



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



February 2026

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is back for 2026 with a special route that will travel the East Coast from St. Augustine, Florida, to Portland, Maine, ending in Philadelphia, organizers announced.

The pilgrimage - the third of its kind - will begin in May on Memorial Day weekend and end July 5. This year's pilgrimage celebrates America's 250th anniversary with the theme "One Nation Under God," and its route incorporates key sites in the history of the country and its Catholics.

Organizers described the pilgrimage as "a nationwide call to renewal, unity and mission rooted in the Eucharist."

In a January 8 media release announcing the route, organizers noted that 2026 marked the 75th anniversary of the lobbying campaign, led by the Knights of Columbus, to add the phrase "One nation under God" to the nation's Pledge of Allegiance.

"One Nation Under God is not a borrowed slogan; rather, it is an invitation to realign our lives, our communities, and our country under the sovereignty of Jesus Christ," said Jason Shanks, president of the National Eucharistic Congress, in the media release.

The National Eucharistic Congress nonprofit organizes the pilgrimage, which first took place as four routes

in 2024 ahead of the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis as part of the National Eucharistic Revival, and which returned last summer with a route from Indianapolis to Los Angeles.

"Our hope is that Catholics will come together on this significant anniversary to give thanks for our country and to pray for our future," said Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens of Crookston, Minnesota, who serves as chairman of the National Eucharistic Congress, in the statement. "We want all Catholics to be inspired with missionary zeal to bring revival through the light and love of Jesus Christ."

The pilgrimage has been placed under the patronage of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, an Italian-American immigrant and the first U.S. citizen to be canonized a saint. It will also take place in solidarity with the U.S. bishops' call to consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Like previous National Eucharistic Pilgrimages, the route will be traveled by "perpetual pilgrims," eight young adults selected among a group of applicants (plus a "media missionary") who will attend Mass, Eucharistic adoration, other devotions and community-building events along the way.

The pilgrimage will pass through most of the original 13 colonies, with stops in 18 dioceses and archdioceses.

This and more information are available at <https://www.osvnews.com/the-national-eucharistic-pilgrimage-is-back-in-2026-with-a-patriotic-twist/>

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Schedule for February 2026 - March 2026

February 7	Monthly Mass 8:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Joseph, Aston - Upper Church . Membership meeting will follow at 9:00 a.m. in the Neumann Meeting Room - Lower Level . Officers and Trustees meeting will immediately follow the Membership meeting.
March 7	Monthly Mass 8:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Joseph, Aston - Upper Church . Membership meeting will follow at 9:00 a.m. in the Neumann Meeting Room - Lower Level . Officers and Trustees meeting will immediately follow the Membership meeting.