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Eucharistic Adoration Association of the Archdiocese of Chicago



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“Your faith will help you realize that it is Jesus Himself Who is present in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for you and calling you to spend one special, specific hour with Him each week.”
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ANNOUNCING CHAPEL LEADERS MEETING

The Road to Damascus Comes to You Oct. 25!

“Celebrate Saint Paul and the Eucharist”

Three dynamic speakers will enhance your devotion to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and deepen your appreciation of the “Apostle to the Gentiles” during the Fall 2008 Chapel Leaders and Adorers meeting. The Pope John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Association is grateful for the blessing to invite the faithful for a prayerful and informative day of renewal to be held at Saint Francis Borgia Parish, 8033 West Addison, Chicago.

Fr. Louis Cameli, Pastor of Divine Savior Parish in Norridge, will speak on St. Paul’s Eucharistic theology as derived from scripture. Fr. Cameli is a pioneer in the field of ongoing formation. His priesthood of nearly 40 years provides a wealth of pastoral experience. He will bring St. Paul’s conversion to life and demonstrate how his writings became a foundational understanding of Eucharistic theology.

Grounded with the historical perspective of the Eucharist from the life of St. Paul, **Fr. Joe Noonan** will connect devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the call to vocations. As Director of Vocations for the archdiocese, Fr. Noonan will speak on the flow of grace generated by prayer before the Eucharist as a moving force. Adorers, therefore, play a role in the lives of everyone called by God, whether it be the priesthood, a religious community, marriage or the single life.

Fr. Tom Refermat, STL, Pastor of St. John Vianney in Northlake, will relate St. Paul and the Eucharist to our lives today. Ordained in 1994, Fr. Refermat is a theologian of the archdiocese and well equipped to help us operate in the modern world with the aid of the Church and her timeless wisdom.

You are invited to begin the day by attending 8 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Borgia. Registration follows with a continental breakfast. The day will wind up with adoration and benediction with a final blessing at 2:30 p.m.

Please see back cover for your meeting registration form.

ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL HUNGER

By Bishop Joseph N. Perry

In my travels, I find myself amazed at the crowds who attend Mass in African regions such as Nigeria and Uganda. People walk for miles to get to Mass and linger afterwards if not before. Churches and worship spaces are always full if not overcrowded. They approach the distribution of Holy Communion with such intensity, devotion and love, for they know what it is they receive.



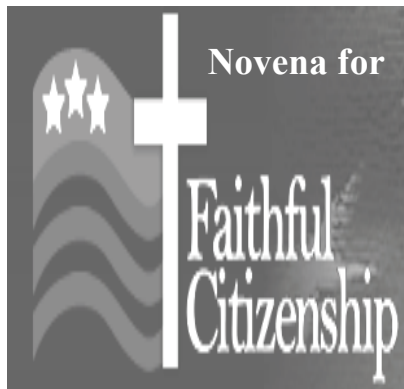
Writers of short stories find it difficult getting their work accepted and published by the upscale magazine, *The New Yorker*. Even the most famous names in modern writing consider themselves lucky to get a story accepted by the magazine. Nevertheless, a short story written by a priest of Nigeria, West Africa, Father Uwem Akpan, titled, “*Communion*” made it. The priest has made a name for himself with his collection of short stories viewing life through the eyes of Africa’s dispossessed young people.

“*Communion*” is an autobiographical piece about how deeply affected the priest was by the sight of two street children who went up to Holy Communion because they were starving and they saw people eating. “*These children were young, they were destitute, they went to the church with a real physical hunger. I had to ask myself – is my spiritual hunger this deep?*”

The late Pope John Paul II, when he announced the *Year of the Eucharist* several years ago, he said he wanted the Christian faithful to once again be captured by a holy amazement for this miraculous gift of Jesus’ presence among us.

So, I ask, we who seldom if ever go hungry. We who do not know hunger on any protracted scale. We who are full of this world’s food and goods already before we approach the Holy Eucharist... is our hunger for the Lord Jesus in his Eucharist this deep?

Bishop Joseph N. Perry
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago
Episcopal Moderator
PJPIIEAA



We encourage the faithful to visit the USCCB website. There you will find many resources to help guide you and your neighbors on the Church’s teaching to achieve a well formed conscience. Download the Novena for Faithful

Citizenship. The novena is also available in Spanish. ***Novena begins Sunday, October 26.***

<http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org/resources/podcasts>

Copies of the novena will be available at the chapel leaders meeting!

