**Email/letter from the pastor or parish**

*Sample email/letter for use by pastors/parishes to invite your parishioners to the Eucharistic Congress and help welcome our new bishop. Use this draft text as-is or adapt it to your needs.*

**Subject Line or Headline:** You’re invited! Let’s welcome Bishop Martin and show our [Parish Name] spirit!

**Body:** Dear [Recipient’s Name],

As we all yearn for genuine connection and community, we have a wonderful opportunity to find just that at this year’s Eucharistic Congress – where you can meet our new bishop and connect with what really matters: Jesus and His Church.

We hope you’ll help us demonstrate our parish spirit with a great turnout for the event Aug. 30-31 at the Charlotte Convention Center. Drop in for an hour, come for Mass, or come for two full days of speakers and programs – it’s totally free!

Even if you’ve been to the Eucharistic Congress before, you won’t want to miss our new Bishop Michael Martin, OFM Conv., a renowned speaker who entertains and inspires.

Festivities kick off at 5:15 p.m. Friday with an exciting night of music, drama and saintly inspiration. (Doors open at 4:30 p.m.) Hear Bishop Martin’s keynote address to young people, then meet him at a special reception afterward. Also, don’t miss Dove Award-nominated singer Sarah Kroger in concert and the premiere of a powerful movie about St. Maximilian Kolbe, “Triumph of the Heart.” Friday night also features a Spanish-language drama about the life of teen saint-to-be Carlo Acutis, and special appearances by former soccer pro Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck and Adoration Ultra runner Jimmy Coleman.

On Saturday, our parish will take part in one of the largest Eucharistic Processions in the U.S. It will step off at 9 a.m. outside St. Peter Church on South Tryon Street. Please gather along Third Street and join in behind our parish’s banner as it passes by.

The Eucharistic Congress also includes:

* Eucharistic Adoration and confessions available all day Saturday
* Closing Mass on Saturday afternoon with Bishop Martin and priests of the diocese (this fulfills your Sunday obligation)
* Inspirational speakers and programs tailored to young adults, youth and families in English, Spanish and Vietnamese
* Unique Catholic artwork and merchandise for sale

For the complete event schedule, parking info and more, please visit [GoEucharist.com](https://goeucharist.com/).

In Christ,

Fr. [NAME HERE]