Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

FROM THE PASTOR

On Sunday, after the 7:45 AM Mass, the Pastor received a phone call from Bishop Misko giving him specific directive/instruction regarding the Eucharist at Corpus Christi Parish. He wanted the consecrated hosts in a ciborium NOT to be taken in advance from the tabernacle and kept in the back of the sanctuary. He wanted the small wooden table & oil lamp to be completely removed from that area behind the sanctuary. He specifically instructed the Pastor that the eucharist has to be taken from the tabernacle during Mass & brought directly to the altar.

Because of this phone call, the Pastor made an executive and pastoral decision for one of the Eucharistic Ministers (if the EM Captain is not physically able) to go to the tabernacle during the *"Sign of Peace,"* retrieve the eucharist and hand the ciborium to the Deacon at the altar. Likewise, after the communion distribution, the same EM will put the ciborium (and the low-gluten hosts) back to the tabernacle. This also meant that for Daily Mass, all the hosts needed to be distributed to the faithful be consecrated at that particular Mass so there is no need to go to the tabernacle during Daily Mass (meaning, the hosts should be counted before the Daily Mass according to the number of attendees with just around 5 extra pieces for late comers).

The Bishop was very concerned about the grave possibility of unintentionally desecrating the Eucharist by the current practice that the parish has been doing. This directive/instruction was not open for discussion. This was immediately implemented beginning Monday, August 24th. This directive/instruction directly came from the Bishop, the chief liturgist of the Diocese and so all that could be done was only to comply in obedience to the Bishop who is also the chief custodian of all the Church's sacraments.