

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 ADORATION & FATIMA

The First prayer the Fatima children were taught by the Angel of Peace was a call to faith: *“My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, I love Thee! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love Thee.”*

During the second apparition of the Angel he told the children *“Pray! Pray very much! The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy on you. Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High.”*

Anything against our will is a sacrifice. When we sacrifice our time to spend it with Our Lord during adoration, we give Him consolation for those who give Him nothing.

At the third and final apparition of the Angel he taught the children this prayer, *“Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly, I offer Thee the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles throughout the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences by which He Himself is offended. And by the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.”* These are prayers of adoration, reparation and petition, and let us always include thanksgiving. It was during this apparition the Angel brought them Holy Communion.

What did Our Blessed Mother request during her six apparitions? To summarize: *“Say the rosary and make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. Don’t lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God. Continue to pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war. Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and pray for them. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart.”*

The prayers, requests and petitions are as necessary today as they were one hundred years ago. What better place to offer prayer, with sacrifice, than in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ during Eucharistic Adoration.

Let us always remember: ***True devotion to Our Blessed Mother will always lead us closer to Jesus.***

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.

22. When the bishop approves perpetual adoration of the exposed Blessed Sacrament in a parish Church, where should adoration take place?

Regular or even extended adoration of the Blessed Sacrament may take place in the main body of the Church or in a separate chapel. Perpetual adoration of the exposed Blessed Sacrament should, ordinarily, take place “in a chapel distinct from the body of the church so as not to interfere with the normal activities of the parish or its daily liturgical celebrations.”

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To persevere in this peace and the grace of God, not all men need to perform heroic sacrifices as did the children of Fatima; but all men must fulfill their daily duties in life. And because these duties are oftentimes hard and burdensome, they become works of penance and sacrifice. Why not commit to a regular holy hour and invite someone else to commit or be a regular substitute? While not a burden, it’s a sacrifice to make a regular commitment and to get a substitute when you can’t make it.