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Question & Answer Interview

Head Coordinators:
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Q. How long have you had perpetual Eucharistic adoration in your parish?

A. We have had it for two years.

Q. Have you been the Head Coordinators from the start.

A. Yes, we have been here from the beginning, but it was a real touch and go situation because a neighboring parish already had perpetual Eucharistic adoration. We said we would have to give our support to the neighboring parish that had perpetual Eucharistic adoration if we could not get it going in our own parish. Our pastor then agreed to let us go to work to establish perpetual Eucharistic adoration at our parish.

Q. Did you have apprehensions on taking on such duties?

A. None because my wife and I were inspired separately on two occasions by the Holy Spirit who placed the desire in our hearts. We were convinced we had to do this for Our Lord.

Q. How many people signed up for adoration initially?

A. One hundred and fifty, and that is what we currently have. Many of us do double hours because we do not have assigned adorers on every hour. We are working hard to increase our numbers.

Q. What kind of things do you do to stimulate interest?

A. We put notices and articles in our Sunday bulletin. We make up flyers about adoration to include in the Sunday bulletin. We have given talks to parish organizations, i.e., the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Guild.

Q. Have you had a good response from these talks?

A. They hear us. We are still working with these people individually. We also have adorers give personal testimonies every so often at Mass on the benefits of adoration. We get a few more adorers each time. Something else we do a few times a year is, in the bulletin we have a "Chapel Chat" column and we list the favors granted through adoration and prayer.

Q. Do you have an Hour Coordinator for each hour of the day and night?

A. No, we do not. There are about twelve of us who keep things running, and we work very hard at it. I wish we did have a coordinator for each hour.

Q. What do you think would help you to encourage more people to answer the call to adoration that Pope John Paul II has asked us to do?

A. Personally, I think we need to educate the parishioners about the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Then if the people understand why Jesus is here for them more would come to be with Him. Adoration is a place we come together for God.



Eucharistic Prayer

by Father John A. Hardon, S.J.

Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, obtain for us the light we need, to realize that your Divine Son is present on the earth in the Holy Eucharist. Help us to see with the eyes of faith what you saw during your years on earth with Jesus. You saw a child and a man, you believed that he was your God. Like you we wish to see more deeply and more clearly that same Jesus Christ is with us in the Blessed Sacrament and is waiting for us in that everlasting Holy Eucharist for which we were made. Amen

From the audio album *The Blessed Sacrament*, tape one.

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Chapel Insight

I would like to share what I have experienced since Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration came to the Church of St. Vincent de Paul.

I will never forget how I first felt when I realized what I had signed up for (now I laugh at myself). I received a phone call to set up a time and day for me to be in the Chapel. Not yet familiar with Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, I asked how long this would be for and was shocked when told forever because it is perpetual. I did not feel that I could commit to something for that long but I did not want to say no to God. Then I thought I should give it a try for a while, at least, because I wanted to move closer to God (it was very smart to say “try it for 3 months”).

The hour I chose was not at a very convenient time yet I could tell that spending an hour with Jesus in the Eucharist was fulfilling a need within me that I did not know needed filling. When I miss my Adoration hour, and do not go at another time, I can feel the difference in my week. Now I do not even think about how long I will be going to Perpetual Adoration. My husband also goes at a different hour and I feel that it blesses our marriage. After two years of going to Adoration we both changed our hours to an easier time and feel even more enthusiastic about going.

When someone needs a sub for his or her hour and I am able to go it feels like Jesus is calling me to come be with Him and pray. There is always a need to pray for something or someone. Adoration is such a blessing from God for all of us.

I believe that Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration brings blessings to our parish. I also believe that it deepens our relationship with Jesus and unites our parish together spiritually.

I am very grateful for the people that made Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration possible at our church.

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Chapel Library

Here is a good idea one Head Coordinator shared with us.

To keep your books in the Adoration Chapel try this. Put a sticker on the cover of each book/booklet with this message:

Please leave this in the chapel so that everyone may use it during adoration with our Dear Lord. Thank you.

The cover is protected by *Contact* brand clear adhesive covering (available at *Wal-Mart*). Inside the front cover, a small coin envelope holds about ten slips of paper containing inventory information; (Title, Author, Publisher and Publisher's phone and email or postal address).

Sanctification

by John A. Hardon, S.J.

Being made holy. The first sanctification takes place at baptism, by which the love of God is infused by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). Newly baptized persons are holy because the Holy Trinity begins to dwell in their souls and they are pleasing to God. The second sanctification is a lifelong process in which a person already in the state of grace grows in the possession of grace and in likeness to God by faithfully corresponding with divine inspirations. The third sanctification takes place when a person enters heaven and becomes totally and irrevocably united with God in the beatific vision. (*Etym. Latin sanctificare, to make holy*).

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