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"O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!"

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LENT AND THE JUBILEE—TIME FOR DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

"Just as the sun is the source of all energy and warmth, so is the Blessed Sacrament the source of all grace and love."

The goal of this newsletter and our Apostolate, Apostles of the Real Presence, is to make Jesus Christ Known, Loved, and Adored in the Blessed Sacrament.

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Pope John Paul II, our Holy Father states that reconciliation "reinserts man into the saving context of the covenant and opens him again to the Trinitarian life, which is a dialog of grace, a circuit of love, the gift and acceptance of the Holy Spirit." It is "a drawing near to the holiness of God, a rediscovery of one's true identity which has been upset and disturbed by sin, a liberation in the very depth of self, and thus a regaining of lost joy, the joy of being saved, which the majority of people in our time are no longer capable of experiencing" (Reconciliatio et Paenitentia, n. 31, 111).

Most people may not look to Lent as a favorite time of year simply because of the inward examination we must make of our sins. There's good news this Lent, however, because the year 2000 is the Jubilee.

A Jubilee year in the Old Testament tradition brought favors such as debts forgiven, slaves freed and confiscated lands returned to original owners.

In the Catholic tradition, a Jubilee year affords endless opportunities to gain indulgences—or the remission of the temporal punishment due to sins. These indulgences may take the form of a pilgrimage to designated churches, reciting the family rosary, giving alms. These outward signs, however, should reflect an inward turning toward God and away from sin.

Jesus Christ died on the wood of the Cross on Calvary to wash away sins and to reconcile us to God the Father. Jesus said that we must take up our Cross and follow Him. We must continue our earthly lives until the Lord calls us back to Himself to live for eternity in Heaven. We are weak and we sin.

But Jesus gives us many helps to grow in holiness and reconcile ourselves to God

as Jesus forgives us in the Sacrament of Penance. Sins are forgiven, washed away and forgotten by Our Lord, but there remains punishment due to make restitution to the Father in satisfaction for sins.

St. Augustine taught that every sin brings about its own punishment and affects the character of the whole person. It is like getting stung by a bee. You remove the stinger but the poison and pain remain. Sins are forgiven by Jesus, but the wounded person needs spiritual help which the Church offers this Jubilee in the form of indulgences. (See insert "The Great Jubilee 2000 Indulgence")

Our Holy Father's Lenten message this Jubilee Year calls for a "conversion

Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door" (John 10:7) †

of heart" and states that "The Jubilee is the time of grace. . . . God offers His Mercy to whoever is willing to accept it, even to the distant and doubtful."

EUCHARIST—STRENGTH FOR THE FORTY DAYS OF LENT

As you take your personal journey through the forty days this Lent, imitating Jesus' retreat to the desert, be mindful that receiving the Eucharist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will strengthen you.

In his best-selling book "Crossing the Threshold of Hope," Pope John Paul II emphasizes, among other things, a call to holiness and the Sacrifice of the Mass. He writes "At the heart of the Church is Christ and His Sacrifice, a Sacrifice cele-

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of all creation, on the altar of the world. Around His redemptive sacrifice is gathered all creation, which is working out its eternal destiny in God. If this process causes pain, it is, however, full of hope."

We can be full of hope because Jesus "bore our sins in His body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed." (First Letter of Peter 2:24)

Before the healing, however, we must pass through Lent—a time to reflect on our offenses and sins against Our Lord and our neighbor. Realizing that we all fall short and have offended Our Lord, we must not despair but must seek the Lord's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance. Though we may sin again, Our Lord is ready to forgive us "seven times seventy times," as Jesus told our first Pope, St. Peter.

Saving effects to the soul are produced at each Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, at which you assist and receive Jesus in the Eucharist worthily, such as pardon for sins, lessening of temporal punishment due to sins, protection from danger and disaster, and a shortened punishment of purgatory.

St. Peter Julian Eymard, the saint of the Blessed Sacrament, said "Know, O Christian, that the Mass is the holiest act of Religion. You cannot do anything to glorify God more nor profit your soul more than devoutly assisting at It and assisting as often as possible."

Walk this lent with Jesus in the Eucharist and be strengthened!



PREFIGUREMENTS OF THE EUCHARIST IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

During Jesus' earthly three-year ministry, Jesus performed many miracles and taught in parables, revealing His Divinity slowly and only to those who would listen in faith.

As Jesus' last hours on earth unfolded, He instituted the Holy Eucharist during the Jewish Passover, which we call The Last Supper. Jesus also ordained the apostles His priests and bishops, with Peter, the leader, as His first pope.

