

St. John Vianney Perpetual Adoration Chapel Progress Notes 10/4/09

Can you believe it? It's almost here! Our Chapel will open in just four weeks – on November 1, 2009 – the Feast of All Saints! Mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for details about the Opening celebration! But first – we are only a week away from ‘Sign-up Weekend’ – when Fr. Louis Guardiola, Fathers of Mercy, will preach about the Holy Eucharist at all the weekend Masses. We have had telephone calls from people throughout the diocese asking more about when ‘Fr. Lou’ will be here – they have either heard of him or have heard him preach and they don’t want to miss being here. So be prepared for a treat!

General Update:

- ✦ Front of the building has been pressure washed and is ready for a beautiful sign (coming soon).
- ✦ Signs for the marquee and a directional sign are nearly completed.
- ✦ Drywall for the restroom and vestibule has been installed.
- ✦ A vestibule has been created.
- ✦ The handicap accessible restroom is nearly completed.
- ✦ Window air conditioner/heater has been removed.
- ✦ Two small windows have been replaced.
- ✦ Insulation has been installed in the ceiling.
- ✦ Wallpaper border has been removed.
- ✦ Trim is nearing completion (wait until you see what is going to happen to the walls!)
- ✦ Interior painting is nearly completed.
- ✦ Electrical wiring has been run and most fixtures have been installed.
- ✦ Telephone wiring has been run. An extension has been added.
- ✦ We have been trained to operate a software system to facilitate organization of all aspects of the adoration program, making the duties of the division and hourly coordinators much less time consuming!
- ✦ A simple touch screen sign-in system (designed to be used by people who have never seen a computer before – no kidding!) is being installed.
- ✦ The security system, monitor, and dusk-to-dawn lighting is being installed.
- ✦ Eucharistic literature has been reviewed and stamped.
- ✦ Cushions have been made for 3 chairs and a pew.
- ✦ Invitations have been mailed to the Bishop and Priests who have served Holy Redeemer Parish.
- ✦ Invitational announcements have been sent to all the parishes in the diocese.
- ✦ Brochures and information manuals for division leaders, hour coordinators, and adorers have been written and are ready for printing.

THANK YOU again to all those who have shared their Time, Talent, & Treasure!!!!

- ✦ For numerous monetary donations – we are only about \$2500 from our goal!
- ✦ For several monetary pledges to help meet our monthly expenses after opening: Utilities; Votive candles; Automated Adoration Management Services; Office supplies; Cleaning/restroom supplies.
- ✦ For many gifts of time and labor – see ‘General Update’ above.
- ✦ For memorial and honorary gifts.
- ✦ New vacuum sweeper; light fixtures; chest for the vestibule; touch screen computer; brochures for bulletins; office supplies.

Immediate need:

- ✦ **An experienced carpet installer.**

Here are the ‘nice to haves’ and approximate costs:

- ✦ Tile flooring in the vestibule and restroom - \$200 (someone has offered to install it).
- ✦ 3’ statues of St. John Vianney and Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament - \$1000.

To make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to: Adoration Fund of HR.

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Recruitment for Adorers Update:

- ✦ You surely have noticed the ‘Advanced Sign-up’ area in the Narthex. If you have been watching you will see that over thirty additional hours have been spoken for. We are a week from official ‘Sign-up Weekend’ and 4 weeks from opening. If you have specific hours you can Adore, you may request them. If you are flexible and/or wish to substitute, you can indicate that too. Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends. But most of all please continue to pray to see how our Lord is asking you to participate.
- ✦ **Substitute Adorers** are the backbone of a successful Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration program and are essential to the smooth operation of the Adoration Apostolate. Experience elsewhere shows that Substitutes are used by over 95% of Adorers at some time during the year.
- ✦ You can ‘sign up’ to be a regularly scheduled adorer **and** a substitute, or a substitute **only**. You choose the hours you agree to be on a ‘call list.’
- ✦ Our Adorer Manager Software was designed to help Adorers easily locate someone who is willing to substitute and what hours they are available.
- ✦ A **Group** is any organization (club, team, troop, family) whose leadership agrees to assume responsibility for a particular Hour or period of Adoration.
- ✦ Examples of Groups are: Athletic Teams; Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Groups; Cursillo Groups; Family members or friends who wish to share an hour; Knights of Columbus; Parish or Community Clubs; Prayer Groups; Scout Troops; Youth Groups.
- ✦ A Group Adorer is an individual who is part of a Group, taking turns on a rotating basis for the Group’s assigned Hour(s) of Adoration. A Group Adorer is first of all, an Adorer and most likely will have another assigned hour or hours.

A closing thought: As Catholic Christians, we appreciate the need for and the value of prayer – both in thanksgiving and petition. We have all been blessed abundantly - and we are all saturated with news about violence, war, marriages and families in trouble, youth going astray, addictions, and many other tragedies. What better way to pray about our blessings and our distress than to be before Our Lord ever present in the Blessed Sacrament – something that we will be able to do whenever we want – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – after November 1, 2009!

Adoration Planning Committee Contacts

Every person’s input and assistance is invited for planning and sustaining this devotion. There are three ways to contact us to express your interest:

1. phone an individual directly (see below);
2. call the Parish Center (424-8344, Ext. 360);
3. email our new address: St.JVadoration@gmail.com.

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