



NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

ONE NATION UNDER GOD

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Route

May 24 – July 5, 2026

HELP RENEW OUR NATION:
Join the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

This year marks a momentous occasion in our nation’s history: the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, known as the Semiquincentennial. What better way to celebrate the country that was born from that event – and pray for its future – than a visible testimony to God in our very streets?

By Tara Bishop

Carrying on the movement that began during the National Eucharistic Congress in 2024, and as part of the ongoing National Eucharistic Revival, the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will travel to 18 archdioceses and dioceses along the East Coast of the United States.

The theme is “One Nation Under God.” According to the pilgrimage website, eucharisticpilgrimage.org,

this theme is “a call to build unity through prayer, and to let Jesus, present in the Eucharist, renew and heal the heart of our country, one soul at a time.”

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first American citizen to be canonized, is the pilgrimage’s patroness.

The 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will kick off on Memorial Day weekend in St. Augustine,

Florida – where the first Mass in the U.S. was celebrated – and its Perpetual Pilgrim team will travel northward, visiting historic sites along the way, including within the first Catholic diocese, the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and in the Archdiocese of Boston. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will conclude in Philadelphia during the weekend of July 4.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will arrive in the Diocese of Manchester on **Saturday, June 20** from the Diocese of Springfield. That morning, Bishop William Byrne and Bishop Peter Libasci will concelebrate Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas College in Northfield, Massachusetts, and after Benediction, Bishop Libasci will receive the Blessed Sacrament to continue the



Pilgrims process with the Blessed Sacrament during the New Hampshire Eucharistic Pilgrimage last year. *Courtesy photo*

procession into our Diocese.

The pilgrimage will then travel through southern New Hampshire for several days, departing for the Diocese of Portland on **Tuesday, June 23**.

The first stop in New Hampshire will be on June 20 at Parish of the Holy Spirit, St. Bernard Church in Keene. That visit will feature a Eucharistic procession, followed by overnight adoration at Ste. Marie Parish in Manchester.

On Sunday, June 21, the pilgrimage schedule will begin with 8 a.m. Mass at Ste. Marie Parish, followed by a 9 a.m. procession to St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Libasci will celebrate a 10:30 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral. Later, the pilgrimage will visit Christ the King Parish in Concord for 12:45 p.m. adoration and prayer.

At 3:30 p.m., a Eucharistic procession will take place at Saint Mary Magdalen Center in Warner, with Mass, dinner, Adoration, Compline and Benediction afterward.

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage team will take Monday as a day of rest.

Tuesday, June 23, will be the final day of the pilgrimage's visit to our Diocese. A Holy Hour, a Mass concelebrated by Bishop James Ruggieri and Bishop Libasci and Adoration will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in Portsmouth. A Eucharistic Procession to Prescott Park will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Bishop Ruggieri will then receive the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus from Bishop Libasci as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage continues to the Diocese of Portland. ■



Monsignor Paul Bouchard receives the Eucharist during the New Hampshire Eucharistic Pilgrimage last year. *Courtesy photo*



Father Daniel Deveau processes with the Eucharist into St. Francis Xavier Church in Groveton, part of St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish, last year during the New Hampshire Eucharistic Pilgrimage. This year, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will pass through southern New Hampshire. *Courtesy photo*

GET THE DETAILS

The Diocese of Manchester has a webpage dedicated to this historic event at catholicnh.org/nep. It includes the times, addresses and details about each stop. All are welcome to participate in as many of them as possible.

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage team encourages registration on its website, eucharisticpilgrimage.org, and the registration form is available at catholicnh.org/nep. The Diocese of Manchester requests registration for the dinner at Saint Mary Magdalen Center on June 21, with a form also available at catholicnh.org/nep.

Plan to be part of this special call to prayer and healing that commemorates the start of our great nation.

