

Wisconsin Rapids Deanery Eucharistic Adoration
Located at
Mother of America Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
241 Apricot St.
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

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What is Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration?

The bread is consecrated by the priest at Mass, thereby becoming the body, blood, soul, and divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This consecrated Host is placed in a Monstrance – a sacred vessel – for the purpose of adoration by the faithful. This adoration takes place in a church or a chapel 24 hours a day except during the Easter Triduum, thereby allowing the faithful an opportunity to be in the real presence of Jesus!

What is the history behind this devotion?

Some writers trace the first beginnings of perpetual adoration to the late fourth century, when converts to the faith in some dioceses were to adore the Blessed Sacrament exposed for eight days after their baptism. It is certain, however, that even before the institution of the feast of Corpus Christi, not only religious in convents and monasteries but the laity practiced Eucharistic adoration.

Who organizes this project and keeps track of all the adoration hours?

This is a Marian Center for Peace project staffed by volunteers who cover four categories of hours: Morning (6 am to 12 noon); Afternoon (12 noon to 6 pm); Evening (6 pm to 12 midnight); and Night (12 midnight to 6 am). Each day of the week, the team captains make certain the hours are covered with a scheduled or substitute adorer. Then

there is the Head Coordinator who oversees the entire project.

A Quote from Pope John Paul II Regarding Eucharistic Adoration:

“Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith, and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease.”

Some comments from our adorers:

“The time I spend in the chapel is so *peaceful!*”

“My hour goes too fast!”

Most frequently asked questions:

1. *Can I make a visit without signing up?*

Yes, you can make a visit at anytime, 24 hours a day, for five minutes, an hour or longer.

2. *Whom do I contact to sign up for an hour?*

Put your name and telephone # on one of the sign-up sheets at the chapel, or call Marion Young @ 424-1961.

3. *We are “snowbirds” in the winter. Can we sign up for the rest of the year?*

Yes, a substitute will cover your winter months.

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Mission Statement: The Marian Center for Peace is an association of the faithful, which seeks to follow Christ with His Mother Mary, through prayer, study and evangelization.

Information about the Marian Center

We are a lay apostolate, approved by the Diocese of La Crosse. It was founded in 1994 by Denis and Carole Virnig, Director and co-Director. In October 2004, the start of the Year of the Eucharist, we were blessed with the opportunity to expand the Deanery Eucharistic Adoration from monthly to Perpetual, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at the Mother of America Chapel. The chapel is also home to the relic image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We are funded by donations only, and are a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization.

Officers and Board Members

President: Denis Virnig

Vice-President: Dan McCarville

Spiritual Director: Father Tim Welles

Treasurer: Marion Young

Secretary: Carole Virnig

Board of Directors: Kelli Brockman-Dempze

Kathy Gronski, Brenda Kizewski, Marg Klinkhammer

2005 Marian Conference

In 2005, we completed one of our biggest yearly projects: The Diocese of La Crosse Marian Conference held at the Diocesan Center in La Crosse on May 6 and 7.

The main presenters were Bishop Jerome Listecky, Fr. Robert Goedert of the Real Presence Association, Father Roger

Scheckel speaking in regard to the Marian Catechists as a tool of evangelization, and a speaker from Life Foundation. It was a great conference! The attendance was down a little this year, but attendees were very pleased with the speakers and their excellent presentations.

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4. *What if I am unable to keep my commitment?*

A list of telephone #s for Team Captains/ Team Members can be found in the chapel. Contact the appropriate person who will arrange for a substitute.

5. *Is the outside door to the chapel locked?*

A security system is in place over night from 6:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Adorers visiting the chapel will be "buzzed in."

6. *What do I do when I enter the chapel?*

First, reverently genuflect, or bow to Jesus personally present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Second, you may read the Bible, pray the rosary, say the chaplet of Divine Mercy, or any prayers the Holy Spirit inspires you to pray. Or third, sit in silence and join your heart to His heart and absorb His presence into your soul.