

TRAVELING EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE EXHIBITS DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE FOR PARISH AND SCHOOL SECRETARIES

One of the Diocese of Evansville's initiatives for the Eucharist Renewal is to have traveling Eucharistic Miracle Exhibits (based on the work of Blessed Carlo Acutis), from Corpus Christi, June 19, 2022, until Corpus Christi, June 11, 2023, that will periodically be present at every parish, Catholic school, the Catholic Center and Catholic Charities.

Bishop Siegel has requested that the parish and school secretaries be the points of contact for facilitating the transfer of the exhibits from one location to another. (For the Catholic Center, the point of contact will be Andie Gunter, and for Catholic Charities, Kat Reneer.)

In essence, all that the points of contact are being asked to do is the following: receive a Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit Set on a given Tuesday, and on the following Tuesday, take it to a nearby location (a nearby parish or school). This will only occur 6 (maximum 7) times during the course of the year (approximately once every 8 weeks).

Please read the following attentively. It contains a lot of information, but it will a good reference that will help everything flow smoothly throughout the year.

Regarding the Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit Sets:

There are a total of 9 "sets" of Eucharistic Miracle Exhibits. Each set consists of 10 panels. Every parish and school will receive 6 or 7 of these sets over the course of the year. Each panel is approximately 2 feet wide by 2.5 feet tall. Two of the panels are the same for every set. They address "What is a Eucharistic Miracle?" and "Who is Blessed Carlo Acutis?" The other 8 panels in every set present different Eucharistic miracles. This means that people will be exposed to a total of 48 (or 56) different Eucharistic miracles over

the course of the year. If you would like to see what the panels look like, please visit: <u>http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/galleria/en/galleria.html?wh=presentazione_della_mostra</u>. The 10 panels (made of a corrugated plastic, similar to yard signs) will arrive to you together with a duffel bag that contains 10 foldable tripods.

Regarding the Schedule for Hosting the Exhibits:

In the file entitled "Eucharistic Miracle Exhibits Schedule," you will find a table that contains the schedule for every location in our diocese. Each location only needs to concern themselves with their own row, plus the row directly above their row and the row directly below their row (for the first row, #1—Christ the King, Ferdinand—the row "above" is the last row, #73—St Mary, Huntingburg; likewise, for the last row, #73—St Mary, Huntingburg—the row "below" is the first row, #1—Christ the King, Ferdinand).

- The box in green contains the first date on which you will receive a Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit Set, labeled one through nine. All the listed dates are Tuesdays. If your green box is in bold and italics, the Office of Catechesis will coordinate getting the set to you. For everyone else, *the location listed immediately above your row will be responsible for getting the set to you on your date*. Each location will have 1 set for 1 week. *On the date listed just below your row, you are responsible for getting the set to that location on the date indicated in the box in their row*. For example, Christ the King, Ferdinand (#1) will give Set 1 to St Francis of Assisi, Dale (#2), on June 21, 2022. In turn, St Francis of Assisi, Dale (#2), will give Set 1 to St Martin Parish, Chrisney (#3), on June 28, 2022.
- The box in red contains the last date on which you will receive a Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit Set. You will have it for that week, and then you will get it to the location indicated directly below your row. If your red box is in bold and italics, you will coordinate the return of the exhibit to the Catholic Center (after you have it for that week) with Andie Gunter in the Office of Catechesis.
- Apart from locations #1–8, you will notice that your dates do not read in order from left to right. Simply start with the green box and follow the dates in order as they "wrap back around" until you get to the red box. For example, the first set that Holy Redeemer Parish (#36) will receive is Set 6. They will receive it on July 5, 2022, and give it to the Catholic Center (#37) on July 12, 2022. They will next receive Set 7, Set 8, and Set 9. After Set 9, they will receive Set 1 and then Set 2.
- The location giving the set to the next location is responsible for contacting the receiving location to coordinate with them how best to get the set to that location. For example, Christ the King, Ferdinand (#1), is responsible for contacting St Francis of Assisi, Dale (#2). If for some unforeseen reason, your location is waiting to receive a Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit Set, and your date for receiving the set arrives and you have not heard anything, please contact the location from which you should be receiving the set. If that doesn't resolve the issue, then please contact the Office of Catechesis by calling the Catholic Center (812-424-5536 or 800-637-1731) or by emailing Andie Gunter at agunter@evdio.org.

A few important "clarifications"...

• If for some reason, one of the given Tuesdays really doesn't work out for the two locations to transfer one of the sets between their locations, please feel free to arrange a time/date between yourselves as close as to that date as possible. In other words, if that Tuesday doesn't work, simply do it on Wednesday or whenever you can.

- It was not feasible to calculate all of the various school vacations into the rotation. If the school happens to be on vacation for the entire week in which they are scheduled to receive a set, then simply get it to the next non-school location on the list on the date that they would have given it to that school. For example, St Martin, Chrisney (#3), is scheduled to give Set 1 to St Bernard School, Rockport (#4), on July 5, 2022. St Bernard School will be in summer vacation. Therefore, St Martin, Chrisney, will simply arrange to give Set 1 to St Bernard Parish, Rockport (#5), on July 5. Consequently, St Bernard Parish, Rockport, will have Set 1 for 2 weeks instead of 1 week. They will give Set 1 to St Clement Parish, Boonville (#6), on July 19, 2022. Even if a school misses out on one of their scheduled times to host one of the sets, they will still have a number of other sets that they will host over the course of the year. If a school's vacation only effects a few days of the week, then that school would still receive the set for their scheduled week.
- Regarding linked or merged parishes, each "parish" is scheduled to receive the Eucharistic Miracle sets. Even in the cases in which a parish is linked with another parish, the individual parishes are scheduled to receive the exhibits. In the case of churches (campuses) that have been merged to form a single parish, only the parish as such has been scheduled to receive the exhibit. The parish can then determine the campus or campuses where it wishes to display the exhibit. For example, Annunciation Parish, Evansville, may wish to alternate displaying Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit sets at its Christ the King Church campus and its Holy Spirit Church campus.

Regarding What to Do With the Exhibits:

Each location is encouraged to discern how to make the best use of their time hosting the various sets. The following are merely suggestions:

- Parishes and schools may wish to display the set in a prominent place. (This will depend a lot on the layout and available space at the parish or school.)
- Parishes may desire to promote the dates on which the parish will be hosting the sets and encourage their parishioners to bring others to come see the display.
- Priests or deacons may want to dedicate a homily to the topic of Eucharistic miracles, the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis, etc.
- Parish Catechetical Leaders could have religious education classes, youth ministry, adult faith formation groups, etc., take advantage of viewing the displays, offering an explanation on Eucharistic miracles, Blessed Carlo Acutis, etc.
- Catholic schools may want to dedicate part of the class time dedicated to religion to discuss the panels and talk about the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Thank you so much for your assistance with this initiative! We believe that it will be an excellent way to help us keep our focus on the Eucharistic Renewal and to help us grow in our faith, love and appreciation for the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. If you have any remaining questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Catechesis by calling the Catholic Center (812-424-5536 or 800-637-1731) or by emailing Andie Gunter at agunter@evdio.org.