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## Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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Dear Friends,

Greetings in our Lord Jesus Christ, who conquered death and saved us from our sins!

*“Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”*

Matthew 28:19-20

Jesus, who is ever present with us, has offered us His friendship, asks us to be His disciples, and, with this “Great Commission,” charges us with spreading the Gospel throughout the world – to be witnesses of the faith. However, He did not leave us alone. His presence is with us always, rooted in our relationship with Him.

In response to this commission, we remain focused on Jesus’ Real Presence with us, particularly in the Eucharist. We seek to renew our appreciation for the Eucharist and ask ourselves how we can be witnesses to Christ both now and the days ahead, in our Real Future.

Therefore, it is with great joy that I invite you to a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Gathering where the faithful from across the diocese will come together to celebrate our connection with our Lord in the Eucharist and reflect on the presence of Jesus in our lives! This two-day event on August 27 & 28, 2021 will include Mass, prayer, a Eucharistic procession, worship, and talks. The Most Reverend Nelson Perez, Archbishop of Philadelphia, will be our keynote speaker. It is sure to be an uplifting and joyful time as we gather together as united people of God. For more information and registration, go to [RealPresenceRealFuture.org](http://RealPresenceRealFuture.org).

Brother and sisters, our Lord is always calling us into a deeper relationship with Him, and I invite you to respond by being part of this special event celebrating the sacramental life of the Church. I am blessed to be with you on this journey of discipleship and look forward to our future together.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan  
Bishop of Columbus