

**ARCHBISHOP'S COMMITTEE FOR
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**
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Dear Parish Coordinator of Eucharistic Adoration,
(Please forward to coordinator)

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PRAY, SACRIFICE, INVITE

Jesus advised us "*Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field*" ([Mt 9:38](#)). Many parishes have seen an increase in vocations since they began praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

Bishop Hermann said that Incarnate Word did not have a single vocation in 33 years. Since opening the Adoration Chapel on September 9, 2001, six men have been ordained for the Archdiocese, Fr. Christopher Martin, Fr. Aaron Nord, Fr. James Theby, Fr. John Nickolai, Fr. David Hogan and Fr. Alexander Nord. Claire Westermeyer joined the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará. Why so many vocations from Incarnate Word?

Incarnate Word has the *Eucharistic Adoration Prayers* sheet composed by Bishop Rice on every prie-dieu. These prayers are very popular with the Adorers and include a vocation prayer by Cardinal Rigali. Many people use the prayers during their Holy Hour. These prayer cards are available from the Archbishop's committee for only \$.25; however, any prayer for vocations would work.

St. Louis Abbey was concerned about the shortage of vocations. In March 1983, they began praying for vocations. Abbot Luke evolved this into the vocation vigil on the second Friday of every month. It begins at 7:30 p.m. with Compline (evening prayer) in the Abbey Church and concludes with Lauds at 5:55 a.m. Each year a letter is sent to parishioners inviting them to commit to a Holy Hour for the upcoming year from 7:30 to midnight. If they are unable to make the second Friday, parishioners are encouraged to pray at another time. The monks also take half an hour to an hour of prayer from 7:30 until lauds on Saturday. From 1984 to 2014, twenty-one monks have made their solemn profession to the order.

Has your parish seen a link between Pro-Life efforts since you started Eucharistic Adoration that you would like to share with other parish coordinators? If so, please share your suggestions by sending them to: stladoration@gmail.com or call Patti @ 314-576-2938.

11. Is the Holy Eucharist exposed for the purpose of private devotion?

"No. The liturgical rites for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament are found in the ritual book Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass and presume the presence of a number of people during the period of adoration. The rites require that during the period of exposition 'there should be prayers, songs and readings to direct the attention of the faithful to the worship of Christ the Lord.' The Liturgy of the Hours may also be celebrated during the period of exposition, or the Rosary may be prayed."

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"After my family, the priests in my life, and devotion to Our Lady, The Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel at Incarnate Word was the most important factor in my ability to hear and respond to Our Lord's call. I encourage you to pray before Our Lord for yourself, your family and friends, and vocations. The chapel is always in need of people who can commit to an hour of adoration a week so that it can remain available for others like myself to stop by when we can." Fr. Alex Nord