

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

It's vacation season and you need to find a sub for your Holy Hour. What do you do? Most people ask someone on the sub list, trade with another adorer, ask the people the hour before, or after to split their hour, or ask one or the other to do two hours. These are all good ideas, but wouldn't it be better if every adorer would first ask a relative, neighbor, or friend from another parish, that may not be very familiar with Adoration? This may be a good way to introduce them to Adoration. They would be people other than the usual subs.

Most coordinators would love to find new adorers. They are only one person. If you have an adoration committee with hourly captains and/or division leaders, that is a few more people. If each adorer would be responsible to invite more people to spend time with the Lord, then this would help with attrition. Adorers change, they pass away, move, have lifestyle changes, etc. New adorers are always needed. Most Adorers are thankful for the ability to spend an hour with the Lord, but don't realize how much they are needed for recruitment. It's so easy to let one adorer do many hours rather than getting different people at each hour. What do you think is more pleasing to the Lord? When something happens to the person doing multiple hours, the coordinator has the concern to fill these hours. It's better to get new people as needed, rather than needing to fill multiple hours.

If you recruit someone new to sub for you, please give their contact information to the person who has the hour before you, so they know who your replacement is. Some like a friendly text, email or phone reminder. You can explain to your sub how to spend their hour with Jesus. Afterwards, follow up with a thank you. How did it go? Would you consider doing this again? Do you think you would like to do this on a regular basis?

Do you have a suggestion which can be shared with other Adoration Coordinators? If so, please share your suggestions by sending them to: stladoration@gmail.com or call Patti @ 314-576-2938.

21. When and where should perpetual exposition of the Blessed Sacrament take place?

Speaking at the forty-fifth International Eucharistic Congress held in Seville, Spain, in June 1993, Pope John Paul II expressed his hope that "in all parishes and Christian communities, there would be established some form of ongoing adoration of the most blessed Sacrament." Whether this adoration takes the form of perpetual exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at the discretion of the diocesan bishop.

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"Listen: There are two things the Devil is deathly afraid of: fervent Communion and frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament. Do you want Our Lord to grant you many graces? Visit Him often. Do you want Him to grant you only a few? Visit Him only seldom. Do you want the Devil to attack you? Rarely visit the Blessed Sacrament. Do you want the Devil to flee from you? Visit Jesus often. Do you want to overcome the Devil? Take refuge at Jesus' feet. Do you want to be overcome by the Devil? Give up visiting Jesus. Visiting the Blessed Sacrament is essential my dear boys, if you want to overcome the Devil. Therefore, make frequent visits to Jesus. If you do that, the Devil will never prevail against you."

- St. John Bosco, *Biographical Memoirs*.