

ARCHBISHOP'S COMMITTEE FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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Dear Parish Coordinator of Eucharistic Adoration,
(Please forward to coordinator)

This newsletter will be archived on our webpage where you may find helpful information to assist in maintaining and promoting Adoration. <https://www.archstl.org/sacred-worship/liturgy-and-sacraments/eucharistic-adoration>

PRAY, SACRIFICE, INVITE

Recently a Adoration Coordinator mentioned to someone in her parish that she needed to fill an hour on a certain day and time. The woman mentioned it at her Bible Study and one of the Bible Study members volunteered to take the hour. *'Ask, and it shall be given to you...'* Mt 7:7. Some people think about it, but they need someone to ask before they make the commitment.

Do you see someone in the Chapel when you go who does not have a regular Holy Hour? Why not ask them to be a substitute when you are out of town. Better yet, ask them if they would like to be a regular adorer at that hour with you. Explain that when there are conflicts for that day and time you can cover for each other. Most visitors don't realize the importance and blessings of the regular Holy Hour.

Another coordinator would pray to the souls of the former Adorers asking them to help fill the spots. These are people committed to Adoration. The Holy Souls are looking for people to have Masses said for them or offer up Holy Hours for them. Ask them to inspire people to become a regular Adorer.

A friend recently recommended the book *32 Days* by Ellen Prozeller published by the Daughters of St. Paul. This children's book is the story of Chinese peasant girl in Communist China. Her grandma taught her how to pray - talk to Jesus and be still for the rest of the hour and listen. When the Communists take over her village, she sees the tabernacle shot. She counts 32 hosts on the floor. She goes back every day to pick up one host with her tongue and then spends a holy hour with Jesus in thanksgiving. The priest who was imprisoned witnessed this. He told the story to Archbishop Fulton Sheen which inspired Archbishop Sheen to do a daily Holy Hour or Hour of Power as he called it. He told the story on his program. He also met the friend of the girl in the book. This would make a wonderful First Communion gift or to have for children who stop by your chapel. Be sure to read the book first before you give it away. It reminds us the importance of the relationship with Jesus and to make time to listen at prayer.

If you would like to receive an E-newsletter from the Office of Sacred Worship titled: Liturgy Notes: please respond to this link: http://email.archstl.org/k/Archdiocese/office_of_sacred_worship_subscribe.

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.

28. What is the purpose of Eucharistic Adoration after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday?

"If the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion is to be celebrated the next day, the Blessed Sacrament is solemnly reserved in a separate repository at the end of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. While the primary purpose of this reservation is to provide the "Eucharistic bread that will be distributed in communion on Good Friday," the adoration also serves as extension of the Eucharistic liturgy and an acknowledgement of the perduring presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist."

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SAVE THE DATE: March 21st, 2020 Lay Eucharistic Conference with guest speaker Rev. Msgr. C. Eugene Morris