

WHY WE SHOULD SIGN UP FOR ADORATION:

Do you still believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist? Do you still believe that the Eucharist is Jesus and that Jesus is present at the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar? If the answer is "YES", have you considered sharing your time with Him in Adoration? Have you ever considered signing up for Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in our Church? May be this might be a wonderful opportunity for you to vividly express your faith and belief in the Living presence of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Does this sound new and strange to you? Here is what the church teaches about it. "The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that in the Eucharist we find all the good of the Church. In it we have the certainty that God is faithful to His promise and stays with us until the end of time (Mt. 28.20)... In (our) visits and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, we experience the closeness of the good Shepherd, the tenderness of His love, the presence of (a) faithful friend. We ... all experience (this) large support (in our lives) provided by faith (and our) personal and intimate dialogue with the (Lord in the Eucharist)." (Pope Francis) ("St. Francis Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration" Website - www.stfrancisadoration.org).

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has this to say to us, "Let us take time, in the course of the week, in passing, to go in and spend a moment with the Lord who is so near." (Pope Benedict XVI) "This is what is lovely about Catholic churches, that within them there is, as it were, always worship, because the Eucharistic presence of the Lord dwells always within them." (Pope Benedict XVI) "I ask everyone to intensify in coming months love and devotion to the Eucharistic Jesus and to express in a courageous and clear way the real presence of the Lord." (Pope Benedict XVI) "There is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering." (Pope Benedict XVI).

Do you think you can personally or collectively be part of this Adoration in our community? Can you get your friends and family to commit to it? Will you be able to share in this ministry of sustaining the Real Presence of Jesus by participating in the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in our church at St. Paul? Think about the blessing we share and receive when we give Jesus a fair share of our time in Adoration.

Do you want to be part of the responsibility of keeping the chapel open for Perpetual Adoration? Here is what you are saving the church according to Pope Benedict XVI. "Today we run the risk of having our churches turned into museums and ending like museums: If they are not closed, they are pillaged. They have no life. The measure of the Church's vitality, the measure of its interior openness, will be reflected in the fact that its doors remain open, precisely because it is a church where there is constant prayer. The Eucharist, and the community that celebrates it, will be full in the measure in which we prepare ourselves in silent prayer before the presence of the Lord and become persons who want to communicate with truth." (Pope Benedict XVI)