

Archdiocese of Southwark

Preparing for the Liverpool Congress

7 – 9 September 2018.

Southwark Aims Stewards of the Eucharist

1. To renew our understanding of 'full conscious and active participation'¹ in the Eucharist.
2. To engender a deeper understanding of the place of the Eucharist as the 'source and summit'² of our lives.
3. To form us as missionary disciples gathered around the Eucharist³.
4. To strengthen our understanding of the relationship between the encounter with Christ in the Eucharist and our mission to the margins.⁴
5. To encourage a deeper love of the mystery of the Most Holy Sacrament which give us the energy for mission, compassion and service.⁵
6. To provide a variety of practical resources for Eucharistic adoration in parishes, schools, youth groups and other service groups.
7. To provide a deeper formation for special ministers of the Eucharist, and catechists in prayer, silence and contemplation.
8. To equip schools and school chaplains with resources for simple approaches to adoration of the Sacrament.

The Eucharist stands at the centre of the Church's life⁶

¹ *Sacrosanctum Concilium* # 14

² *Lumen Gentium* # 11

³ *One Bread, One Body* # 53

⁴ Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* # 3

⁵ Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* # 201, 312.

⁶ John Paul II, *Ecclesia De Eucharistia* #3

Guidelines for Southwark Delegates.

Every parish in Southwark is invited to send 2 delegates and every school invited to send 1 delegate as participants in the Congress. Please include religious orders when selecting delegates. The delegates become ambassadors for the project.

Deans, Head teachers, Parish Priests, Religious Orders:

Please search for a **Deanery Team**. Try to include: Catechists for First Communion Confirmation, Baptism & RCIA. Headteacher, Governor, RE Leader, Welcomer, Reader, Extraordinary Minister, Church care team, Adoration rep. J&P co-ordinator, Disability Carers. Invite these groups to choose 'one of their own' as delegate cf (Acts 6:1-7). This respects the autonomy of their ministry. Someone may also just volunteer.

Congress Delegate:

1. A person actively involved in parish / school catechesis or liturgical ministry.
2. A person who communicates in a non judgemental manner.
3. A servant leader willing to share their experience of the *Adoremus* event, both within the parish and the deanery.
4. A person who consults with, listens to and inspires others.
5. A person who is able to reflect and work collaboratively in parish / school / re developments arising from the *Adoremus* event.
6. A person who understands the place of the Mass, its structure, artefacts & different parts. Teaching on transubstantiation.
7. A person with an appreciation of Adoration and significance of Exposition.

Role Description:

1. Attend preparation meetings and events.
2. Develop the aims of the congress as understood by Southwark diocese..
3. Understand and communicate the mission of the congress to their parish/school.
4. Lead on follow up from the congress in parish/school.
5. Draw upon the experience / expertise of others as required.

Parish / School / Community Support

Delegates will to be supported by formation events and encouraged to work as a Deanery Team. It is understood that due to work, family and time commitments, not everyone will be able to attend every meeting.

Southwark Congress Planning Team
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