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

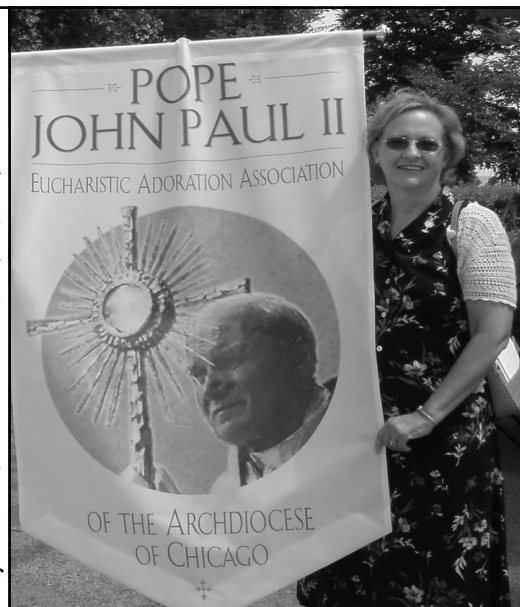
Praise be Jesus Christ now and forever! This is a familiar greeting at my parish, and what a beautiful greeting. It certainly falls in place with the ministry we are involved in. Adoration is the time when we unite ourselves with heaven, praising our God, praising Jesus Christ, calling upon the Holy Spirit. We join ourselves with all the angels and saints in heaven.

We certainly have made our mark with adoration in our archdiocese. The Vatican requested a survey. PJPIIEAA Board Member Tom Curtain and myself worked on the survey and Tom calculated during 2007-2008 a total of more than 250,000 hours of scheduled adoration were offered across the Archdiocese of Chicago. That's one-quarter of a million hours, yet our work is not finished! As the new president, I am honored and so thankful for the time and effort put forth in this ministry. In this past year the Vatican announced an initiative for each diocese worldwide to appoint a priest to work toward spreading adoration. We are pleased and thankful to have Fr. David Simonetti as our appointee. His role is not only to be our spiritual director, but also to help with directives for fellow priests regarding adoration. Remember he is available for speaking engagements at your parish as well. The board is currently working on individual vicariate chapel leader meetings with the cooperation of the bishop of the vicariate. One such meeting was successfully held already in Vicariate I. Thank you Bishop Rassas for your support!

The training for Extraordinary Ministers of exposition and reposition will begin, with the date for initial training to be scheduled soon. Under the guidance of Bishop Joseph N. Perry, the PJPII Eucharistic Adoration Association will sponsor an archdiocesan Eucharistic event in June. Keep watch on our website (www.pjp2ea.org) for further information after the first of the year. New adoration chapels are forming along with hourly adoration programs in parishes. Let's keep moving forward, spreading the truth, through the strength received from time spent in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. We walk with St. Paul who spent his life spreading the truth. I ask for your prayers as I venture out in this new position as president. Also, for prayers for my fellow board members as well. May we all continue to spread the truth throughout this year of St. Paul. Perhaps we will be able to reach 1 million hours of adoration!

May God continue to bless all,

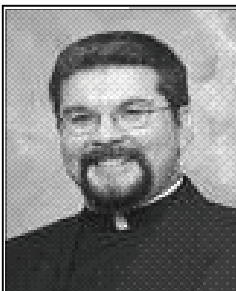
Ceil Brieske
President, PJPII Eucharistic Adoration Association



In coming Board President Ceil Brieske has served as PJPII Eucharistic Adoration Association vice president since 2005. She helped establish the Prince of Peace Adoration Chapel at St. Francis Borgia on the Northwest side of Chicago. Like many of you, Ceil was among thousands present at Grant Park in 2005 to take part in a Eucharistic Procession held in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Third Annual Eucharistic Congress.

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A WORD FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

**A BUSY SUMMER USHERS IN
STEPPED UP DUTIES**

By Fr. David J. Simonetti

Fellow Adorers,

In the year and spirit of St. Paul who the Church celebrates I wish all of you peace and grace in Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is with great joy and hope that I write to encourage all of you in the faith. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is spreading in the archdiocese and along with it the great Springtime that Pope John Paul II spoke of will blossom. As of July 1st my position as Spiritual Director of the Pope John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Association has been further solidified by Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago by becoming an appointment to further this great work which will bring so much fruit to the parishes and faithful. On December 8, 2007 the Congregation for the Clergy in Rome had requested that every Ordinary in the world appoint a priest with the specific mission of spreading devotion to the Eucharist in his particular diocese. PJPIIEAA believes that this appointment is truly a movement of the Holy Spirit in the working of the local Church and in union with the larger Church Universal. My particular mission is to work in concert with our Episcopal Moderator, Bishop Joseph N. Perry and those pastors seeking assistance and support to establish devotion to the Eucharist in their own parishes.

