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David Gibson of Fordham's Center on Religion and Culture; Bishop John Stowe of Lexington, Kentucky; Heidi Schlumpf, NCR executive editor; Massimo Faggioli of Villanova University; and Michael Lee of Fordham University participate in a panel event discussing the U.S. bishops' "eucharistic coherence" document. (NCR screenshot/YouTube)



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As the Nov. 15-18 U.S. bishops' conference meeting approaches, Catholics and others are watching the controversial document on "eucharistic coherence," which was originally planned to cover denying Communion to pro-choice politicians such as President Joe Biden. In a wide-ranging conversation, four experts discuss the document and what they hope to see at the meeting of the church leaders next week.

Panelists included Bishop John Stowe of Lexington, Kentucky; Massimo Faggioli of Villanova University; Michael Lee of Fordham University; and Heidi Schlumpf, NCR executive editor. The panel was moderated by David Gibson of Fordham's Center on Religion and Culture, which co-sponsored the event with NCR.

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- The U.S. bishops' proposed new document on the Eucharist may not mention pro-choice Catholic politicians like President Joe Biden, but Msgr. Kevin Irwin thinks the document reads as if it could have been created before the Second Vatican Council.
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- NCR columnist Carmen Nanko Fernández says the leaked draft of the U.S. bishops' eucharistic teaching document demonstrates how disconnected the U.S. hierarchy has become from the realities on the ground
- Although many bishops would like to backpedal the PR train wreck of the Eucharist document, don't be fooled by the bishops' spin, we write in our editorial.
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