

GALLERY OF ADORATION CHAPELS IN CANADA

Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Trois-Rivières

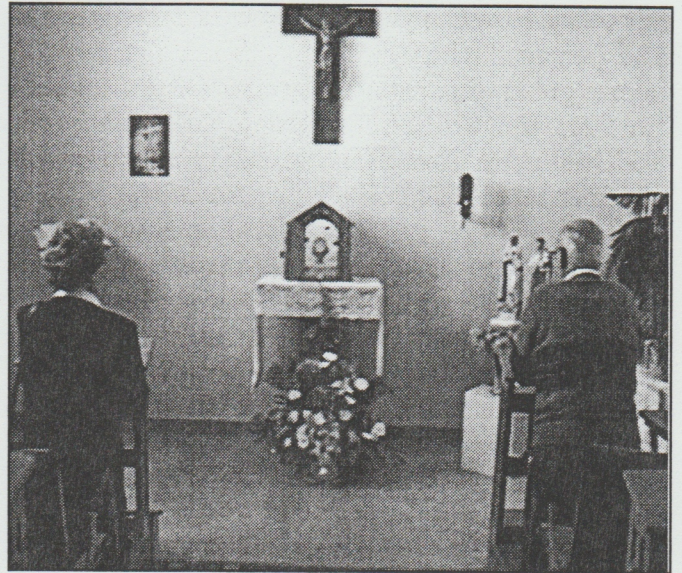
March 25th 2004, Feast of the Annunciation, marked the **11th anniversary of a dream come true**, namely the inauguration of our adoration chapel, accessible to everyone, day and night, by means of a numbered key that every responsible person can obtain from the rectory. The persons to whom this key is entrusted also receive an adoration mandate. To date, we have more than 300 registered adorers.

This chapel, which is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament, is located in a room adjacent to our church's large portico so that access to the chapel from the church is not possible. The tabernacle has a double glass door which not only allows us to see our Eucharistic Jesus in the small monstrance, but it also protects Him from all desecration.

However, this chapel did not come to be without much suffering. Some fifteen years ago, a deep desire began to take hold in the hearts of several people. Their wish was to see the church doors unlocked and open to adoration. Despite many undertakings, we were not successful. Why? It's always the same answer: fear of vandalism.

One day, someone read in *Jésus, Marie et Notre Temps* the testimony of Fr. Jean Ravary, pastor at St-Nöel Chabanel parish in Laval. Since he was unable to keep the church open at all times - for the same reasons we were faced with - this priest was inspired by the Holy Spirit to open an adoration chapel. This inspiration was confirmed by two parishioners. We were all so excited!. *"That's exactly what we need!"*

After contacting this parish to obtain all the precious information we needed, our project was submitted to the Parish Pastoral Committee. It was given serious consideration and analysis, and was finally approved by the CPP, the church wardens and finally the bishop, because this was "a first" in our diocese.



Our faith and patience were sorely tested for a long time, but we later received so much more than we had ever hoped for.

Thank you Fr. Ravary and the staff at *Jésus, Marie et Notre Temps* for sharing the Good News with us. Without you, this oasis of Peace and Love might never have existed.¹

This project became a reality solely through volunteer work, thanks to donations and to the encouragement of our pastor who was a great listener from the very beginning.

We hope more and more chapels will open up, because the Holy Spirit is hard at work, in silence, and wants to remind us of the Commandment of Love: *"You shall adore only one God ... Worship no God but Me."*

Madeleine Dorval

¹ In this same spirit, we are pleased to share our chapel experience with others and proclaim the plentiful graces received.

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