

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

Since October is Respect Life month, the focus this month will be on the link between prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and the end to abortion.

Fr. Larry Richards is pastor at St. Joseph's Parish in downtown Erie, PA. He was quoted in the local newspaper that one of his goals when their Adoration Chapel opened on Ash Wednesday 2004, was to close the Abortion clinic two blocks away which had opened September 2003. The clinic did close in a matter of months - July 20th of that year. A few doctors tried to come back in April 2005. The paper interviewed Fr. Richards about the reopen and he promised that they would close it again. When the doctors saw they were getting nowhere, the clinic closed permanently on February 2007.

Locally a group used to pray the rosary before an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe outside of Reproductive Health Services which was in an office at 100 N. Euclid in the days before Planned Parenthood in St. Louis. The group decided to rent an office so they could have a monthly Mass to pray for the closing of this facility. Reproductive Health Services went broke after 12 years of the monthly offering of Holy Mass and prayers.

Many parishes participate in the 40 Days for Life. Copies of the 40 Days for Life prayer could be made available in your Adoration Chapel. For those parishes that are not large enough to sponsor a day, and for those who are not able to participate at Planned Parenthood (and even those who are), adorers could offer up a holy hour of prayer for those who are on the streets offering sidewalk counseling.

At St. Dominic Savio Parish they have witnessed an 11 year old homeschooled parishioner, Meghan Meehan, take up the banner of protecting the unborn. It's quite obvious to her Mom that she has been inspired by the Holy Spirit. She told her Mom she just had to do something to protect unborn babies. As a result, she proposed, and gained approval from the school principal, to organize interested grade schoolers and PSR children to participate. The result is a new ministry in their parish, "The Pros." The children meet once a month to discuss how they can promote a true respect for all life issues, and support existing organizations which provide services to women in crisis pregnancies, such as the Archdiocese's Good Shepherd Children and Family Services.

13. What forms might such Solemn Exposition take?

"In many places, this exposition takes place for a period of 'forty hours,' during which faithful join with local clergy in a continuous period of prayer for forty hours. In other places, shorter periods of continuous prayer before the exposed Blessed Sacrament take place, accompanied by appropriate sacred songs, readings from Scripture, and other forms of liturgical prayer."

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Our Nation, our Church, and Christianity in general are facing increasing attacks from the secularization of our Western culture. Most recent and most imprudent is the Federal Government's attack on our religious freedom by regulations mandating that Christian institutions spend their money to support abortion and contraception. History is clear that once national governments begin such persecutions, they rarely stop. The intimate prayer of adoration is the perfect forum for us to desperately and continuously cry out to God, for the gift of the Holy Spirit to renew our faith and our culture, and ultimately our nation