ECHO Retreat June 23 – 25 ECHO is a dynamic and immersive Catholic retreat experience of St. John Paul II's landmark teaching called the Theology of the Body. This year, ECHO Chicago is geared towards young adults. ECHO is not just an intellectual exercise, but a journey into the heart where we discover the "distant echo" of God's plan for life and love from the very beginning. Our St. Alphonsus pastor Rev. Steven Bauer will be serving as chaplain on this retreat! Flyer to share here.

Website for more information.

Bread of Life Retreat June 23 – 25. The Bread of Life retreat will help teens discover that God has created them for a purpose, that they are loved and important to Him, and that He wants them to be fully alive and fully themselves. So many young people who have had encounters with God that have spurred them on to mission, and even into their vocations, have encountered that love in a powerful way through the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. From this encounter, teens are invited to live the mission with Jesus as active members of his Church. The Bread of Life retreat is designed to offer rising high school Juniors and Seniors from the Archdiocese of Chicago an encounter with Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The retreat will be a time of dynamic evangelization and catechesis, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, community building and authentic sharing of Gospel joy though our relationship with Jesus Christ, who is truly alive and with us in the Eucharist, and with one another. Teens will experience the Catholic Church not as a building or a thing they do, but a living community of people in love with Jesus who deeply desire to bring his message of love and mercy to the whole world. See the registration page for more information including age requirements and logistics.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is at a pivotal moment of structural and spiritual renewal, and that is a cause for great hope. We take up this effort at a moment in which the United States bishops have launched a Eucharistic Revival. This convergence reminds us that true renewal of the Church always involves recovering the importance of the Eucharistic celebration as the source and summit of our life as Catholics. From the Eucharistic celebration flows all the Church's prayer, activities and ministries. Pope Francis recently wrote that "the Christian faith is either an encounter with Him alive or it does not exist."

Everyone within the archdiocese is invited to unite in prayer for renewal and revival as we deepen the union with Christ and each other which we experience at Mass, by coming together for **celebrations of exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament led by our auxiliary bishops in each vicariate**. This flyer has the upcoming dates and locations. If you cannot attend in person, please join your prayers with everyone around the archdiocese during this time of renewal and revival.