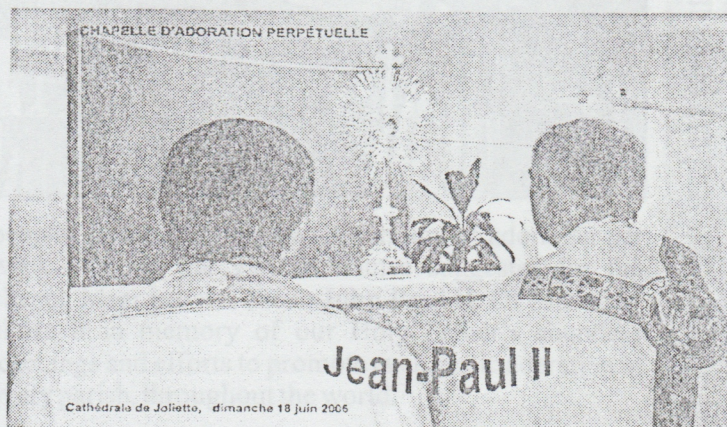


# GALLERY OF ADORATION CHAPELS IN CANADA

## “WE FINALLY HAVE PERPETUAL ADORATION”

Nicolas Tremblay, priest

The JEAN-PAUL II Perpetual Adoration Chapel in greater Joliette became a reality on June 18, 2006, on the Feast of Corpus Christi which was highlighted by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament down the city's streets. The procession began at Christ-Roi church, paused before a repository set up at the Amélie Fristel monastery (Soeur des Saints Coeurs), then proceeded to the Cathedral. All hearts were joyful in the Christian community because the bishop, Msgr Lussier, joined in the celebrations for the chapel's inauguration.



### Origine of the Chapel

Only God knows the true origine of this project. It first began in the hearts of many people who wanted it, dreamt and prayed about it, who begged the Lord to make it happen and, furthermore, who heard God's call. For, in truth, are we the supplicants? Is it not rather the Lord who implores us to collaborate in his works? In his opening speech, Msgr Lussier admitted that he, himself, had not revealed his wish to anyone.

In 2004, Msgr Lussier expressed the desire that the International Eucharistic Congress in Guadalajara and the inauguration of the Year of the Eucharist might be underlined in a special way in the diocese. And so ...



### Step by Step

A small team was formed and it organized the *Grand rassemblement eucharistique diocésain*. It was preceded by six weeks of prayer during which silent eucharistic adoration was held inside the cathedral, 4 hours/day, from Monday to Friday. A prayer was composed and distributed throughout every parish in the city. And during Lent 2005, it also being the Year of the Eucharist, we proposed that each week, we would have 40 hours of continuous adoration in the cathedral's chapel. The response was so positive that we finally decided to continue these 40 hours until after Easter..

During all this time, the chapel team was still looking for an appropriate location for a perpetual adoration chapel. For reasons of safety, the sacristy was not appropriate. Many locations were checked out throughout the city but we found nothing suitable. So we had to pray even more.

In the Fall of 2005, as the Year of the Eucharist was coming to a close, we made a new step forward. Now that summer vacations were over, it was decided that we should increase continuous adoration to 48 hours/week. No problem! Our *honor guard* is committed and, in our Visitors' Register, there are approximately 100 adorers per day who come into the chapel. So it's very clear we must go on. (cont'd-p.5)



## JEAN-PAUL II CHAPEL (cont'd)

### Divine Interventions

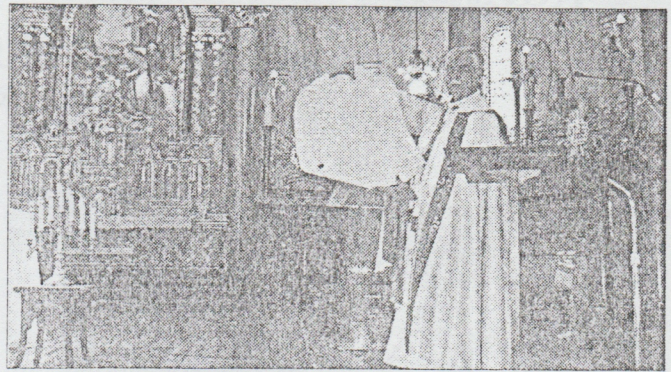
Finding a location remained a problem. Given the interest shown for the chapel, specially the quality of prayer and silence found there, Bishop Lussier expressed the desire to see the chapel established at the Cathedral. Steps were taken and the AFEAS agreed to let us take over the room which these women of faith had occupied for 35 years. A Divine Intervention!

The announcement concerning the chapel was made public at a Fundraising Concert in December 2005. Without any publicity, over \$10,000 were collected. Another Divine Intervention! At every weekend mass, a call for adorers was made. Results : 93 new adorers, 47 former adorers, 28 substitutes, for a total of 168! No more, no less. Anyone who is familiar with adoration chapels knows what this number means -- it's exactly the number of hours in a week.

Imagine how happy the chapel team was to receive this special gift from the Lord. By leaving us His divine signature it was a clear confirmation that He wants this chapel.

### Jesus attracts adorers

During each of the first four weeks, approximately 420-450 adorers signed the Visitor's Register. Some 240 on



people have committed to 300 hours of adoration per week. Among the various names suggested for the chapel, Msgr Lussier chose **John Paul II**. Of course, he chose it in memory of our Holy Father's countless teachings and efforts to promote eucharistic adoration in every parish, throughout the world.

There is so much joy in my priestly heart when I think of all the people who will find peace and enlightenment, all the lives that will be spared, all those families that will be protected, and also when I think of the spiritual uplift the New Evangelization movement will receive. The fruits, the blessings flowing from adoration in Joliette are countless, even though they are partly hidden ... until the day God chooses to reveal them. □

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### Fifteen priests open up their hearts to the Pope

(during a meeting of Benedict XVI with the clergy of the diocese of Rome)

(Here is a summary of the comments made by one of them.)

Dom Alberto Pacini is the Rector of the Sant'Anastasia al Palatino parish which had been entrusted to the Olivetan Benedictines during the Jubilee Year 2000, and reopened after being closed 32 years for restoration. For the past five years, this church has had perpetual eucharistic adoration, i.e. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for the veneration of a constant flow of faithful. This has inspired 14 other similar initiatives, namely one in Rome and the others in various parts of Italy. The parish is also a very active leader in the eucharistic evangelization movement.

*"My proposition, my suggestion, my wish and aspiration," said the Rector, "would be that in all five sectors of Rome, we could have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, since there are already six adoration chapels within religious institutions, mainly in the Western sector. This is where the 'Mère de la Divine Providence' parish is located. Given that Rome should hold a place of honor in terms of "Eucharistic Love", he added, "it would be appropriate that there be numerous places where, through eucharistic encounters, the Church could regenerate itself: i.e. vocations, evangelization, confessions, because wherever Christ is exposed, prayer is unceasing, and the Lord can thereby attract His sons and daughters to himself.*

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