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“the ANSWER” National Eucharistic Rally Thousands in Attendance & Less Than Four Weeks Away

La Crosse, WI. For the first time in 83 years, our nation will celebrate a [National Eucharistic Congress](#) in July 2024. National Eucharistic pilgrims will travel along four routes which originate in California, Texas, Connecticut and Minnesota. After traveling across the Golden Gate Bridge, through Manhattan and across our country, [all four routes](#) will converge on Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN, for the National Eucharistic Congress. Over 40,000 people have already registered for the event.

[The Marian Route](#) originates in Lake Itasca, MN, and will travel through the Diocese of La Crosse. Less than four weeks from today, on June 7th, Bishop Robert Barron, the National Eucharistic Pilgrims and the pilgrims from the Diocese of Winona-Rochester will meet Bishop Gerard Battersby 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 “[the ANSWER](#)”—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. Bishop Barron will serve at the homilist and Bishop Battersby, in one of his first functions as the new Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse, is the celebrant. **Over 2,000 people have registered to attend.**

Media are welcome to attend the rally. Please coordinate attendance with Erik (info below).

“the ANSWER” timeline and speaker information: [the Answer / Diocese of La Crosse \(diolc.org\)](#)

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