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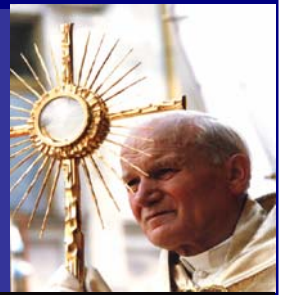
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to make contact with the very wellspring of grace."*
- Pope John Paul II

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NEW MONSTRANCE SECURED: AWAITS PAPAL BLESSING

An audience has been arranged with the Holy Father for early March, and PJPII board member Dr. Stefania Chase will present this newly purchased monstrance for a special blessing.

As Parish Chapel Coordinator for PJPII, Dr. Chase received inspiration in January from the Holy Spirit to arrange a trip to the Vatican. After some discussion with colleagues here in the Archdiocese, as well as in Europe, word was received to make the trip in early March.

Roma Bound

“This special blessing from the Holy Father will give us something to bring back to the Archdioceses to promote the spread of Adoration and to pray for vocations,” Dr. Chase said. The week-long excursion also corresponds with a visit to the Vatican by Fr. Joseph Noonan, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Chicago. At press time, plans were in place to leave for Rome February 25.

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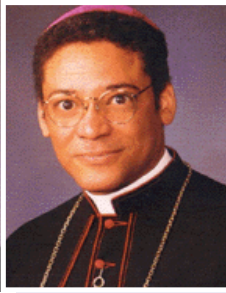
Mission

Inspired by the mandate and personal encouragement of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, the mission of The Pope John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Association is to assist each parish within the Archdiocese of Chicago to establish and maintain a viable Eucharistic adoration program in full obedience to our Local Ordinary and the guidance of our Episcopal Moderator. Though our primary mission is to the parishes within our own Archdiocese, we will collaborate with and seek to offer whatever assistance we can to any legitimate persons or organizations involved in the spread of Eucharistic adoration, provided this does not impede our primary responsibility to the parishes within our Archdiocese.

His Excellency, Bishop Joseph Perry, is the Episcopal Moderator to the Pope John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Association. This brief essay offers a startling example of how our Lord works in unexpected ways. This is a hallmark theme of the Christmas season; but can be recognized by all of us throughout the year.

We Are Saved!

By Bishop Joseph Perry



The Advent and Christmas seasons give us pause to recall the sacred narrative of our salvation in Christ. It is a mystery beyond words, a story of stories that continues to dazzle us. We never tire hearing it. We go to Church to see the great story book raised aloft and the great story proclaimed again and again. God has come among us and has saved us!

I am reminded of a book titled, *Alive...* it was also made into a TV movie... you might have seen it... the story of fourteen people who survived a plane crash high in the Andes mountains. No one knew what had happened to them or where they were. An unusually heavy snowfall almost insured that the survivors would not make their way over the mountains even if they knew which way to go, which they did not.

After about two months without rescue they knew someone had to go for help. Three started out. The challenge proved too much for one of them and he turned back. The other two, a man named Parrado and another named Canessa, kept going. After ten days of walking they found a rusty tin can, the first sign that they had reached the edge of civilization. Finally, one morning, they looked across a rushing river and saw a human being. He was a Chilean peasant tending sheep. He was on the far side of a great torrent of rushing water. They shouted but over the noise of the water they could not be heard.

Finally, the peasant looked their way and saw them. He couldn't make up his mind whether they were tourists or terrorists. Eventually, he turned and went away. The next morning the man was back tending his sheep. He took a piece of paper, wrote something on it, wrapped it in a handkerchief with a stone and threw it across the river. Parrado stumbled over the rocks, retrieved the paper and read: *"There is a man coming later. Tell me what you want."*

The two wrote a message and threw it back across the river. The man signaled that he understood. Then he took a piece of bread from his pocket and threw it across the river. He waved and turned to climb back up the side of the gorge. Parrado and Canessa picked the piece of bread up off the ground and held it in their hands. It was a visible, tangible sign from the world they knew. Canessa turned his face toward Parrado and fixed his tired eyes on the bread. *"We are saved,"* he said. *"Yes,"* said Parrado, *"we are saved!"*

This true tragic story reminds me of what God has done for us. Lost as we were, God connected with us and gave us his saving bread, and we are relieved! Every time we celebrate holy mass we are commemorating finally our connection with God and we are lost no longer!



