

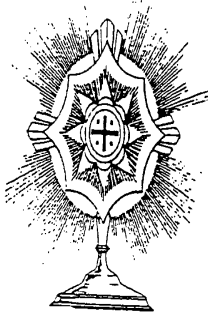
Diocese of Norwich

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

24 HOURS 7 DAYS A WEEK

St. John Church, Cromwell
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Gales Ferry
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St. Mary Church, Coventry
St. Mark Church, Westbrook
The Marian Friary of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Griswold

*Please use the enclosed “**Come Let Us Adore Him**” quotes in your bulletin to spread the word how important Eucharistic Adoration is.*



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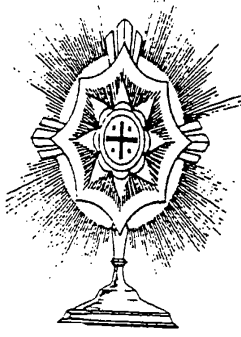
Then Jesus Declared, "I Am The Bread Of Life. He Who Comes To Me Will Never Go Hungry, And He Who Believes In Me Will Never Be Thirsty." (John 6:35)

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"It was not until 1973, when we began our daily Holy Hour that our community started to grow and blossom..., Mother Teresa

When his excellency, Bishop Ott, spoke to Mother Teresa of Calcutta, he asked her "how she got so many women to join her religious order". She explained: "We were just like other religious congregations with few vocations. Then at our chapter in the 1970s we made a decision to have a holy hour in all our convents each evening. Many blessings resulted from this Holy Hour the Bishop witnessed, for Mother Teresa continued, "We began to see more clearly our mission to serve the poor in Christ's name. We began to live a more fruitful family life among ourselves. We experienced **double the number of vocations** in our congregation. And we grew personally in our intimacy with the Lord present in the Eucharist." The Bishop is "confident" that this will occur in his diocese too.

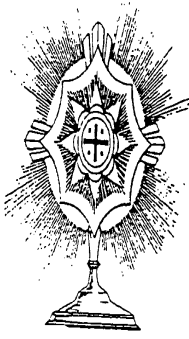
("Bishop's Notebook", Stanley Joseph Ott, Bishop of Baton Rouge, The Catholic Commentator, August 5, 1992)

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This is a personal invitation from Jesus to you! "Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love" Jesus is counting on you! "Every member of the Church must be vigilant in seeing that this Sacrament shall be given back 'love for love'."

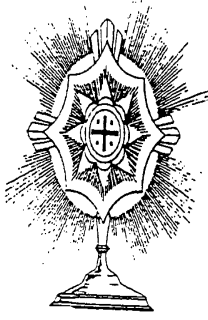
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Jesus wants you to do more than go to Mass on Sunday! "Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete."

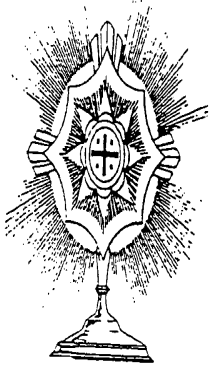
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Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because you are the most important person in the world to Him! "Beneath the Sacred Host, Christ is contained, the Redeemer of the world."

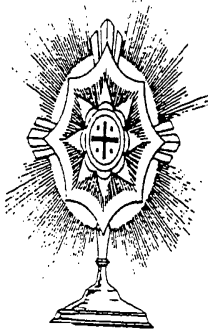
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You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus! "Our essential commitment in life is to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist."

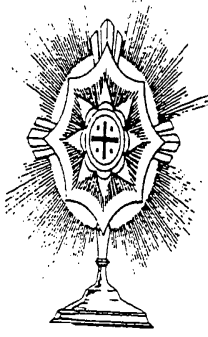
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The best time you spend on earth is with your Best Friend, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! "How great is the value of converse with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road to holiness!"

