



# A Call to Holiness

Bishop Kevin Vann has formally asked all Knight of Columbus in the Diocese of Orange to “open their hearts” and take a “leadership” role in growing all parishes into Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. This is a tremendous undertaking of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**.

As “Practical Catholics” we Knights know there is nothing more **Charitable** than bringing souls to Jesus. Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition does exactly that. En masse. Not only does it bring those who commit to scheduled holy hours but numerous other souls come to the Chapel to spend time with Jesus and then Jesus works wonders in their lives.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration takes incredible **Unity** because the chapel must be attended to hour after hour, day after day, week after week, like the guards at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, perpetually. There is no other Catholic organization so well positioned and resourced to do this besides the Knights.

Every Knight has a **Fraternal** responsibility to their brother Knights to grow in holiness. The lessons of the degree exemplifications teach us this although in our busy lives these lessons can be neglected as active work takes our time and energy.

Eucharistic Adoration is **Patriotic**. It will not only transform those of us who participate, it will transform others, it will transform our parishes, it will transform our diocese, our country, our world.

While the requirement itself is very easy to understand, i.e. every hour must have at least one, preferably two or more adorers committed to attend their scheduled weekly hours, participation cannot and should not be forced. Knights both “active” and “inactive” would need to be spiritually willing to take on such a grace-filled undertaking. Establishment however would not be limited to the Knights as many others will participate being inspired by the leadership of the Knights. Even though Council 6020 has the manpower numbers to support 24/7 Adoration right now it will require a unified personal commitment at a level not yet experienced.

As such the call of Father Jerome Karcher and Father Joseph Knerr for all Knights to grow in holiness should be our starting point. Nothing can be forced but we must provide an avenue to share our faith and inspire each other to holiness. For Practical Catholics the Eucharist is The Source and Summit of our faith.

So, we establish a “**Call to be Holy**” (1 Pet 1:15) campaign which will be reported on at every business meeting and which will have regularly scheduled meetings to grow our Catholic faith. Suggestions, opportunities, events, tasks (whatever you want to call them) of various kinds will be presented to all interested parties.

Ultimately the results will be the Knights themselves pushing to make Bishop Kevin Vann’s call for Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration a reality not just for Council 6020 but all Councils in our diocese, our country, and the world.

When the Knights of Columbus become the “Knights of the Eucharist” as Carl Anderson says we already are, all heaven will rejoice.

Amen!