

“Every time we receive the Eucharist, we are encouraged to take Christ into our communities, our families, schools, workplaces, hospitals and neighborhoods. That’s what it means to be a Eucharistic people — to bring Christ to all!”

Throughout the first year, especially during preparations to kick off the celebration of the Diocese of Austin’s 75th anniversary on

November 19, “we will incorporate opportunities for catechesis on the Eucharist and how we can be Eucharistic witnesses on a daily basis,” he said.

The second year, from June 2023 to June 2024, will be the year of parish revival, and the USCCB and the diocese will develop materials and resources to help parishioners renew their love for the Eucharist and live

it out. From July 2024 to Pentecost 2025, the focus will be on going out on mission, beginning with the National Eucharistic Congress.

“The Eucharistic Revival is not a step-by-step plan or a series of meetings,” Bishop Vásquez said. “It is a grassroots call and a challenge for every Catholic across our country to rekindle the fire of love and devotion for the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.”

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~ Kristina Arce

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With more women in leadership in their workplaces and communities, Kristina Arce believes they need to reflect that leadership in their actions, especially in terms of their charitable giving.

In regard to her own career as a financial controller and the advancement opportunities she has received, the member of Santa Rosa de Lima Parish in Andice gives credit where credit is due. “I’ve held to the belief that it’s not me, it’s coming from the Lord,” she said. “I need to give back all of the blessings that have been bestowed upon me.”

Through her will, Kristina has ensured this giving will not end with her lifetime. When she wrote her will, she included her parish, the Diocese of Austin’s Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) and other charities and organizations she feels compelled to support now.

She also wants her son to see the importance of giving back, “to have that charitable mindset.”

Kristina began tithing at age 16 as a waitress and soon realized that what she gave almost always came back to her in some way — at first, with more tips then, later in life, with raises and promotions. She uses these “rewards” to increase her giving to others.

It was during Bible study years ago that she learned the true reward of stewarding God’s blessings in her life. “Doing good deeds doesn’t necessarily make you a Christian,” she said, “but being a Christian drives you to do good deeds.”



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