



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival



Interview with Michol Wright

My name is Michol Wright. Mike and I have been married for 48 years. We have 3 children (2 sons and 1 daughter) and 4 grandsons.

What has your experience been with the Eucharist?

My earliest memory of the Holy Eucharist involves my parents and my brother Mark Montez, born with Down syndrome. He is number 6 out of 9 siblings; I'm number 8. Even though Mark was older than I, he will always be my "little" brother. My parents made sure that we all received our Sacraments, including Mark. Mark had difficulty swallowing the Body of Christ and my mom would carry "Life Savers" in her purse for him. I'm assuming the sugar from the candy helped him swallow the Holy Eucharist. My parents' faith was so strong and their belief was that everyone deserved to receive our Lord, including someone with the mind of a child, who would always be a child, even as an adult. We were "that" family, going to Mass on Sunday in our very best clothes, taking up an entire pew. My mom and dad were the greatest example we had of living our faith.

The second experience that I would like to mention that had an impact on me occurred at a retreat for our youngest son, who attended religious education in El Paso, TX. I was a chaperone on the retreat. During the Eucharistic Adoration, the students were in the front of the auditorium closer to the Monstrance, while I was in the back, off to one side. At one point, when I was kneeling in prayer with my eyes closed, I experienced a very bright light and a warm feeling, which startled me. The longer I reflect on this, the more I know that it was our Lord Jesus Christ talking to me and entering my heart and mind.

There are so many examples of my experience with the Eucharist. The last one I want to mention is my involvement with my SJB family. Many years ago after reading the bulletin and listening to the announcement that there would be training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; I knew that this is what I wanted to do, to serve God and my church family. It has been an honor and privilege to help Father distribute the precious Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. During Covid, I had the honor to take the Eucharist to people who were at home because of the "lockdown." I will never forget their expression changed after receiving Holy Communion. I could see that receiving the Eucharist was not only important to them but also comforting. During that period I also recall a young man who was in tears because he could receive Holy Communion here in Johnstown.

Do you have a favorite Eucharistic miracle?

The Eucharistic miracle that happens every time I attend Mass is my favorite. When Father consecrates the bread and wine, right before we receive Holy Communion, he holds the Eucharist high and says in a loud, booming voice "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD, BEHOLD HIM WHO TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD. BLESSED ARE THOSE CALLED TO THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB. "