



Sacred Heart Church

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I have had the opportunity to be in two parishes that have begun Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament while I was there. The blessings just multiply. In the parish of which I am now a pastor the chapel also serves as a daily Mass chapel, which keeps before the mind of the people that adoration itself flows from the celebration of the Eucharist and is indeed an extension of the Eucharist. I have witnessed the daily Mass attendance doubling. We began on June 29th--debatably one of the "worst" times to start, since it was just before a holiday weekend (Independence Day) and during the middle of the summer when people are traditionally on vacation. Yet people are faithful to their commitments and are excited about having a place they may come to pray any hour of the day or night.

The chapel in the previous parish of which I was pastor is now in its sixth year of Perpetual Adoration. In both parishes my philosophy is that the best way to promote it was to let the lay people do the work. Since I could be transferred in the future, I want those who would remain to be the main ones who continue to promote adoration when I would leave. This means that my work was encouraging the committee members themselves and let them do the work involved. Such a philosophy has proven itself in the case of my previous parish, which has continued Adoration for four years since I left it.

Coming closer to Jesus Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament cannot but be an important means to spiritual renewal and holiness. I give my endorsement to any parish seeking to begin Perpetual Adoration.

Yours in Christ Jesus,



Rev. Robert Bush
pastor