Contrasted with Jesus' ministerial style of teaching, during the Last Supper, Jesus instituted a new covenant, elevating the bread and wine of Passover to a life-giving sacrament for everyone.

Blessing and breaking the bread, Jesus said "Take this and eat it . . . This is My Body" . . . and taking the cup of wine, giving thanks, Jesus gave it to them saying "This is My Blood, the Blood of the new covenant to be poured out on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." Jesus did not give an explanation to those who walked away, believing these words too literal and horrific. In the Jewish tradition, blood meant life and one did not drink blood.

All twelve apostles being Jewish, they were familiar with the Old Testament prophecies of a Savior who would be linked to the Passover. The Jews knew that the Messiah would be born in "the house of bread," translated in Hebrew meaning "Bethlehem."

When Jesus fed the thousands through the duplication of the loaves of bread and fish, we are reminded of His Real Presence in the Eucharist, which is endlessly distributed each day at each Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. After this miracle, every little scrap of bread was collected and placed in the baskets. In comparison, we read the teachings of the Catholic Church on the sacredness of the Eucharist.

On the road to Emmaus, the disciples recognized Jesus

*See
"Prefigurations of the Eucharist," p.4*

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE IN OUR HEARTS, IN OUR
FAMILIES AND IN OUR WORLD!

AN ACT OF FAITH IN THE REAL PRESENCE

Lord, Jesus Christ, I believe you are as truly present in this holy sacrament, under the signs of bread and wine, as you were when dying upon a cross for the salvation of all mankind, or as you are now enthroned in glory in heaven at the right hand of the Father.

You said that you would give us yourself as the bread of life, which if we eat, we shall live forever. I believe this truth because you are truth itself. With confidence in your loving forgiveness therefore, I approach your altar, conscious that my unworthiness to receive you is outweighed by your desire to be united with my soul. You desire to nourish it on its earthly pilgrimage, until the day when I shall be with you in the eternal banquet, to feed on the unveiled beauty of your presence forever.

"PREFIGUREMENTS OF THE EUCHARIST . . ."

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in "the breaking of the bread." Moses fed the Hebrew people manna, or a bread-like food which sustained them for forty years in the desert.

Saint Elijah, fleeing from the wicked Queen Jezebel, pleaded with God to take away his soul. Instead, God fed his soul and sent an angel to feed him bread, which the Early Church Fathers say was a prefiguration of the Eucharist. Gaining such strength from this bread, Saint Elijah was able to walk for forty days.

And finally, Jesus said "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world." (Jn. 6:51)



"JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU"

From the diary of a young Polish nun, Blessed Sister Faustina Kowalska, a special devotion to the mercy of God has been spreading throughout the world. Is this message new? No, just a reminder of what the Church has been teaching throughout the ages, that God is merciful and forgiving and that we must in turn show mercy and forgiveness to our neighbor.

In the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus however, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone, especially the greatest sinner. Our Lord said to Blessed Faustina, . . . "On the cross, the Fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls - no one have I excluded! (Bl. Faustina's Diary "Divine Mercy in my Soul" ("Diary") ¶ 1182) . . . I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy (Diary ¶ 327). . . . The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is - trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive" (Diary ¶ 1578). But there is more to trust than just believing that God is trustworthy. We have to act upon that belief. Trust involves a turning back to God. A real conversion of our whole lives to God, repenting of our sins and forgiving others. Trust is a living faith.

Jesus said to Blessed Faustina, "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. . . . The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy" (Diary ¶ 699).

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 30th this year. A nine-day novena of Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday, ending on the Saturday, April 29th. Information about the Divine Mercy Devotion may be obtained by calling the Association of Marian Helpers at: 1-800-462-7426. This apostolate can supply you with the novena prayer and other Divine Mercy pamphlets.



BLESSED SISTER FAUSTINA KOWALSKA— FIRST SAINT TO BE CANONIZED IN THE JUBILEE YEAR

Isn't it just like Divine Providence that April 30, 2000, Divine Mercy Sunday, may be the day on which Blessed Sister Faustina Kowalska will be canonized by Pope John Paul II? Blessed Sister Faustina received her habit on April 30, 1926 and her new name: Sister Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

And it is fitting that Our Holy Father will canonize her? As then Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Crakow, Poland, in 1978, he was responsible for lifting the ban on the Divine Mercy message and devotion that was imposed in 1959. And six months after the ban was lifted, Divine Providence had it that Karol Wojtyla was elected as Pope John Paul II.

