



10th National Eucharistic Congress
A 3-Night "Return to the Spirit in Indianapolis"
Grow in Love with the Eucharistic Jesus Christ
Holy Trinity Parish

3 Sunday evenings - October 6, 13 & 20
5:00 – 6:30 PM

Each night begins in prayer and Scripture, includes short testimonials from our own Eucharistic Pilgrims, a recorded video key-note speaker from the Congress and ends with Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers, and Benediction. Drink and Dessert following.

Night 1: "INTO GETHSEMANE"

Night 2: "THE GREATEST LOVE STORY" Night 3: "THIS IS MY BODY"



SR. BETHANY MADONNA, SV: Sister Bethany is the local superior and mission coordinator of the Phoenix chapter of the Sisters of Life. There, she walks with women in crisis pregnancy, women who have had abortions, and women who need support and guidance. At one point, Sister Bethany was herself a woman in crisis, not about pregnancy, but about her vocation. In her address to the Congress, she challenges all of us to ask God what He is calling us to do, and to answer Him with an unequivocal "YES!" Even though our calling seems challenging, like baby sea turtles trying to get to the waterline, our difficult journey to Heaven is necessary for our eternal happiness.



SR. JOSEPHINE GARRETT: We want to eat until we are full. Hunger is one of our natural desires because we require sustenance to live. It says in the Old Testament that the Israelite people, hungry in the desert, desired to return to slavery because there, they at least had enough to eat. They would rather die full slaves than as hungry pilgrims. Sr. Josephine Garrett speaks to the fact that it is natural to be hungry, but very often we deal with hunger, spiritual hunger, incorrectly. We should be hungry for the Lord and hungry for healing, but satiating those pangs begins with a hunger for repentance.



FR. MIKE SCHMITZ: If ignorance is the problem, then sharing the truth can lead us to knowledge, the solution to ignorance. But what if the problem isn't ignorance at all, but rather indifference? 60,000 people showed up to the National Eucharistic Congress to show reverence and honor to our God, present in the Holy Eucharist. Our problem is not that we don't know the truth. Our problem is that, too often, we just don't care. That was the message of Fr. Mike Schmitz, the keynote speaker for Revival Session 2: The Greatest Love Story. Several times throughout the night, he reminded us, "I'm not telling you anything you don't already know!" We don't need a Eucharistic Revival because we don't know the truth. We need the Revival because we lost our first love (Revelations 2:4).



MONSIGNOR JAMES SHEA: He was inaugurated in 2009 as the sixth president of the University of Mary. Msgr. Shea calls us to consider hunger and food as he provides the Biblical history of Salvation entirely from memory. "When I heard him speak, it was like I had just read the Bible in 35 minutes" (Dan H.). Monsignor Shea helps us draw all the connections of God's love and how He feeds us "True Food, and True Drink." This talk is a beautiful capstone to our three nights together.