

U.S. Bishops to Meet in Baltimore Nov. 15-18; Will Address Action Items; Assembly to be Live-Streamed and Live-Tweeted

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WASHINGTON—The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will gather for the 2021 Fall General Assembly in Baltimore, November 15-18. This will be the first in-person meeting of the full body of bishops since November 2019. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the June 2020 spring meeting was canceled, and the November 2020 fall meeting and June 2021 spring meeting were held in a virtual format.

The assembly will begin with an address by the Papal Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Christophe Pierre. The bishops will hear from Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the USCCB. The agenda includes a report to the bishops from the National Advisory Council, a group created by the USCCB comprised of religious and lay people primarily for consultation on Action Items and Information Reports before the Administrative Committee.

The meeting agenda is expected to include discussion and votes on a number of items including: the Eucharistic revival initiative and approval of a national Eucharistic Congress in 2024; an update of the “Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines”; a statement on [the Eucharist](#), *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*; the proposal to add Saint Teresa of Calcutta on the [Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States](#) as an optional memorial on September 5; the [Resolution on Diocesan Financial Reporting](#); new English and Spanish versions of the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*; a translation of *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery Outside Mass*; “National Statutes

for the Catechumenate” in English and Spanish; and the USCCB’s 2022 budget.

During the assembly, the bishops will vote for a treasurer-elect for the Conference, as well as chairmen-elect of five Conference committees: Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations; Divine Worship; Domestic Justice and Human Development; Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth; and Migration. The bishops elected will serve for one year as treasurer-elect or chairman-elect before beginning a three-year term at the conclusion of the 2022 Fall General Assembly. There will also be votes for the election of board members for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and for the election of a new USCCB general secretary.

Also expected at the meeting will be a consultation of the bishops on causes of beatification and canonization for Servant of God Charlene Marie Richard and Servant of God Auguste Robert Pelafigue. Other items that will be presented and discussed include: the [2021-2023 Synod of Bishops](#); the work of Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities USA, and Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC); the 50th anniversary of the [Catholic Campaign for Human Development](#); the *Journeying Together* intercultural dialogue and encounter process; the application and implementation of the *Pastoral Framework for Marriage and Family Life Ministry in the United States*; the “Walking with Moms in Need” initiative.

Public sessions of general assembly discussions and votes will be livestreamed at: www.usccb.org/meetings and news updates, vote totals, texts of addresses and presentations and other materials will be posted to this page.

Those wishing to follow the meeting on social media can use the hashtag #USCCB21 and follow on Twitter (@USCCB) as well as on Facebook (www.facebook.com/usccb) and Instagram (<https://instagram.com/usccb>).

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