I had the great pleasure of leading a group of Chicago pilgrims as spiritual director to the 49th International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City, Canada this past June. PJPIIEAA sponsored the pilgrimage on behalf of the archdiocese in collaboration with St. Joseph Pilgrimages. We were all lifted in our faith as we prayed at North American Catholic Shrines

along the way such as that of Ven. Solanus Casey in Detroit, MI., Shrine and tomb of Bl. Kateri Tekawitha in Fonda, NY., the magnificent St. Joseph's Oratory and tomb of Bl. Andre Bessett in Montreal, the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, NY., as well as the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA.

At the congress a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Quebec was offered following an uplifting liturgy in the Pepsi Coliseum, daily workshops, and adoration. A true highlight for us was a Mass offered in the Shrine to St. Anne by Cardinal Justin Regali concelebrated by the bishops and clergy from the United States. The pilgrims had a special grace as Bishop Joseph Perry accompanied us on our journey in Quebec and celebrated a private Mass for us in the crypt of St. Anne's.

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“Preaching the Gospel with Joy”
Fr. David J. Simonetti
He is available to promote:
Eucharistic Adoration or
Conduct a Eucharistic
Mission at your parish.
Check out his website at
www.frsimonetti.com
Or call PJPIIEAA at
(708) 728-0840

Reminiscing on Building A Foundation

By Otto K. Kaiserauer, Past President, PJPIIEAA

Ever since Sister Charla Mary Gannon, R.S.M., introduced me to Eucharistic adoration some 12 years ago, I became acquainted with the workings of the Pope John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Association of the Archdiocese of Chicago. In the beginning I was involved with spiritual formation of other PJPIIEAA members. The time had come when Greg Alexander and I persuaded Fr. John Grigus to re-join PJPIIEAA as our spiritual director and built from there what became a meteoric rise of adorers in over 200 parishes throughout the archdiocese. Cardinal Francis George, appointed at this time, Bishop Joseph N. Perry as our Episcopal moderator, a position he holds to this day.

Fr. John Grigus instituted a number of new programs to attract more and more adorers. However, equally important, he recruited a number of priests throughout the archdiocese to enlist other clergy to embrace the devotion. The results were not always encouraging, which underscores why fortitude is one of the Cardinal Virtues. A more positive outlook is evolving among our priests, especially the newly ordained. More and more are recognize that Eucharistic adoration is important in bringing new vocations to the Church.

Over the years a number of administrations have successfully lead PJPIIEAA to newer heights. We all recognize that the laity is most instrumental in persuading pastors to accept adoration in their respective parishes. As Bishop Raymond Goedert (ret.) pointed out as guest speaker at one of our chapel leaders meetings "Without the active involvement of the laity there would be no effective adoration at any of the diocese throughout the country." And this is where you as chapel leaders come in. You are the conduits in your respective vicariates to reach out to follow adorers who, in turn, bring new adorers to the fold. Our gatherings of chapel leaders show living proof of the success.



Our association was blessed under the leadership of Fr. John Grigus, who arranged for a permanent meeting place at Rosary Hill in Justice, Ill. It's ours to be used at our discretion - which is mostly used for our regular board meetings. Sister Natalie has shown us her charity by making this place available to PJPIIEAA purely because she too, loves the Eucharist in the midst of the sisters ministry.

As time went by, Fr. Grigus was assigned as an associate pastor to St. Anthony, a Franciscan Parish in Rockford, IL. His role as a spiritual director of PJPIIEAA became less hands on and more supportive from afar. Some two years ago, he hand-picked Fr. David Simonetti, a newly ordained priest, to be our new spiritual director with the approval of Bishop Perry. It so happened that Cardinal George appointed Fr. Simonetti as the permanent archdiocesan representative to officially spread Eucharistic adoration by visiting and preaching in parishes whenever requested.

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As we respond to the charge of Cardinal George to bring Eucharistic adoration to every parish in the Archdiocese, the creation of perpetual adoration chapels remains a top priority.

We invite requests from any Chicago Archdiocesan parish looking to build an adoration chapel, or remodel an existing space. We also ask you to keep this mission in your prayers. Your plea for intercession is the most powerful tool available to bring generous stewards to this ministry.

