist is Jesus himself, really and substantially present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. As we worship and adore him, let us pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to guide our next steps as individual disciples, as families and communities of disciples, and together as an archdiocese."

At IHM, we will mark the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, and the beginning of the *Come to Me* Eucharistic renewal, by resuming all-day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays, beginning this Thursday, June 3. Beginning on that same day, the church building will once again be open during daytime hours for those who would like to enter to pray or to visit the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle oratory.

Please join Archbishop Hartmayer, Father Carlos and me in praying that, as we begin to recover from the physical and emotional toll of the global pandemic, the Church, the mystical Body of Christ, may also begin to recover spiritually.

Your brother in Christ's word and work,