

ADORATION CHAPEL LIBRARY GUIDELINES & RESOURCES

Guidelines

A chapel library and librarian play an important role in nourishing the faith and prayer life of adorers.

The first and main thing would be to have only printed matter/books that are completely *orthodox/faithful* to the authentic teachings and Faith of the Catholic Church.

People in the parish may want to donate second hand books to the chapel. Screen resources for fidelity to Church doctrine and teachings before putting them in the chapel. Anything that is heretical should not be used as people will fall into error or sin - we need to be responsible and prevent that from happening.

So as to keep resources from disappearing, *label books* with a message, such as: "Please leave this book at the Adoration chapel" or "For use in the adoration chapel only" or "Property of X parish adoration chapel library".

Since people don't need to sign out books like a regular library, you don't need a sign out system or catalogue, although you can keep a record of what materials are in the chapel. Some parishes do have a library, where people borrow and take books home. You could do that, but it is not a necessity at adoration chapels.

Every so often you can look over the books and see what might need to be replaced or recovered; you might also wish to stock the chapel with additional resources.

Quality not quantity - you don't have to provide lots of books, or all at once.

Good books definitely do help to draw and retain people to the chapel, to learn how to pray and about our beloved Catholic Faith and Jesus and Mary. They are especially useful during periods of spiritual dryness when prayer is more challenging and to combat distractions. Some cannot stay without a book. Avid readers will devour books like food and water, so keep adding to your collection.

There is no set format for making a Holy Hour. Some adorers may simply repeat the "Jesus Prayer" - "Lord Jesus Christ Son of the Living God have mercy on me a sinner" or pray the Rosary by heart, and that is enough for them. As adorers advance in the spiritual life, some may not desire or use books. At this stage they may become more contemplative, preferring long

periods of silence, simply resting in God's Presence:

<http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/pea/hhour.htm>

<https://eucharisticadorationcanada.com/start-holy-hours/>

Having said that, *books are key pillars*, providing a sure foundation for holiness and for the formation of adorers. At any given chapel, adorers will be at all stages of their faith and prayer life. Many will appreciate and learn much from the chapel resources you provide; these will help to ensure more profound and fruitful visits with Jesus.

Resources

Here are some main staples:

- ❖ *The Bible*
- ❖ *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- ❖ *Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- ❖ *The Divine Office, Liturgy of the Hours*
- ❖ *The Diary of St. Faustina*
- ❖ *The Real Presence, The Eymard Library*, St. Peter Julian Eymard
Collection: <http://www.mycatholicstore.com/eylivo16.html>
- ❖ *The Imitation of Christ*, St. Thomas a Kempis (important first required reading book in religious life or some seminaries)
- ❖ *True Devotion to Mary* and other books by St. Louis Marie De Montfort: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/True_Devotion_to_Mary
- ❖ *History of Eucharistic Adoration, Catechism on the Real Presence, The Real Presence: Christ in the Eucharist* and other books by the late great Fr. John Hardon SJ: <http://www.hardonsj.org/publications/>
- ❖ *The Spiritual Life*, by Tanquarary: <https://www.amazon.ca/Spiritual-Life-Treatise-Ascetical-Mystical/dp/1626540888> Those having questions or needing spiritual guidance can find facts about what is going on in their spiritual life in this comprehensive resource.
- ❖ *The Soul of the Apostolate*, Jean-Baptist Chautard
- ❖ *In Sinu Jesu: When Heart Speaks to Heart -- The Journal of a Priest at Prayer*, a Benedictine Monk, Imprimatur
<https://www.ignatius.com/In-Sinu-Jesu-P2750.aspx>
- ❖ *The Holy Eucharist Prayer Book*, Fr. Alfred McBride
- ❖ *Visits to the Blessed Sacrament and the Virgin Mary*, St. Alphonsus Liguori (or any of his other books)
- ❖ *The Holy Eucharist for All*, Fr. Lukas Etlin OSB (and other Tan books)
- ❖ *The Blessed Sacrament Prayerbook*, Father F. X. Lasance
- ❖ *Adoration of Jesus*, Fr. Edmund Goedert CSC

- ❖ *Jesus Our Eucharistic Love*
- ❖ *Lives of the Saints*
- ❖ *Writings of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church*
- ❖ *Poem of the Man God* by Maria Valtorta
- ❖ *The Life of Jesus Christ* and other writings by Bl. Anne Catherine of Emmerich
- ❖ *Could You Not With Me Watch One Hour*, Fr. Florian Racine MSE
- ❖ *Saint Mary Magdalene - Prophetess of Eucharistic Love*, Fr. Sean Davidson MSE
- ❖ *That I May See*, Fr. Barry Braum, MSE
- ❖ *St. Faustina Prayerbook for Adoration*, Susan Tassone
- ❖ *Manual for Eucharistic Adoration*, Poor Clares

Prayer Books/Booklets/Cards/Pamphlets:

- ❖ *How to Pray the Rosary, meditations on the mysteries*
- ❖ *Holy Hour of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:*
<https://www.cmjbooks.com/products/holy-hour-of-reparation>
http://sacredheartlegion.com/downloads/Holy_Hour.pdf
- ❖ *Eucharistic Holy Hour with Mary:*
https://www.montfortpublications.com/product_p/p-3
- ❖ *My Holy Hour* booklet, Fr. John Hardon
http://religiouslifecatalog.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=1&products_id=43
- ❖ *A thorough Examination of Conscience for Catholics - how to make a good confession*
- ❖ *Prayers to St. Joseph*
- ❖ *Divine Mercy chaplet and prayers*
- ❖ *Prayer Cards*
- ❖ *Book of Novenas*
- ❖ *How to Pray a Holy Hour*

Children & Youth:

- ❖ Have some other books for children and youth so they can enjoy adoration and attend with their families. Jesus welcomed the childlike.
- ❖ *My Visit With Jesus – A book for Children during Eucharistic Adoration:* <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/554646510337420962/>
- ❖ Fr. Lawrence Lovasik or Rev. Jude Winkler books for children, Catholic Book Publishing Company
- ❖ Books by Mother Mary Loyola

For more ideas see: Eucharistic Adoration Resources - brochures, books videos: <http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/book/a10.htm>