Just 62 years since Blessed Sister Faustina Kowalska's death, she will be the first saint to be canonized in the Jubilee Year 2000 and will be regarded as one of the greatest saints of the modern age—the Great Apostle of Divine Mercy! Blessed Sister Faustina, pray for us!



**THE CROSS: SIGN OF VICTORY,
SALVATION AND LIFE EVERLASTING**

Most people in the world today would not view our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ's dying on the cross as a sign of victory. Perhaps that is because dying by crucifixion on the cross in Jesus' days was a total disgrace. But then Jesus came down from Heaven to do just that.

In Isaiah, it says "He was despised and rejected by men; a man of borne our griefs, our transgressions for our iniquity-chastisement and with his All we like sheep (Is. 53: 3-6)



... he has sorrows, ... he was wounded for stripes, he was bruised that made us whole, stripes we are healed ... have gone astray."

Without the cross, Christ could not win a victory for us; we could not be reconciled to the Father; we would have no life after death. The sins of the world were too great for any mere man's sacrifice to appease, atone for and satisfy God the Father's justice. They had to be made by a God-Man, Jesus, who would make the ultimate sacrifice, giving up one's life for another—for us.

Without the cross, there is no victory! Jesus returned to the Father at His Resurrection and Ascension, but He said "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of time." (Mt. 28:19-20) Jesus said "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Mk. 8:34)

That taking up of the cross means that each and every day, we must cope with our trials and sufferings, trying to imitate Jesus. "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth." (Is. 53:7).

How can we cope, then? By prayer and the sacraments and believing in Jesus' words: "... in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (Jn. 16:33)

Prayer is a sacrifice, devoting time to communicate with God, thanking Him, praising Him, petitioning Him. And spending time at church at Eucharistic Adoration, loving Jesus and being in His presence is just what Jesus is longing for.

However, the most providential sacrifice that we can give to God is to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as often as possible, when we can obtain more sanctifying grace by receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. We unite

our sacrifices of the day to the ultimate sacrifice at the Mass in the unbloody re-presentation of Jesus' Holy Sacrifice on the Cross at Calvary. Prayer at that time and before the Blessed Sacrament at Adoration are the most beneficial to yourself, your family, the souls in Purgatory and to the world.

Christ's Cross is His sign of victory and ours! Lift high the Cross. Gaze upon the crucifix and see a loving Jesus who says "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. Whoever follows Me will have the Light of Life and will never walk in darkness. I am the Light of the World." (Jn. 4:6)



LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Church has suggested three primary ways to practise the 40 days of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving, as Jesus taught us. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics age 14 and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and on all of the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59, taking one full meal and two smaller meals, if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. †

LENTEN PRAYER

Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism. Look upon us as we enter these forty days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace;

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER
FOR THE GREAT JUBILEE**

By your grace, O Father, may the Jubilee Year be a time of deep conversion and of joyful return to you. May it be a time of reconciliation between people and of peace restored among nations, a time when swords are beaten into ploughshares and the clash of arms gives way to songs of peace.

Father grant that we may live this Jubilee Year docile to the voice of the Spirit, faithful to the way of Christ, diligent in listening to your Word and in approaching the wellsprings of grace. †

(This is a portion of the Holy Father's prayer.)

ST. TARCISIUS— DEFENDER OF THE EUCHARIST

On a tombstone in the catacombs of St. Callistus in Rome, there stands the inscription "he preferred to be massacred rather than surrender the sacred Body to mad dogs." This person was Tarcisius. Beyond his name, little is known of his life. He might well have been a young deacon, as Pope Damasus, in the fourth century, wrote in the poem which today serves as Tarcisius' epitaph.

Comparing the martyred Tarcisius to St. Stephen, who also died violently at the hands of a mob, Pope Damasus said "(he) chose rather to suffer death" than to "betray the secret." What is this secret which Pope Damasus wrote about? The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist!

One day, Tarcisius attempted to bring the Eucharist to Christians awaiting their martyrdom. Rather than let his Lord be handed over to a mob of furious pagans, Tarcisius tried to save the Eucharist from profanation at his persecutor's hands and lost his life in doing so. Regardless of the times in which we live, Catholic Christians should know that the Blessed Sacrament—which is Christ really present—warrants the greatest love, veneration, and protection against defamation.

St. Tarcisius, pray for us! †



THE SECRET OF THE EUCHARIST IN THE CATACOMBS

A fish, loaves surmounted by fish, a bunch of grapes of a vine, and a cup are images one may see today on the walls of the catacombs in and around Rome. Even St. Peter's tomb has these images engraved on it. What did these images symbolize? It was a "secret" that the early Christians kept from their pagan persecutors.

