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Bishop's Reflection

July 2022

Jesus: "Come, I'm waiting for you in the Eucharist."

Come, let us adore the *Hidden Jesus* in the Blessed Sacrament.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last month we welcomed the beginning of the three year National Eucharistic Revival with the celebration of the Solemnity of the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. As June was dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, this month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus.

As we continue to acknowledge the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist, I would like to congratulate all the children throughout our diocese who have recently received Jesus - the Eucharist - for the first time. As your Bishop, I am proud of you and joyful to see your love of Jesus in Holy Communion. I thank your parents, and those in the parishes, who have helped you to prepare for your First Holy Communion. With the love and support of your parents, you will be able to continue to attend Mass on Sunday in order to listen to the Gospel of Jesus and to receive his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in Holy Communion.

During the month of July, as a sign of our love and devotion to Jesus, we can do what little St. Francisco Marto of Fátima did. Francisco would spend time visiting, as he referred to as: "the Hidden Jesus" present in the Eucharist within the tabernacle of his parish church. That's a great idea! You, too, can visit the Blessed Sacrament in *your* parish church! As a family, plan to spend some time to visit the *hidden Jesus* during this month of July. Together, it is a perfect way to thank Jesus for the gift of his Most Precious Blood that you and I receive in the Eucharist.

All of us need Jesus in order to continue to grow strong in our faith. So, let us continue to come to church to participate in the celebration of the Mass and to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.



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Remember: He is waiting for you and me!
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Children, once again, congratulations on receiving your First Holy Communion.
God bless you and your families.
This is my prayer for you: Grow strong in the Eucharist!
Enjoy your summer.

In the Peace of Christ,

Obispo Myron J. Cotta