ARCHBISHOP'S COMMITTEE FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Newsletter 18

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Dear Parish Coordinator of Eucharistic Adoration, (Please forward to coordinator)

This newsletter will be archived on our webpage where you may find helpful information to assist in maintaining and promoting Adoration. <u>archstl.org/adoration</u>

PRAY, SACRIFICE, INVITE

Many parishes have an annual talk on Eucharistic Adoration followed by a sign up for new adorers. This is a good time to handle people's concerns as to how to enlist a sub, and have a prayer partner, etc. If someone says that their life is too busy, then thank them and ask them to stop by the Chapel when they can or to see if they would like to be on the substitute list. Ask them to be specific as to days or times when they can substitute for others, so they are only called when they may be available.

If your parish has a festival of Ministries, or some other event where parishioners can sign up to volunteer for new activities, take the opportunity to promote Eucharistic Adoration at this time. Have your core team available so they can meet people who make this weekly commitment in the parish and encourage them to spend one hour with Jesus too.

Some parishes have Flocknote which is a text and email messaging system. One Coordinator was pleasantly surprised that when she had advertised in the bulletin for an Adorer at a particular time, it was put in Flocknote and went out to the parish. Many young people don't read the bulletin, but they do check their email and phones, so this is a way to reach new people.

You can ask other organizations in your parish and parishioners for their prayer requests and then ask the adorers to pray for these requests and for your parish priests during their Holy Hour. When the parish realizes how powerful the prayers are before the Blessed Sacrament, they may wish to visit the Adoration Chapel.

Brainstorm with your core team or your lead adorers. Some parishes have a Coordinator, Division Leader, and Hourly Captain. They may have ideas how to bring more people before the Lord. Every parish is different. If you have an idea that works for your parish, please share it with stladoration@gmail.com, so we can share it with the other Parish Coordinators.

18. Couldn't the Eucharist be exposed always by building tabernacles of glass or tabernacles with small windows to see inside?

"No. The Holy Eucharist is to be reserved in a solid tabernacle. It must be opaque and unbreakable."

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"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now. This is why you should ask your parish priest to have Perpetual Adoration in your parish. I beg the Blessed Mother to touch the hearts of all parish priests that they may have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in their parishes and it may spread throughout the world."

-- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

