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July 21-23, 2023

**Catholic University of America
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Pastoral Invitation from Bishop J. Arturo Cepeda, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S., and Bishop Jerome Feudjio

The Church in the United States is experiencing profound demographic shifts. Fulfilling its mission has much to do with finding effective ways to proclaim the gospel and offer its pastoral care in the context of an adequate cultural setting for such diversity.

Although the Church has already taken key steps to make African Catholics feel welcomed, there is still much work to do in order for us to be truly effective at instilling in African Catholics a sense of belonging after they have arrived in the U.S. For this reason, the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church is convening the fourth African National Eucharistic Congress, to effectively respond to the urgent pastoral needs of African Catholics. This event will gather African Catholics throughout the United States to reflect on "A Response to the Lord's Prayer, 'That They May All Be One.'"

The Eucharistic Congress will be held in Washington DC, from July 21-23, 2023, at the Catholic University of America, 620 Michigan Ave, NE, Washington, DC 20064. Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio, Bishop of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands will be the main celebrant at the opening Mass on Friday, July 21, 2023, at 8:30PM. Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens, Bishop of Crookston, Minnesota will lead the "United in the Eucharist" Procession on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 3:00-4:00PM. Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Archbishop of Washington will be the Keynote Speaker on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 10:00AM and the Main Celebrant at the Unity Mass on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 4:30PM, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave, NE, Washington, DC 20017.

The Church in the United States is truly blessed with many African Catholics whose presence has enriched her. African priests and sisters are engaged in various ministries that assist and care for the faithful, among whom are many that have come from distant countries. We are very grateful for their service.

We personally invite you to participate through your generous support as sponsors of the African National Eucharistic Congress. Your gifts can fulfill the hopes and vision of our Church leadership and members.

Thank you for your consideration of supporting the African National Eucharistic Congress. Be assured of our gratitude for your attention to our request.

May God's blessings be upon you!



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The Fourth African National Eucharistic Congress

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The Fourth African National Eucharistic Congress (ANEC) is an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' office on Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers aimed at encouraging a deeper faith in the Blessed Sacrament and a fresh realization of its centrality in the Christian life and mission of the Catholic Church. This is an opportunity for African Catholics to gather together to experience mutual support, renewal of their lives, sharing of their values and cultures, to draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist, and use the central place of the Eucharist to effect transformation in their lives, societies and nations.

The number of Catholics coming from Africa in the last 10 years has increased significantly. Their desire to live their faith in communion and collaboration with all the Catholics in the United States is a great sign of the genuineness of their Catholic faith. Moreover, they want to develop the values that come from their Catholic and African cultures and instill them into their children and families.

The Fourth African National Eucharistic Congress is expecting approximately 5,000 participants, many of whom are priests, religious, lay Catholics and other leaders. This is an effective opportunity to engage dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, associations, and lay Catholic leaders. It is a powerful platform for addressing critical and current social and pastoral needs of African Catholics such as immigration, cultural unity in diversity, solidarity, stewardship, evangelization, and proclaiming the gospel in the spiritual peripheries. We encourage you to join us to be part of this historic moment in the life of the Church.

THEME

"A Response to the Lord's Prayer, 'That They May All Be One'"

PURPOSE

The purpose of the African National Eucharistic Congress (ANEC) is to gather African Catholics in the United States to celebrate their Catholic faith and strengthen their response to be missionary disciples.

WHY THE AUDIENCE AT THE AFRICAN NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS IS IMPORTANT

The Church in the United States is experiencing profound demographic shifts. For this reason, fulfilling the mission of the Church has much to do with finding effective ways to proclaim the gospel and offer its pastoral care in the context of an adequate cultural setting for such a diverse people. Although the Church has already taken key steps to make African Catholics feel welcomed, there is still much work to do for us to be truly effective at instilling in African Catholics a sense of belonging.

According to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), the African Catholic population has grown by 238 percent since 1980. This makes African Catholics the fastest growing Catholic population in the world. CARA has also shown that there are at least 35 dioceses in the United States with more than 1,000 African Catholics. There are more than 2 million Africans in the United States today.

