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ADORATION WORKSHOP

Representatives from nearly 30 suburban parishes participated in a day-long Eucharistic Adoration Workshop earlier this fall, in the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois. Participants left with armloads of material, and minds and hearts on fire with ideas for how to start or expand Adoration.

The grace-filled day began with Mass celebrated by retired Aux. Bishop Roger Kaffer, who also gave the keynote address on "The Eucharist as the Source and Apex of the Whole Work of Teaching the Gospel." Two local priests spoke in detail - one on how to educate the parish and the other on how to do a Sign-Up Sunday.

Lay speakers offered many practical ideas on how to set up an adoration chapel, and in addition, distributed a large variety of printed material and computer resources as well as presented to the attendees an overview of the Real Presence Association and their PEA Manual.

Participants paused in the afternoon for a visit with Jesus, exposed in the monstrance, which included the Angelus and Benediction. (One woman confided later, that she saw the face of

Jesus in the Host.) All were moved by the spirit of the day, from the gracious hospitality and enthusiastic presentations, to the welcome opportunity to share with others our love of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Here's what some of the workshop attendees had to say about the day:

- *"The Presence of the Lord was so powerfully abundant! The evidence of such prayerful preparation, Spirit-filled guidance and prayer support during the day were so tangible you could touch it in the air and feel it in every smile and courtesy offered."*
- *"I'm amazed how vibrant our Church is! Leaders like you make me feel that all the bad news in the media is misleading. Thanks for the day of renewal on Saturday. It was rewarding!"*
- *"It was a grace filled day and a gift to our Diocese! God bless."*

Since that day, at least another 15 parishes have requested information on Perpetual Adoration, including one in Israel (via an Illinois couple) and one in New Orleans!

(For more details & photos of the day, please visit www.adorationworkshop.org)

For help to start Eucharistic Adoration in your parish contact The Real Presence Association.



Prayer is Answered

"For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and the one who knocks, the door will open." (Luke 11:10)

Thank you, Lord, for:

- Relief from anger, hatred and envy
- Helping my dad get a job.
- Peace in my soul after spending time here with You in adoration.
- Being there during the car accident; no one was killed or hurt beyond repair.
- The good job offer.
- Protection from evil.
- Not giving up on me.

DO'S AND DON'TS

RULES FOR THE ROAD TO PERFECTION

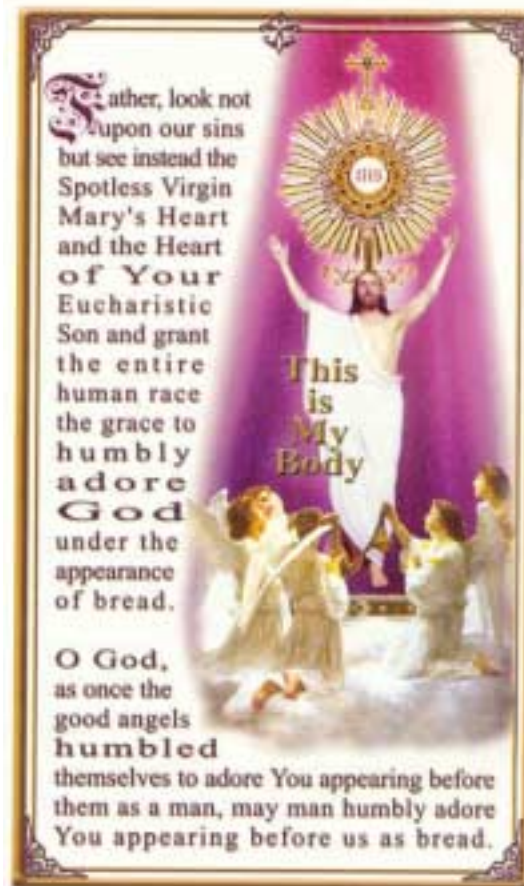
- Don't neglect a daily examination of conscience.
- Do ask yourself if you have committed even the least offense against the will of God.
- Don't give in to worry, anxiety or the self-pity of discouragement.
- Do frequent the sacraments.
- Don't neglect the spiritual or corporal works of mercy.
- Do all things for the glory of God.
- Do call on the name of Jesus saying, "Jesus, I trust in You."

REACHING OUT TO THE WORLD

Children of Mary is a relatively new, semi-contemplative community of sisters located in Newark, Ohio. Centered in the spirit of the Eucharist, their mission is to encourage and get as many people as possible, throughout the world, to pray for the grace for ALL mankind to adore Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist.

The Order is actively involved in the distribution of their beautiful prayer card, displayed here. This card is translated from English into each of the following languages: Spanish, Burmese, Portuguese, and French. Everyone is invited to join them in their spiritual effort to promote Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

For prayer cards for your parish, chapel, school or prayer group contact Sister Margaret Mary at their website: www.childrenofmary.net



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path."
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

"I encourage Christians regularly to visit Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God"
(Pope John Paul II)

Praise and Glory

Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary is a small rural parish in Ashkum, Illinois, located south of Kankakee in the Joliet diocese. One hundred seventy registered families plus people from surrounding areas have supported the parish's Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration since 1995.

Still, there are larger parishes that contend it won't work. Why is it working here? Desire. Dedication. Devotion. These attributes stem from the pastor and his parishioners who find solutions with the help of God. They have proven that it is not the size of the parish, but the size of the hearts beating there that allows them to glorify God.

Fr. James A. Holup, the pastor, and a priest of forty-four years, states that he was inspired to do something for Our Lord while giving a talk on the Blessed Virgin Mary. Dr. Stefania Chase, member of The John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Association,



was present and gave a confirmation to his inspiration. Within six weeks, with her assistance, there was a dedication and their perpetual adoration began on the feast of the Incarnation, March 25, 1995.

In Fr. Holup's words, "Perpetual adoration is excellent for building the spiritual nature and the prayer power of the community. There have been many spiritual and physical healings attributed to this call to adoration. We've had one ordination to the priesthood and have some inquiries into the religious life. Praise God."



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