A Night with Mark Forrest



St. Catherine of Alexandria

week stint set for late April. At press time, four parishes in the Archdiocese had made formal commitments to host this inspirational program. Mr. Forrest's repertoire and faith-filled testimonial spearheads a two-hour event of praise, song, prayer and contemplation.

Mr. Forrest, a native of Ireland, now lives in the Washington D.C. area. There, he has been approached by the Bishop of Virginia to expand his ministry for presentations at both church and college campus venues.



St. Catherine of Alexandria

"I feel our goal in this special program has gone far beyond our dreams," Mr. Gilboy said of last fall's outpouring of gratitude following performances by Mr. Forrest. He cites as a prime example the speedy addition of Mr. Forrest to a memorial service at St. Rita of Cascia High School.

St. Francis Borgia





“St. Rita was a moving experience,” Mr. Gilboy recalled. He was contacted by St. Rita President and Principal Rev. Thomas R. McCarthy, O.S.A.

Most Holy Redeemer



“To see 900 young men and their teachers sitting in total silence in front of Our Lord, exposed in the monstrance, was beyond words,” he noted.

Bring this inspirational program to your parish and neighborhood by contacting the PJPII Adoration Association at (773) 582-9222,

or via the “Contact Us” prompt on the association’s web site at www.pjp2ea.org.

There are some dates that remain open for this spring. Members of PJPII will offer their expertise to assist you in scheduling, planning and promoting this program at your parish.



Most Holy Redeemer

Organizers urge asking for a free-will offering to cover the cost of hosting Mr. Forrest. Directors of PJPII have approved a program to assist with concert expenses for parishes which suffer a shortfall on the free will collection.



St. Catherine of Alexandria

HUSBANDS AND WIVES: TAKE A BOW!

Goodwill and fellowship did indeed abound in a private room off the lobby of the Drury Lane Theater early this winter. That's where about two dozen members of the Pope John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Association gathered for hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments.

Association President Jim Gilboy welcomed the group. He gave special thanks to the wives and husbands of association members. He noted the work by members to expand adoration in the Archdiocese often comes at the expense of time otherwise spent at home with loved ones.

Also making brief remarks of thanks and encouragement at the December 5 gathering was Fr. John P. Grigus, O.F.M. Conv., Spiritual Director of the Pope John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Association. New members also were treated to some faith-filled observations by Sister Charla Gannon, R.S.M.. Sister Charla is widely credited with founding the Pope John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Association.

After the event, Gilboy expressed the importance of showing appreciation to association members and their families. He sees expressions of thanks as essential for building membership. New members are welcomed and should contact the association by telephone at (773) 582-9222 or via the website at www.pjp2ea.org.

'HOLY FIRE' SET TO SPREAD JUNE 2 THROUGH 5

Chapel leaders and adorers are asked to keep in their prayers, and urge others as well, to make intercessions for a blessed result from the upcoming session of the Chicago Institute of Evangelization set for the Cenacle Retreat House, 513 W. Fullerton Pkwy., Chicago.

"We need the power of your prayer and support for the success of this Institute and are asking that you offer the following prayers in the adoration chapels," said Fr. Joseph W. Kruszynski, O.F.M. Conv., Archdiocesan director for the Office of Evangelization.

Fr. Kruszynski details the following intentions:

- For overwhelming turnout for the four day event.
- For inspiration to rest upon all speakers and organizers.
- For cooperation and guidance to all from the Holy Spirit.
- For strength among participants to spread the Gospel.
- The Archdiocese holds firm to a ministry of evangelization.

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I would like to share with you what the Adoration Chapel means to me. Here is where I'm given the opportunity to talk to my God without any interruptions or any kind of distractions. It's only Him and me. **This is where the blindfolds I wore half of my life were lifted.**

Here is where everything I've done with my life was put into perspective. This is where I have been given the opportunity to explore with my Creator who I really was and experiencing the joy and happiness I thought was never possible for me. He had so much else in mind for me. The adoration hours I have committed to are not enough compared to what my Lord and Savior has given to me. Today I have an intimate relationship with Him, which I wouldn't give up for anything or any one. Today, I know the difference between my will and His will. Today, I choose only His will for me. And asking Jesus to take my hand and guide and direct me through the day that has been given me. Today my days are filled with joy, happiness and gratitude. And it's only because I chose to walk the path with Jesus my Savior guiding and directing me.