The Pope John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Association is a certified 501 C(3) corporation and contributions are tax deductible.

Our Chapel Donors Program looks to match your generosity with a specific adoration chapel or parish remodeling project.

For information on stewardship opportunities, please leave a message for Otto at the PJPIIEAA office at

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A WORD FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

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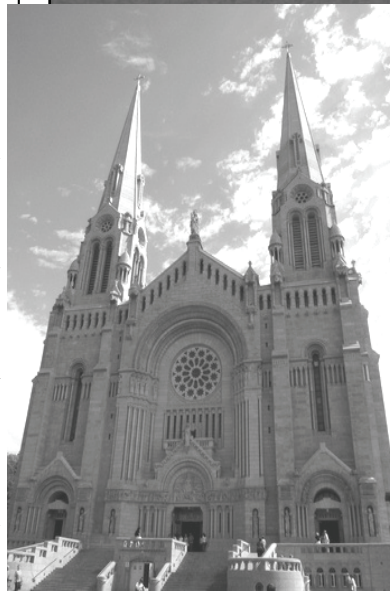
We were further graced by a private audience with Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I., in Quebec. His Eminence spoke with us and shared the Catholic history of that particular region, his own Oblate history, as well as hopes of the graces that the congress would bring there. He encouraged as well as thanked us for our work with PJPIIEAA and our presence there stating, “Over 140 adoration programs have been established in the archdiocese in ten years. That’s very good. The Holy Spirit is doing something. He is preparing us for something.” Thank you, Cardinal George!

So once again I encourage you to stay the course and continue to promote and support Eucharistic adoration in your parishes after having been in the Lord’s Presence yourself. From this we will be transformed personally and as a Church into greater disciples who have learned to be still and listen to Jesus by sitting at the feet of the Master. Vocations to the priesthood and religious life will rise as the young develop a greater appreciation for the Eucharist and the faithful pray to the Harvest Master for laborers. Vocations to marriage will develop and deepen as spouses spend time with the Faithful One, and those called to live in the world as single persons will use their time praying and working for the Lord just where He has placed them. The call and vocation to holiness will take effect in our hearts, minds, and souls as we respond more and more to the call of God to be His beloved sons and daughters.

REMINISCING (Continued from page 5)

Effective July 1, 2008, Fr. David transferred as associate from Queen of Martyrs to associate of St. James parish in Sauk Village, IL which is now his base of operation. At the same time, my term as president of PJPIIEAA also came to an end with the election of Ceil Brieske as my successor, and Ken Young as vice president.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve PJPIIEAA in various capacities. It is my hope that I was able to contribute to the growth and wellbeing of the Pope John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Association. I am asking everyone involved in adoration within the archdiocese to give the incoming administration your full support. I am looking forward to welcome the many chapel leaders at our October 25 chapel leaders meeting.



Nearing their destination, the pilgrims assisted at Mass concelebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph Perry and Fr. David Simonetti at the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre. This magnificent basilica is about 30 miles east of Quebec City along the St. Lawrence River.

In 1658 settlers chose this site on the fertile hills of Beaupre for their first church. They agreed it would be dedicated to the Mother of Our Lady. Divine approval was signaled almost immediately. At the ceremony to dedicate laying the foundation, a farmer long afflicted with rheumatism, experienced immediate relief and was able to carry heavy stones and set them in place. It is the site of countless healings over the centuries and is visited by thousands seeking the intercession of St. Anne.

The Pope John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Association invites all adorers to commit an hour of adoration for our presidential election. Please complete this form and mail it to PJPIIEAA (use enclosed envelope) or call us at 708-728-0840 to provide your name. We will add you to our current list of committed adorers.

Yes, I commit an hour of adoration for our presidential election!

Name _____



Please Help!

We are updating our adorer contact list. Let us know if you remain the primary contact for your parish. If not, please provide the information for the current primary contact. Mail this form (use enclosed envelope) or call 708-728-0840.

Primary contact Please remove me form your mailing list.

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 Cumberland south to Addison (east)*



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***You're invited* to a PJPIEAA Chapel Leaders Meeting!
 A gathering for adoration chapel leaders and those who
 are interested in promoting Eucharistic adoration.**



Please RSVP by October 17, 2008
 Registration fee \$15.00 per person (includes continental breakfast and lunch)
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Yes, I plan to attend ! No, I cannot attend

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