

PARISH CLERGY GUIDELINES FOR ADORATION CHAPEL PREPARATION

What is a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel?

It is a place for *QUIET* worship of the Holy Eucharist in exposition, and a place to listen to the voice of Our Lord.

1. Decide location of the chapel. Keep in mind easy access to restroom facilities, parking and security, especially for the handicapped.
2. According to Canon Law 941, section 2: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament may not take place while Mass is being celebrated in the same area of the church or oratory.
3. Choose a Monstrance, arrange for seating, kneelers, candleholders, telephone, appropriate lighting, and décor i.e. statues, icons, option of holy water.
4. Work with Head Coordinator or Chapel Librarian to decide what literature to place in chapel on a bookshelf or in pews. See printed materials and books available on our website. Be sure literature is either stamped or labeled with “Please leave this at the Adoration chapel.” This makes it easy to discard unsolicited, questionable materials left in the chapel.
5. Advise Head Coordinator to prepare and send Perpetual Adoration Chapel Opening announcements for the parish bulletins and surrounding parishes, local newspapers, and interested Catholic organizations. Encourage everyone to come to the Opening Ceremonies. This will create interest for potential adorers.
6. Before Adoration begins, you will be asked to confirm “Adoration Chapel Particulars” listed below for “Adorer Welcome Kit” given to each Adorer, usually at Kick-Off Meeting right before Adoration begins.
7. There could be a sign such as: Please observe a prayerful SILENCE.
8. **Exposition and Adoration take place in the main body of the church in many parishes that do not have round-the-clock perpetual adoration.**
9. Consider inviting your [bishop to bless your adoration/chapel](#). Announce in advance that this will take place on your [adoration inauguration launch date](#).