## IF COPIES OF THE INVITATION AND PENCILS ARE LEFT IN EACH PEW BEFORE EACH MASS

## Another Version of Sign-Up Instructions given by member of the clergy at end of his homily (or by laity usually after Holy Communion)

It preserves time to have the Invitations handed out at this time and put into the regular collection baskets at the regular Offertory collection time after the Homily.

If a lay evangelist, instead of clergy, gives a Eucharistic testimony and these Instructions, this is done after Holy Communion (or it could be before Mass). Therefore, a second collection of completed Invitations is needed, which takes more time. In that case, the clergy's homily may need to be shorter on your Sign-Up weekend, to finish Mass on time.

## HERE ARE THE SIGN-UP INSTRUCTIONS:

"So right now, I ask you to turn your attention to the forms you will find in the pews. There is a supply of them, along with pencils at the end of every pew. It is a white form. Please pass them in from the aisle so that everyone in the church has a form and a pencil. The church isn't anywhere near filled, so everyone should have a form and a pencil. You will see that very simply this form is your opportunity to respond to the invitation of Jesus to come and visit with Him. This is your chance to pledge to spend one hour [or more] each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. You will see that the first thing we want you to do is to check off what time frame is best for you, the morning hours, the afternoon, the evening or those most difficult midnight hours.

[I want you to know that your pastor has already signed up for a midnight hour. If you want to join him, he is your leader.]

You can put down a specific hour if you like and then a specific day of the week. The space is there. [You know the seven days a week, take your choice, they're all there.] If you can't decide right now what day or hour is best for you that's okay ... or perhaps you are flexible. Maybe you are retired and you want to serve when you are needed the most. That is even better. But we do need to know that you want to participate. So at least give us your name, your phone number [and if you have one, please provide your email address]. That is really all we need right now.

Give us that and then sometime, in the next few days, someone will call you to help to determine what day or hour is best for you and to let you know when you are most needed.

[Now that is going to require quite a bit of telephoning and organizing. We are going to need some help. If you are available to help with the telephoning, there is a line near the bottom. Just check that and we will get back to you.] What we really want you to do is decide right now that you are not going to be left out. That you are going to be part of this parish's pledge, so that you can gain for yourself and your family the many graces and blessings that come with Eucharistic adoration.

Decide right now that you are going to be part of this. Just fill out the form, at least your name and your phone number. [Drop it in the collection basket at the offertory time of the Mass.] That eliminates any extra running around the church to sign-up. It will help to symbolize your offering of yourself with Jesus in this sacrifice of the Mass. Now, everyone is invited to participate, men, women, children, teenagers, young adults and whole families. I cannot imagine anything more beautiful than to see a whole family at prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. You can invite your friends from other parishes too."

## Source:

Transcript of a taped Sign-Up weekend homily given by priest/pastor:

http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/pea/goedert.htm