

**Corpus Christi Campaign**  
**Fewer Priests, Fewer Parishes: What We Can Do NOW!**

*end mandatory celibacy\*welcome back married priests\*ordain women deacons*

**Petition to the International Synod on the Eucharist**

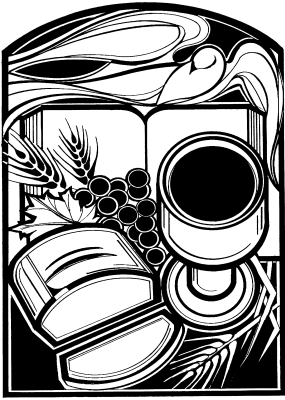
(This petition will be sent to U.S. cardinals and bishop delegates to the **International Synod on the Eucharist**.)

**Whereas**, nearly half of the world's parishes and missions have no resident priest, requiring millions of Catholics to go without Mass and the sacraments; and

**Whereas**, mandatory celibacy is a church rule, not a church doctrine, and both a celibate and a married priesthood are God's gifts to the Church; and

**Whereas**, the early church had many women deacons such as St. Phoebe who delivered St. Paul's letter to the Church of Rome, (Romans 16:1-2); and

**Whereas**, we the undersigned wish to exercise our right under canon 212.2 to "make our views known about matters which concern the good of the Church."



**We therefore respectfully request** our leaders at the **International Synod on the Eucharist** to place the spiritual and sacramental needs of the People of God above every other consideration and begin a wide-ranging discussion among laity, priests, pastoral ministers and bishops about the need to remove mandatory celibacy as a requirement for the priesthood and to open the diaconate to the tens of thousands of qualified women serving the Church right now.

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2. Your name and address (including e-mail) will be entered into a special database so we can notify you of ongoing developments of a campaign which may well last several years. **If you do not wish to share your contact information with other likeminded groups, please tell us.**

3. Any donation to help cover costs is greatly appreciated.

4. **Make as many copies of this petition as you wish.**

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