



## **Eucharistic Procession Procedures**

### **Time and Parking**

**Sunday, June 19 at 7pm** at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Street parking is available around the Cathedral and at the Fourth Avenue North Parking behind the Cathedral.

### **Arrival Procedures**

Upon arrival, some individuals may wish to enter the Cathedral where the Blessed Sacrament will already be exposed. Once the Cathedral is full, please assemble according to your parish, school or apostolate outside the Cathedral. The Birmingham police department will have Third Avenue blocked off so that we can assemble in the streets. Parishes and groups will follow behind the Blessed Sacrament in procession at the invitation of an MC. Everyone is invited to carry their banners or statues or any other appropriate devotional items that they wish to carry in procession. Lighted candles and a liturgical resource to be used during the procession will be distributed to all prior to the procession.

### **Clergy**

Deacons and Priests who wish to process are invited to vest in cassock/surplice or alb and white stole. Clergy are invited to assemble at 6:30 in the marked reserved pews of the Cathedral so that they can take their proper place in the procession.

### **Altar Servers**

Altar Servers from all parishes are invited to assist in the procession, vested in their respective altar server robes from their parish. Altar servers are invited to arrive at 6:30 in the *upper level* of the Cathedral of Saint Paul Family Life Center. They will be guided to their place in the procession, and they will return to the Family Life Center after the procession.

### **First Communion Children**

Those children who received their First Holy Communion this year are invited to dress in their First-Communion outfits and process ahead of the Blessed Sacrament, strewing rose petals. These children are invited to meet in the *lower level* of the Cathedral of Saint Paul Family Life Center at 6:30 where the petals will be provided. They will be guided to their place in the procession, and they will return the Family Life Center after the Procession.

### **Route**

The Birmingham Police department will escort the Eucharistic Procession which begins and ends at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. The route is 1.1 miles through downtown Birmingham and will take approximately 30-40 minutes to make in solemn procession.

### **Solemn Benediction**

At the end of the Procession, the Blessed Sacrament will return to the altar of the Cathedral. Clergy and Faithful are invited to fill in the Cathedral as they are able. Once the Cathedral is full, the faithful will once again fill out into the streets. Exterior audio will be provided. After the incensation at the Cathedral altar, the Blessed Sacrament will come to the Cathedral Steps for the final Eucharistic Benediction.