I pray that sharing this with you will fill in the open hours we still have available. All He asks of us is only one hour to spend with Him and the blessings He pours over us with that hour are just breathtaking. I truly believe that one hour will not be enough after you experience what I've experienced. I know one hour wasn't enough for me after all He has done for me and is still doing.

I'll end saying: "My Lord and my God, I thank Thee, I praise Thee, I adore Thee."— *Dolores Garbo*

Pope wants Catholics to embrace "Real Presence" of Christ

Rome (CNS)

One reason Pope John Paul II launched a Year of the Eucharist is that he wants Catholics to deepen their understanding of the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

The Pope has stressed his is not a symbolic or metaphorical idea. It means believing that Christ is present—body, blood, soul and divinity—under the appearances of bread and wine in Communion.

In his encyclical on the Eucharist, the Holy Father said this is a "presence in the fullest sense: a substantial presence whereby Christ, the God-man, is wholly and entirely present."

Quoting St. Cyril, the Pope explained further: "Do not see ... in the bread and wine merely natural elements, because the Lord has expressly said that they are his body and blood ... though your senses suggest otherwise."

The Church teaches that bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ through the intervention of the Holy Spirit at the act of consecration during Mass.

"Fr. Thomas Williams, a professor of theology at Rome's Regina Apostolorum University, said many Catholics do not believe that are actually eating Christ's flesh and drinking his blood, except symbolically. He blames such misperception on modern man's "over-reliance" on his senses.

The Eucharistic miracle—termed "transubstantiation" by the Council of Trent—involves maintaining the external appearance of bread and wine while changing their inner "substantial" qualities to Christ's own flesh and blood.

Fr. Dennis Gill, liturgical director at Rome's North American College, said celebrants can do much to inspire greater belief in the real presence. Celebrants do this "by carrying out the Mass in a certain—reverent way—especially through proper posture and gesture," he said.

"There should be nothing that appears routine," he asserts. "We must do this because Christ is really there in the sacrament," he said.

The following are programs and opportunities offered by the Marytown Retreat Conference facility for the Year of the Eucharist.

- April 2: *Eucharist and Divine Mercy*, presented by Fr. John Grigus, OFM Conv.
- April 23: *Healing Power of the Eucharist*, presented by Dr. Bernard Klamecki, MD
- May 21: *Eucharistic Symbols*, presented by Fr. Terri Cramer
- June 17-18: *Archdiocesan Eucharistic Conference for Adorers* with Scott Hahn as Presenter
- August 11: *St. Maximilian Kolbe and the Eucharist*, presented by Fr. John P. Grigus, OFM Conv.
- September 17: *Eucharist, Sacrament of Unity*, presented by Fr. James Jankowski. OFM Conv.

Particularly noteworthy is the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Conference for Adorers scheduled for June 17-18, 2005. The event, co-sponsored by the Pope John II Eucharistic Adoration Association of the Archdiocese of Chicago (PJPII) will begin with opening Mass on Friday at 7:00 p.m. followed by all night adoration. It then continues on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. with three presentations offered by Scott Hahn, lunch, rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and concludes with 4:30 p.m. Mass presided by Bishop Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese and Episcopal Moderator for PJPII. Overnight stay for whole weekend may be arranged but spaces are limited, so early pre-registration is required.

Marytown is also able to host Day Pilgrimages for various parish groups throughout the year. This includes a tour of our chapel and facilities, conference, Mass and lunch.

We also have an extensive website on which various conference CD and tapes, books and pamphlets on the Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration may be ordered. New to the website are the following CD/Tape conferences:

- *Mary and the Eucharist*—5 CD/Tape set for \$35 by Fr. John P. Grigus, OFM Conv
- *Eucharistic Adoration, Source of Spiritual Renewal of the Parish Community*—4 CD/Tape set for \$28 by Fr. John P. Grigus, OFM Conv.
- *Eucharist and Life*—4CD/Tape set for \$28 by Msgr. Philip Reilley, Founder of “God’s Precious Infants”
- *Eucharist, Life and Light of the Third Millennium*—4CD/Tape sets for \$28 by Fr. Paul Henry

You may order these and other material by calling the Marytown Press at 1-800-743-1177 or go to the Marytown website www.marytown.com. For information on retreat offerings or to schedule a private pilgrimage call Marcia at 847-367-7800 Ext. 225. Marytown is located at 1600 W. Park Ave. (Route 176), Libertyville, IL 60048.

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