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**Bishop John Noonan to Lead Catholics in
Corpus Christi Procession through Downtown Orlando**

- WHO:** Bishop John Noonan, priests, seminarians, religious sisters and brothers, Catholic faithful from throughout Central Florida
- WHAT:** Individuals from around the diocese will participate in this annual celebration which includes prayer and worship at Eucharistic altars of repose hosted by different ethnic and cultural members of the Catholic community, including Brazilian, Haitian, Hispanic, Korean, Philippine, Polish, Vietnamese and African American.
- WHERE:** Procession begins in the St. James Cathedral parking lot following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Bishop John Noonan, holding a monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament, walks under a canopy leading a procession from the Cathedral east on Robinson Street in downtown Orlando.
- WHEN:** June 26, 2011 beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- WHY:** On June 26 Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi. It is a day set aside to reflect on the mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist and to bring the faithful to newer levels of devotion to the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. This will be a joyous celebration that will unite our Catholic community as we publicly express our faith in the Most Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ.