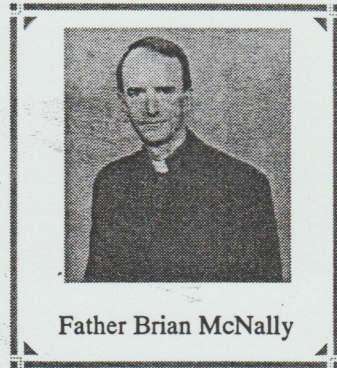
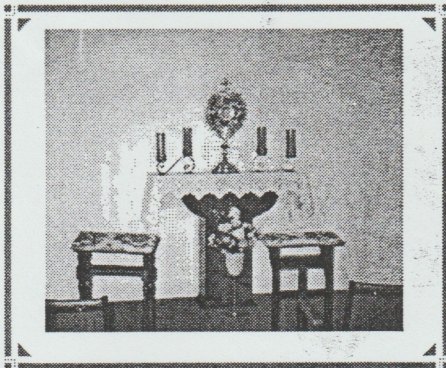


GALLERY OF ADORATION CHAPELS IN CANADA

The "Upper Room" Adoration Chapel at St. Francis de Sales Church - Smith Falls, Ont.



Stairway to the "Upper Room"

Father Brian McNally

A thousand years are but a moment in God's time, but for humanity, time is measured in terms of days, weeks, months and years; hence, it was such a celebration for us at St. Francis de Sales - Blessed Sacrament Parish in Smith Falls and Lombardy, when we completed our first year of perpetual adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the *Upper Room* Adoration Chapel.

Sunday, October 14th, 2001 was a day to remember! Fr. Brian spoke so beautifully on the importance of adoration and later reverently carried the Blessed Sacrament in procession in the church. Then, holding the monstrance aloft, he blessed each person present. It was a real experience to see the people's joy and faith as they knelt before our Eucharistic Lord.

After the 5 p.m. mass, Fr. Brian McNally, our pastor, carried the Blessed Sacrament in procession up to the Upper Room Adoration Chapel, followed by throngs of parishioners, friends and visitors.

Outside the chapel, there are log books where regular adorers can sign in and out, as well as a Visitors' Book. Day in and day out, 200 regular adorers and some 50 spares continue to ensure that Our Lord is adored and that the needs of the parish, the Church and the world are held up before God, day and night. During the past year, the record shows that 13,000 visits were made to the chapel, in addition to the many who did not sign the book.

As proof that our Lord can never be outdone in generosity, numerous written testimonies of miraculous cures and favors received came pouring in from parishioners who have had their petitions granted. People who are sick with cancer or heart disease, or other physical infirmities reported some form of healing or that their conditions radically improved without medical explanation. Pages of these reports of physical healings and answers to prayers obtained through perpetual adoration are a concrete proof that Jesus is working again and again as a healer, teacher and as God.

After a great start-up year in this holy service, the parishioners of St. Francis de Sales - Blessed Sacrament Parish in Smith Falls and Lombardy continue to rejoice in the greatest blessing they could have in their midst, namely *Jesus perpetually present among them in the Adoration Chapel.* •

(Summary of a report by Lise D'Alessio and Pauline Ward)

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