



**May 17 – July 16,
2024**

**This will be one of the largest
Eucharistic pilgrimages in
history!**

Just as crowds followed Christ throughout his earthly ministry, our nation will process with our Eucharistic Lord through cities, along highways, and past rural towns on his way to the **10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN.**

There are four routes – from the North, South, East and West, each converging on Indianapolis. **The route from the East is the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route**, named after St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born saint to be canonized by the Catholic Church. A lifelong protestant, this young mother was drawn to the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. St. Elizabeth Ann opened the first free Catholic school for girls in America in 1810. Her work laid the foundation for what is now the parochial school system.

Leaving from New Haven, Connecticut, the eastern arm of the Pilgrimage will begin near the Atlantic coast, journey through our nation's oldest diocese, and cross the Appalachian Mountains. The Seton Route will be punctuated by many meaningful stops. Pilgrims will visit holy sites, embrace the sacraments daily, and publicly proclaim Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist as they accompany him on his way to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress.

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is passing through Steubenville and Bellaire!

Beginning Friday June 21, 2024, join Steubenville's NEP Kick Off "SING-SPIRATION" (6-7 p.m.) at Historic Fort Steuben's Berkman Amphitheater, preparing to welcome the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Eastern Route) with arrival at 7 p.m. A Eucharistic procession will take place down Fourth Street at 7 p.m. Then, at 7:30 p.m., prayer and Benediction will take place at St. Peter Church, Steubenville.

This will conclude on Sunday, June 23, 2024 - Bishop Paul J. Bradley will celebrate a 10 a.m. Mass at Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville. A procession will take place after Mass to the float, followed by a motorcade to the Steubenville marina. The Sternwheeler and boater-cade will then move down the Ohio River to Bellaire!

We will meet Our Eucharistic Lord with the National Eucharistic Pilgrims on Sunday, June 23rd at 4:00pm at the Bellaire Marina and escort Our Lord with a walking procession led by parishioners to St. John Church, for a **Holy Hour, 4:30pm-5:30pm**, followed by a **dinner in the St. John's Church Hall** and a chance to meet the pilgrims. *Please let us know that you will be a part of welcoming Our Eucharistic Lord in Bellaire* – text "I'll be there" to (740) 298-4158 or call the parish office (740) 676-0051 today! Also, **we will need help** with shuttling pilgrims to the marina, welcoming guests, assisting with the procession and preparing the dinner. *What an awesome privilege!*