The early Christians lived a clandestine life in fear of being crucified as was Christ. Therefore, their religious rites, such as the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, were performed in catacombs, which usually were located in underground cemeteries where no Roman would go out of superstition. These catacombs were also used to

flee from persecutors.

Surely you must know by now that these images depict the guarded "secret" of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This "secret" had to be kept so that the Faith would survive. Christianity spread so rapidly but many thousands of Christians were martyred for the Faith, rather than betray Jesus. The "secret" of the Eucharist had to be revealed to potential believers slowly because the eucharistic mystery was too fantastic to believe at first.

Through the years of persecution and secrecy, the Christians preserved the oral tradition of the teachings of the Faith for almost four centuries. After the persecutions when the Christians could practice their Faith publicly, the Bible was compiled and recorded.

The dying for the Faith by the martyrs and the keeping of the guarded "secret" gives testimony to the utmost conviction that these early Christians believed that the Eucharist was "really" the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

Words from Blessed Padre Pio . . .

"Are we sufficient of ourselves to form one holy desire without grace? Certainly not! Faith teaches us this. If in a soul there is nothing else but the longing to love its God, everything else is there already, because God is not present where there is no desire of His love. Say to God: 'Do you want greater love from me? I have no more. Give me more, therefore and I will offer it to you.' Do not doubt: God will accept this offer."

WORDS OF FULTON J. SHEEN

"Our Lord does not suffer alone on the Cross; He suffers with us. That is why He united the sacrifice of the thief with His own."

"Our Lord finished His work, but we have not finished ours. He pointed the way we must follow. He laid down the Cross at the finish, but we must take it up. He finished Redemption in His physical Body, but we have not yet applied it to our souls."

"(Mary was) called to be not only the mother of God, but also the Mother of men: not only the Mother of holiness, but also the Mother of those who ask to be holy."

(Excerpts from *Calvary and the Mass*, Fulton J. Sheen, 1936)



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"APOSTLES" NEWS

Since the formation nearly two years ago of the lay apostolate, "*Apostles of the Real Presence*," there have been many fruits, praise God!

The most exciting news is that a group of 12 people from California, wishing to start a similar group, has requested that their apostolate become a chapter of the "Apostles."

In the February, 2000 issue of "Signs and Wonders," produced by Maureen Flynn, there was a feature article about the apostolate which has received much favorable response.

We have received requests for information packets from across the country and the world—New Jersey, New York, Chicago, California, Nebraska, Florida, Pennsylvania and from the country of Malta.

The three fundraisers held at St. Bartholomew Church (Dec. 18-19, 1999), at St. Mark Church and at Sacred Heart Church in West Warwick on Feb. 12-13, 2000, raised \$700, praise God. We thank all our supporters and especially, Pastors, Fr. Joseph Pranzo, Fr. Richard Donnelly, and Fr. Robert Giardina, and their parishioners for their generosity in allowing us in their parishes.

With just a little "mustard seed" of faith and work, God does wonders for us, praise God! †



LENT'S DESERT BRINGS JOY OF EASTER

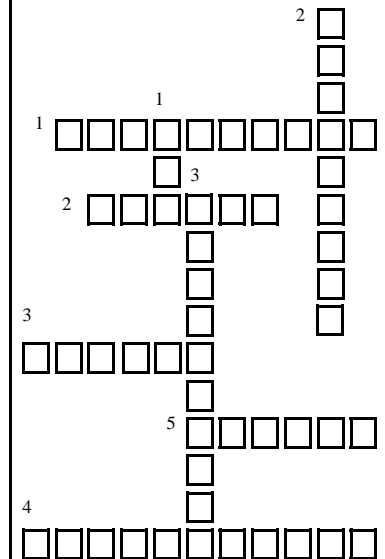
Through His Life and Death, Jesus Christ was obedient to the Father in order to bring us the message of the Good News, namely, love of God and love of neighbor. Since God the Father made us in His image, our life's goal is to imitate the One He sent.

In Baptism, we are marked as one saved by Jesus Christ and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and in Confirmation, we are fully initiated into the Church community and empowered to serve the Kingdom of God boldly and have the commission to bring the Good News into the world as witnesses to Christ.

After the cleansing powers of Lent in the Sacrament of Penance, the spiritual rejuvenation of prayer, and the witnessing power of almsgiving, "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say, rejoice. Then God's own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your own hearts and minds in Christ" (Phil 4:4, 7).

