

Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist Community Named Pilgrimage Site for Year of Saint Francis

POCATELLO — Bishop Peter Christensen has designated the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist Community in Pocatello as an official pilgrimage site for the Year of Saint Francis in the Diocese of Boise.

The designation will run from October 4, 2026, through October 4, 2027, commemorating the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. During this special year, Catholics from across Idaho will be invited to make pilgrimages to the community for prayer, Eucharistic devotion, spiritual renewal, and reflection on the Franciscan charism.

"The witness of the Franciscan Sisters invites us to a deeper love of Christ present in the Holy Eucharist and a renewed commitment to living the Gospel with simplicity, joy, and charity," Bishop Christensen said. "As we celebrate the Year of Saint Francis, I encourage the faithful of our Diocese to take advantage of this opportunity for pilgrimage and spiritual renewal."

Throughout the year, pilgrims will be encouraged to participate in Mass, Eucharistic adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and other opportunities for prayer and reflection.

Mother Anthony, superior of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist Community, welcomed the designation.

"We are deeply grateful to Bishop Christensen for this designation and for his support of our community," she said. "Saint Francis devoted his life to drawing others closer to Jesus Christ through humility, simplicity, and love for the Eucharist. It is our hope that all who come here during this Year of Saint Francis will encounter the Lord more deeply, experience His mercy and peace, and return home renewed in their faith."

Founded upon the spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist have served the Church through a life centered on prayer, Eucharistic devotion, and joyful service. The Year of Saint Francis offers a unique opportunity for the faithful to deepen their appreciation for the saint's enduring witness and its relevance for the Church today.

Additional information regarding pilgrimage opportunities and special events will be announced as plans are finalized.

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