For this reason, we believe this Eucharistic Congress is taking place at a critical time for both Africans and the Catholic Church in the United States.

SHOWCASE YOUR ORGANIZATION IN FRONT OF:

- Catholic Bishops
- Pastors and Priests
- Religious Communities
- Lay Ecclesial Professionals
- Parish and Diocesan Leaders
- Ecclesial Movements
- African Young Adults
- National Catholic Organizations
- Catholic Educational Services
- Social Service Agencies and Hospitals

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LEVEL	BENEFITS
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LEVEL	BENEFITS
Gold \$12,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-page recognition in Program Book • Opportunity to include single item giveaway in attendee tote bags • Invite to Pre-Event Sponsors' Reception with the Bishops • Digital acknowledgment placed on screens in general session, and on ANEC website (with clickable link to organization's website) • Organization Video Presentation to showcase the mission of your organization. (Only non-profits. Two to three minutes max – USCCB approval required) • All Sponsors recognized (but not by name) in the Prayer of the Faithful at all the Event Masses
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SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Financial support for delegates will be made available to dioceses, particularly those in most need of assistance to ensure the participation of their entire delegation. Sponsors can also contribute to the scholarship fund dedicated to the financial assistance of delegates attending the Eucharistic Congress.

THE AFRICAN NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ENGAGES THIS POPULATION

- Over 10,000 African Catholics throughout the United States
- 100+ dioceses and archdioceses across the U.S. engaged
- 2,500+ parishes, universities, Catholic schools, lay ecclesial movements and other organizations participate in the process

“The Church in Africa is entering a new era, an era in which she will be called increasingly to reach out generously beyond her national and continental frontiers and to place her resources and gifts at the service of the universal Church. What you have received as a gift you now wish to give as a gift” (Pope John Paul II in Nairobi, Kenya for the 43rd International Eucharistic Congress, August 11-18, 1985)



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<input type="checkbox"/> GALA Dinner for all participants (Saturday August 7, 2021) \$9,000 (Includes Sponsor's Video Presentation)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch for African Priests and Sisters (Friday August 6, 2021) \$5,000 (Includes sponsor's tent-card on tables)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor a Coffee & Refreshments Break \$2,500 (Includes sponsor's sign by refreshments area)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner for all ANEC Participants (Friday August 6, 2021) \$5,000 (Includes sponsor's tent-card on tables)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor Presenters \$5,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Workshops (8) \$500 each

Sponsors are critical for the success of African National Eucharistic Congress. Please DONATE. Payments can be made using MasterCard or Visa or check made payable to ANEC/PCMRT/USCCB.

**Mail the check to:
ANEC/PCMRT/USCCB
3211 Fourth Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017
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"Those who are touched by God's grace cannot turn in on themselves and live only for themselves; they are always on the march, always driven to go forward – and to go forward together."

Pope Francis





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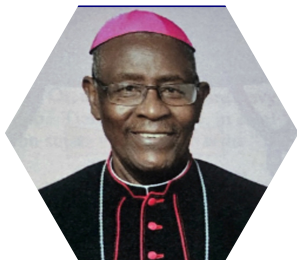
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PRAYER FOR THE AFRICAN NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Lord Jesus Christ, on the eve of your sacred passion, you instituted the Holy Eucharist as the Sacrament of your Body and Blood. We invoke your divine presence among us as we gather for the African National Eucharistic Congress.

Our Eucharistic Jesus Christ, it is your will that the Church in every nation, culture, and language be fed, nourished, and sustained by Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Grant that we may be found worthy to share in the eternal banquet of heaven with all the saints.

Draw us together by our faith in you and set our hearts on fire with love for you and our neighbors. Renew a right spirit within us, to be instruments of your peace and justice. May we celebrate this precious gift of unity with joy and bear faithful witness to the gospel all the days of our lives.

We ask that through the celebration of the African National Eucharistic Congress, we who are many, with diverse cultural backgrounds, may become one for your greater honor and glory. May Mary Our Mother of Africa, your Mother, intercede for us always in your presence. We ask this in your name Jesus Christ is Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.



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