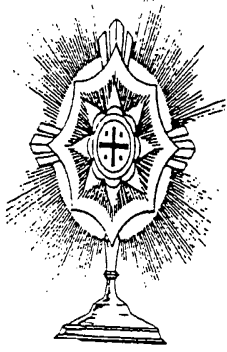
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Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of His grace, His love, His peace. "Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, 'God with us' day and night, He is in our midst. He dwell with us full of grace."

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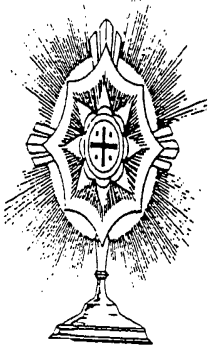
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With transforming mercy, Jesus makes our heart one with His. "Jesus teaches those who come to Him to be like Himself, gentle and humble of heart, and to seek not their own will, but the will of God."

Pope Paul VI, CREDO OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

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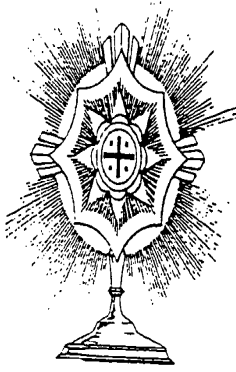
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If the Pope himself would give you a special invitation to visit him in the Vatican, this honor would be nothing in comparison to the honor and dignity that Jesus Himself bestows upon you with the invitation of spending one hour a week with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. "The Divine Eucharist bestows upon the Christian people an incomparable dignity."

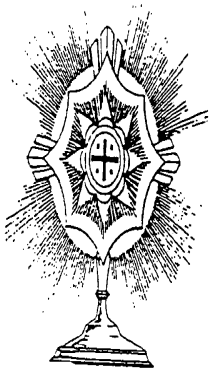
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HE IS REALLY THERE!

"I Myself Am the Living Bread come down from heaven." (Jn. 6:35)

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8/3/05

Fr. Mark

Sorry about this, but just some of my thoughts and ramblings.

The included adoration blurbs could possibly be used in parish bulletins (after your review, correct, or change.) These can be used in the six parishes that do have Perpetual Adoration but also the other parishes, especially if they have certain times when they offer adoration.

These could be sent also to the VCP, pastors, parish secretaries, etc. It would be nice if we had a listing of all the churches in the Diocese that had some kind of Eucharistic Adoration available. I know St. John's, OS and Our Lady of Sorrows, Essex and the Cathedral have certain days and times for Adoration. It is not Perpetual but it is Adoration.

The small repeated paragraph in all the blurbs is just a brief description of the basics of Adoration. I found when I was active in the St. John's, OS Adoration many people did not know what it is all about. (In fact, back when there was an assistant Secretary at the parish she said to me one day, "You know I am thirty and I have no idea what Adoration is about.") Sometimes while attending Adoration parishioners would walk in and light a candle but were totally oblivious about Adoration or that it was even happening. They would walk by the altar and monstrance and made no acknowledgement. I think there needs to be an education of the people on what it is exactly.

Maybe you could do a 4CC article about it. Maybe Mary Walsh would run a monthly listing of the six Perpetual Adoration churches. Maybe one month or a couple of months, if we had a listing of all parishes with some kind of Adoration, she could run that too. (The reason for listing all parishes is because maybe a parish's adoration is not at a time when a parishioner can attend but if they knew of another parish that had a convenient time they would attend there.)

Maybe the Vocation Office, with the help of the Craigs could put together a pamphlet, flyer or something on the specifics (i.e., kneeling on both knees before entering a pew, what is a monstrance and what is it for, where did it originate, etc., etc.) There could be incorporated in that some of the vocation stories that happened because of Adoration (for example locally, the story of Father Kevin Reilly).

We really need a blitz on this subject. We can't expect people to attend if they have no idea what it is all about or the powers it provides. I know for Walter and I, once you attend an Adoration you are automatically drawn back. You look forward to and desire your time of Adoration. The peace and quiet while adoring Jesus and the feeling of happiness and tranquility when you walk out of the church is amazing. All it takes is that initial visit to keep you coming back. But first we have to get them there!

Maybe we need to have a poster that incorporates Eucharistic Adoration and Vocations.