



# Adoremus Jesum

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## The Church's True Treasure

"The Church's true treasure is the permanent presence of the Lord in His Sacrament. In one of His parables (Mt:44-46), the Lord speaks of a treasure hidden in the field; whoever finds it sells all he has in order to buy that field, because the hidden treasure is more valuable than anything else.

The hidden treasure, the good greater than any other, is the Kingdom of God, it is Jesus Himself, the Kingdom person. In the sacred Host, He is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us. Only by adoring this presence do we learn how to receive Him properly. We learn the reality of communion, we learn the Eucharistic celebration from the inside.

Let us love being with the Lord! There we can speak with Him about everything. We can offer Him our petitions, our concerns, our troubles. Our joys. Our gratitude, and our disappointments, our needs and our aspirations. There we can also constantly ask Him: "Lord, send laborers into your harvest! Help me to be a good worker in your vineyard!"

*Pope Benedict XVI from*

*Vespers at Basilica of Saint Anne, Altotting, Bavaria September 11, 2006*



## Return to Eucharistic Adoration

Recently Pope Benedict XVI expressed hopes for the widespread practice of Eucharistic adoration. He shares the same message of his predecessor Pope John Paul II that the world needs Eucharistic adoration; that every parish throughout the world should take on this reverent practice.

At this aching time in the history of the Church it should be the goal of Catholics everywhere to rediscover the source of hope, the Eucharist. The rediscovery of Eucharistic adoration is beneficial to the whole Church. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "I thank the Lord because many parishes, alongside the devout celebration of Mass, are educating the faithful in Eucharistic adoration. And it is my hope that this practice will become ever more widespread."

*Information source:*

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## Vatican International Exhibition of Approved Eucharistic Miracles

A gift and privilege has been presented to The *Real Presence Association, Inc.* of Chicago, Illinois. Through the prudent, foresight of Antonia Salzano Acutis of the *Pontifical Cultorum Martyrum* this photographic exhibition of the *Eucharistic Miracles of the World* arrived and is to be presented to the people of the United States of America by The *Real Presence Association*. Archdioceses, dioceses, parishes, and Church organizations are encouraged to call to receive the exhibition in their area. Scheduling has already begun. The first exhibition in the United States was held at Soldier's Field in Chicago, Illinois through the request of the Catholic Charities "Gala of Arts" event.

One hundred twenty-six of the Church approved Eucharistic miracles were originally written in Italian and have been translated into English by a team of American volunteers fluent in the Italian language. The exhibition collection is available on high definition PDFs that can be printed on 60cm x 80cm sized posters for display. The photographs consist of colorful current as well as historical pictures with informative captions that describe the miraculous events along with a short story that explains the miracle. The Lanciano, Italy miracle of 750 A.D., for example, has undergone extensive scientific tests that prove it can only be explained as a miracle.

Some Eucharistic miracles occurred during times of weakened Faith others during acts of violence but always when the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity in the Consecrated Host was involved.

The Catholic Church does not require Catholics to believe in Eucharistic miracles to be saved, but these Eucharistic miracles increase our devotion to the Eucharist because they give us the physical evidence to help us to understand what we can only believe on Faith and that is the miracle of the Eucharist that takes place at every Mass. At the Consecration of the bread and wine during Mass, Jesus Christ is present in an incomparable way with His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. The substance of the bread and wine are replaced by the substance of Jesus Christ. Only the accidents of the bread and wine remain. That is what we call transubstantiation. This miracle we are required to believe to be saved. Why? Because Jesus tells us so. Read John chapter 6.

If your parish or organization is interested in receiving the Exhibition contact Carol Seydel at 815-609-7331 or email her at [trp@svs.com](mailto:trp@svs.com) For more information go to [www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/a3.html](http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/a3.html)



## Eucharist is the Heart of the Parish

By Father Patrick J. McHugh, (retired pastor) Torrance, CA



Religion becomes real when God becomes "Someone", whereas up until then God, and all that relates to Him has been "Something": a ritual, a code, an ideology, a program, a cultural projection, "Something".

A parish becomes real when it is centered on a Presence we call Real. The ideal, the glorious paradigm, is that parishioners feel that their church is where the Lord is at home. They come to speak to Him on all that is in their minds. They pour out their hearts in His Presence.

I have found that Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration gives tone to a parish, a feeling of reverence and awe, a feeling that in this church or chapel, the Lord is at home. Eucharist is the heart of the parish. And parishioners desire to see their pastor, their priests, their deacons at adoration regularly. It is most important that they make personal Holy Hours and for the parishioners to know that their pastor is in unison with them in this devotion which the laity regulate in the parish.

The Lord works in mysterious ways to cleanse and renew and heal the Church. It may well be that hundreds of years from now people will look back on our time and say: "At the end of the Twentieth Century, when, as it seemed then, the Church would die, small groups of ordinary people in parishes across the world came to adore the Lord night and day. They did not know it then, they never suspected what a glorious thing they were doing but, in the Providence of God, the whole Church was turned around. A great healing began to take hold from within."

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe."

Hebrews 12:28

### Recommended Reading for Eucharistic Adoration Coordinators

#### "Thirty One Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament"

It is written by the Bishop's Committee on the Liturgy, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. You may purchase it through the Office of Worship at 716-848-5545 for \$5.00. [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)



"The Hour of Adoration prepares one for Holy Mass and Holy Communion. Frequent encounters and familiar conversation with Jesus produce friendship, resemblance, and identity of thought, of feeling and of willing with Jesus."

*Blessed James Alberione*

"In the first place it should be known that if a person is seeking God, His beloved is seeking him much more." *Saint John of the Cross*

If you have a short story about Eucharistic education or adoration that you would like to share with others, send it to [newsletter@therealpresence.org](mailto:newsletter@therealpresence.org). Not all stories will be used and none will be returned.

### Adorers Share Their Thoughts

It is in and through the silence and intimacy of adoration where we can yearn for transformation. We can pray that our lives be transformed to the mind of Christ. As we continue to be bombarded by deadlines and consumed by the culture of our world, we should find our monasticism of the heart because the healing power is immense. Could adoration of the Blessed Sacrament help you achieve the search for peace? This devotion should deepen our experience of the Eucharist in the sacrifice of the Mass, which is the source and summit of our faith.

As you know, we are constantly searching as Humans. Christ is the answer to endless longings of the human heart. St. Therese reminds us that when we are close to Jesus we encounter the fire of His life, and become "like a child, who sleeps without fear in its Father's arms."

*Dave Richards, seminarian Buffalo, New York*

We exalt the beauty of the Lord God of Hosts as He gives us the love to transform the world through the Holy Eucharist. We are the ones chosen by God to change the world through the power of the Word and the Eucharist. In choosing us He has chosen the whole world to become one in the Mystical Body of Christ.

When we accept God into our soul we accept the beginning of a new creation in Christ. We become like Christ and we become one in Christ. The Lord has given us a foretaste of heaven here on earth through the transforming power of the contemplative Bread of Angels, the Holy Eucharist.

We are given the life of heaven that is God Himself so we can give Him to others. Cathedrals of love are built in our heart where the choirs of angels come to sing and praise the Lord, the King of Kings.

Lord, forever I will write of your grace and beauty that fills our soul with the joy of heaven. We will be guided forever by the Holy Spirit as He brings us deep into the reality of the Most High God.

Dear Lord, enlighten us as we join your Sacred Heart in a prayer of acceptance for everything you instill in our soul. We are your children whom you have given the keys to Eternal Life in the Holy Trinity. Praise the Lord.

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