

## What is Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (PEA)? June 14, 2009

- ✦ When the Blessed Sacrament (a consecrated Host Who is Jesus) is kept in a *monstrance* for public adoration *at all times* outside of Mass in a special designated place, it is called 'Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.' This devotion has a long history and has as its basis our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. While there is no obligation for any individual to practice this devotion, many personal and community blessings are associated with offering it in a parish.

### Why should we consider Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Redeemer?

Pastors who welcome it in their parishes have reported many benefits including:

- ✦ Parishioners report many personal and family blessings.
- ✦ Attendance at Mass – daily and on Sunday – is increased.
- ✦ People receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation more frequently.
- ✦ There is an increase in the number of priestly and religious vocations.
- ✦ People return to their Catholic faith, sometimes after many years of being away.
- ✦ The parish family experiences many extraordinary spiritual, financial, and social blessings.
- ✦ The chapel is a source of comfort, strength, consolation, and conversion for adorers.

### Who participates in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration?

- ✦ No one MUST participate, everyone MAY participate – there are no upper or lower age limits. Many graces are bestowed on anyone who visits Jesus in Perpetual Adoration whether for one hour or just a few minutes. Visits with babies and young children can be tailored to your child's attention span. People from other parishes can commit to adore on a regular basis or visit when they can. Even non-Catholics can adore if they wish. Information and suggestions will be provided in the coming months about the parish community and individual benefits, what to do during Adoration, and many other subjects.

### How will this come about?

- ✦ Many have been praying for years that Holy Redeemer would receive this Gift of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Recently, there has been a 'planning committee' of about 15 parishioners appointed to lay a strong and broad foundation for this blessing. They are utilizing the expertise of the *Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Association*, an organization founded by the late Fr. John Hardon, S.J. – a strong advocate of devotion to the Eucharistic Christ – as well as that of other parishes around the country who have established Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Some tasks include selecting, preparing, and furnishing a Chapel space, recruiting adorers, addressing financial needs, developing on-going education and advertising in our diocese, maintaining the Chapel once PEA begins, and planning a celebration! No decisions will be made without the input of both priests and the approval of Fr. Paul. Since the Adoration Chapel will be prayerfully prepared, furnished and maintained through the assistance of volunteers, please consider helping if you have expertise or interest in any area mentioned above (contacts listed below).

### Where will we have our Adoration Chapel?

- ✦ In the 'Old Rectory' – in the space currently used by the Quilters – who will move to a suitable space. Most of the ladies already participate in Eucharistic Adoration and are honored to have 'their' space become a Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel!
- ✦ The Knights of Columbus, sometimes referred to as 'Guardians of the Eucharist' – will be nearby!

### How will we pay for preparing, furnishing, and sustaining our Adoration Chapel?

- ✦ It is important to understand that funds will not be sought from the parish operating budget – nor will they be solicited from parishioners as 'special collections.' However, any individual donations - monetary, material, or labor - will be very much appreciated. As we continue to dedicate our lives to God, we invite all in our parish family to assist in whatever way they feel the Spirit is moving them.

### When will we begin Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration?

- ✦ The goal is to dedicate and celebrate the opening of the Chapel and begin Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, November 1, 2009. It is fitting that we will begin on that Sunday - the Feast of All Saints.

### How can I become an adorer?

- ✦ You will have an opportunity to let the Recruitment Subcommittee know of your interest in being scheduled as an Adorer of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to 'sign up' for one hour (or more) per week. A recruitment effort will begin soon and continue throughout the next several months ending with an official 'Sign-up Sunday.' Please pray if our Lord is asking you to be a scheduled adorer.

### Who can we contact if we have questions or comments about Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration?

- ✦ We welcome every parishioner's input and assistance in each aspect of planning and sustaining this devotion.
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