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"the ANSWER" Eucharistic Rally to Launch the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage as it Travels Through Diocese of La Crosse

La Crosse, WI. For the first time in 83 years, our nation will celebrate a <u>National Eucharistic</u> <u>Congress</u> in July 2024. National Eucharistic pilgrims will travel along four routes that originate in California, Texas, Connecticut and Minnesota. After traveling across the Golden Gate Bridge, through Manhattan and across our country, <u>all four routes</u> will converge on Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN, for the National Eucharistic Congress. Over 25,000 people have already registered for the event.

<u>The Marian Route</u> originates in Lake Itasca, MN, and will travel through the Diocese of La Crosse. Six months from today, on June 7th, 2024, Bishop Robert Barron, the National Eucharistic Pilgrims and the pilgrims from the Diocese of Winona-Rochester will meet Bishop William Patrick Callahan and our diocese on the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse, WI, to transfer the Blessed Sacrament to the Diocese of La Crosse.

The procession will then walk to the La Crosse Center for "<u>the ANSWER</u>"—a Eucharistic Rally that features nationally and internationally known speakers and musicians. National Catholic media, Catholics from across our 19 counties and many more people who simply want to encounter Christ will attend. <u>*Registration for "the ANSWER" opens on December 15th, 2023.*</u>

Pilgrims will <u>accompany Jesus through the Diocese of La Crosse</u> with stops at La Crosse (La Crosse Center, Viterbo, The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe), Sparta, Wisconsin Rapids, Ellis, Marshfield, Colby, Abbotsford and Wausau before traveling to the Diocese of Green Bay. The pilgrimage will touch all corners of our diocese and allow people from across Wisconsin to encounter Jesus Christ through adoration, Mass, prayer, fellowship, presentations on Eucharistic miracles and features on our Wisconsin natives on the path to sainthood. We are overjoyed.