

Organizing Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

How is Parish Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration started and maintained?

Formerly, Rev Victor Warkulwiz M.S.S from the Apostolate for Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (APEA) preached on the value and reasons for Perpetual Adoration, at all the Masses on Commitment Weekend, making an appeal for people to sign up to spend a specific hour each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Parishioners expressed their willingness to participate by filling out an **invitation form which was done and collected at Mass**. This form is a free download on our website .

Father Victor would then conduct an organizational meeting to discuss in detail the organization and operation of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. This meeting would usually be held on Sunday or Monday evening, after the appeal was made.

Sadly, Father Warkulwiz passed away on July 11, 2019 in Pennsylvania. But we still have his original and very effective Start-Up and yearly Boost homilies that any priest speaker may use. They are both free downloads on our website. Father Victor's timeless appeal for adorers for Perpetual Adoration was truly anointed by the Holy Spirit. His homilies contain all the necessary factual information to inspire people to commit to a weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour and to reassure them they can make this commitment because of the Substitute System. For this reason, it is important that the **entire content** of Father's Start-Up or Boost homilies be communicated to the parish, in order to maximize the response. Father Victor pray for us!

Organizational Structure:

Pastor

The pastor oversees Perpetual Adoration because he has responsibility for the Eucharist in the parish. But he should have no additional duties. Perpetual Eucharistic adoration is a lay apostolate. It is lay organized and lay operated. The pastor conducts the opening ceremonies and provides support and encouragement.

Head Coordinator(s)

The Head Coordinator oversees the organization and operation of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. A computer based program assists in the organization and regular updating. Currently we recommend the scheduling software **We Adore Him** <https://weadorehim.com> This computer program is very helpful **but is not meant to stand alone**. It is important for an effective program to utilize the **personal contact of the Division Leaders and Hour Coordinators/Captains with their adorers to know when there are vacancies in the schedule, perhaps due to illness, or a need to change the day/time of the Holy Hour or some other reason**.

Division Leaders

The 24-hour period is divided into four time division sections, each with a Division Leader. Thus, each Division Leader oversees a block of six hours. (Midnight to 6am; 6am to noon; noon to 6pm and 6pm to midnight) The work of the four Division Leaders is primarily done during the organizational phase and once a year thereafter when there is another Boost homily.

A Division Leader calls up the people who have checked off his or her particular time division (see above) on the invitation form and finds out the day and hour wanted. Each Division Leader fills out their block of six hours for the seven days of the week. They keep this list current as changes occur, and report any changes to the Head Coordinator to be updated on the computer program. The Head Coordinator and four Division Leaders form the core group. The core group members should be recruited before Commitment Weekend, but they can be recruited during the organization meeting if necessary.

Hour Coordinators/Captains – Note - with use of a computer program the number of Hour Coordinators can be reduced from 24 to 8-12 people

There are 8-12 Hour Coordinators or Captains, each one overseeing 2-3 hours of the day throughout the week (Ex. 6 am, 7 am, 8 am). Each Hour Coordinator is the head of his or her Prayer Team: those persons who make their holy hour at the **same time, on each of the seven days of the week.** The 8-12 Hour Coordinators form the backbone of Perpetual Adoration. They assure that there is at least one adorer present in the chapel at all times. Hour Coordinators or Captains are recruited at the organization meeting, but they can also be recruited before or after Commitment Weekend.

Prayer Partners

These are the persons who have made a commitment for a **particular day and hour.** If one person must be absent for the hour, they make sure the other partner will be there. If neither can be present they can trade hours with a member of their Prayer Team. Otherwise they may request a substitute on the **We Adore Him** program or if they do not use computers they may contact their Hour Coordinator/Captain who will arrange a substitute from the Substitute List.

Prayer Teams

A Prayer Team is made up of all the adorers who have the **same hour, but on each of the seven days of the week.** There are 24 Prayer Teams in all, one for each hour of the day. The Prayer teams form the foundation of the Substitute System.

For additional questions regarding starting Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, please contact us on then website, we are happy to assist you.