May Jesus be with you in your Lenten journey that will bring you the peace and joy of Jesus at Easter. †

**"APOSTLES"
CROSSWORD**



Across

1. What we examine before going to confession
2. A sin that does not deprive the soul of sanctifying grace
3. This saint is called the "priest of the Eucharist"
4. The rite of the Mass in which our venial sins are forgiven
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Down

1. When Adam ate the apple, he committed the first ____
2. Young deacon who died to avoid profanation of the Eucharist
3. The means by which there is removal of some or all temporal punishment for sins

(Answers will be given in the next newsletter.)

(Created by Ari T. Foster) †



From the desk of Jim Wasel . . .

Recently, browsing in a local Catholic book store, I discovered some small red books, written by St. Peter Julian Eymard. Previously, I had never heard of this saint and was also very surprised that he is known as "the Priest of the Eucharist." St. Eymard is founder of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers and Brothers and was canonized by Pope John XXIII on December 9, 1962. The St. Peter Julian Eymard Library consists of nine books, rich in Eucharistic spirituality and religious insight. I purchased St. Eymard's book entitled "The Real Presence," which is pure "poetry" and conveys the saint's love for the Eucharist, and his books have become my main reading source these days.

In his book, the "Divine Bridegroom of the Church," (pp 85 - 88) St. Eymard writes that the "... motive for the institution of the Eucharist is the love of Jesus Christ for His Church. ... Jesus coming down from heaven to found His Church, ... died for her on the Cross." St. Eymard explains that Jesus, after His Resurrection, was content to make His Church "the trustee of His truth and graces," thereby not leaving "a bride in mourning, weeping over the loss of her divine Bridegroom. This could not be. It would be unworthy of the power and love of the Savior. ... But by the side of her beloved, the bride is generous and strong; she is happy. His heart is hers, and it is a joy for her to devote herself to His service."

St. Eymard continues "Such is the church in the presence of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the object of her love, the center of her heart, the joy and happiness of her life. ... The Eucharist is the motive and end of all her worship. It is the soul of it. Take away the Eucharist, and her worship ceases; for it has no longer any reason to be. ... The Eucharist is the means through which the Church forms Jesus Christ in her children. The Eucharist is the living Bread with which she sustains their supernatural life. She educates them through the Eucharist; for in the Eucharist alone do souls find abundance of light and life, and the strength to practice every virtue. ... The Eucharist is the glory of the Church. ... The reign of the Eucharist is the reign of the Church. †

- Jim

For those who want to assist Apostles of the Real Presence in reaching souls with the good news of the Eucharist, **meetings** are held the last Tuesday of each month at 7:45 p.m. at St. Bartholomew Church's Rectory Basement, following the 7:00 p.m. Novena in the Church. (Enter side door to the rectory, parking lot side.)

"TO THOSE WHO HAVE HUNGER, GIVE BREAD. TO THOSE WHO HAVE BREAD, GIVE HUNGER FOR JUSTICE."

Latin American Table Prayer, Columban Fathers

NEEDED

Do you have a used folding machine in good condition that you would like to donate to this apostolate? It would have to accommodate 11"x17" paper, or 11"x14." Or do you have one that we can use? Please help... call 781-5023. Thank you! †

UPCOMING EVENTS

March is a busy month for apostolate workers. We produced this newsletter and an "indulgence" booklet and other inserts, and we will be taking the apostolate and all its educational materials "on the road."

On March 18, we will be at the Annual Catechist Conference at Bryant College. Come see us. We have much to offer you and we need your support. Thank you.

God bless. †

Eucharistic Teaching Aids

Be sure to view our new website: <http://users.ids.net/~realpresence> There you will find 12 concise teaching modules relative to the Church teachings about the Real Presence of Jesus, the significance of the Mass, developing a personal relationship with Jesus and the need for more frequent confession and much more. The aids are suitable for junior high and high school, CCD and Adult Education.

(This newsletter may be copied for further distribution. We encourage this so that others may learn about the Catholic Faith as well. Thank you.) †

HELP WANTED

Could you spare one hour or more working for the Lord? We are in need of someone, or several people, to contact the Catholic schools in RI to promote our Eucharistic Adoration Program. Call 781-5023. The spiritual rewards are great! †

Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament

Lord, Jesus, as I kneel before Your hidden presence, help me respond to Your graces so that I may be as really present to You, as You are to me, in the most Blessed Sacrament of Your love and mercy. Allow your radiant presence to re-ignite the fire of Your Spirit within me, so that I may be Your Sacrament of love and mercy and all. Amen. †

Hope for the Journey,
Fr. Jack Spaulding
(Queenship Publishing Co.)