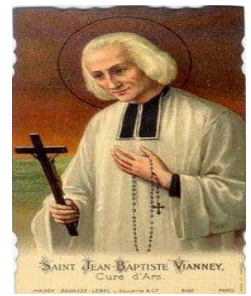


Priests' Quotes about the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration

throughout this year
June 19, 2009-June 19, 2010
~ "Year for Priests" ~



Nine Quotes from St. Jean Marie Baptiste Vianney (1786-1859) (The Cure of Ars, patron saint of priests)

"I throw myself at the foot of the Tabernacle like a dog at the foot of his Master." ~ St. John Vianney

"When Our Lord sees pure souls coming eagerly to visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament He smiles on them."
~ St. John Baptist Vianney

"The soul hungers for God, and nothing but God can satiate it. Therefore He came to dwell on earth and assumed a body in order that this Body might become the Food of our souls." ~ St. John Vianney

"The many wonders of creation can only fill us with astonishment and admiration. But when we speak of the Most Holy Eucharist we can say that here is to be found the miracle of divine love for us.... Has there been, or will there ever be, a nobler or more magnanimous love than that which He has shown us in the sacrament of love?" ~ St. John Vianney

"When we go before the Blessed Sacrament, let us open our heart; our good God will open His. We shall go to Him; He will come to us; the one to ask, the other to receive. It will be like a breath from one to the other."
- St. John Vianney

Of adoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney has written:

"When we speak to Jesus with simplicity and with all our heart, He does like a mother who holds her child's head with her hands and covers it with kisses and caresses."

St. John Vianney writes of Adoration of Jesus in the Most the Blessed Sacrament:

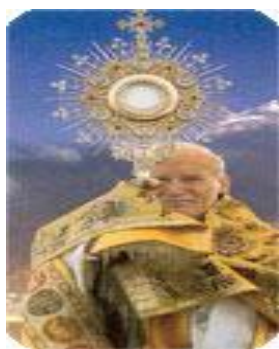
"If we really loved the good God, we should make it our joy and happiness to come and spend a few moments to adore Him, and ask Him for the grace of forgiveness; and, we should regard those moments as the happiest of our lives."

"What does Jesus Christ do in the Eucharist? It is God who, as our Savior, offers Himself each day for us to his Father's justice. If you are in difficulties and sorrows, He will comfort and relieve you. If you are sick, He will either cure you or give you strength to suffer so as to merit Heaven. If the devil, the world, and the flesh are making war upon you, He will give you the weapons with which to fight, to resist, and to win victory. If you are poor, He will enrich you with all sorts of riches for time and eternity. Let us open the door of His sacred and adorable Heart, and be wrapped about for an instant by the flames of His love, and we shall see what a God who loves us can do. O my God, who shall be able to comprehend?" ~ St. John Vianney

"Jesus Christ, after having given us all He could give, that is to say, the merit of His toils, His sufferings, and bitter death; after having given us His adorable body and blood to be the food of our souls, willed also to give us the most precious thing He had left, which was his holy Mother."

- St. John Vianney





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Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar.

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
truly present in the Holy Eucharist,
I place my trust in You.**



Ten Quotes from our Vicar of Christ, Pope John Paul the Great

“The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration. ... Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love.” ~ Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Cena*

“The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: not only by celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace.” ~ Pope John Paul II

“When we contemplate Him present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar, Christ draws near to us and becomes more intimate to us than we are to ourselves. Remaining in silence before the Blessed Sacrament, it is Christ totally and really present whom we discover, whom we adore and with whom we are content.”
~ Pope John Paul II

“Your faith will help you realize that it is Jesus Himself Who is present in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for you and calling you to spend one special, specific hour with Him each week.” ~ Pope John Paul II

Pope John Paul II in *The Church and the Eucharist* wrote on Eucharistic Devotion:

“Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is ... an important daily practice and becomes an inexhaustible source of holiness ... It is pleasant to spend time with (Christ), to lie close to his breast like the Beloved Disciple and to feel the infinite love present in His heart.”

“United with the angels and saints of the heavenly Church, let us adore the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. Prostrate, we adore this great mystery that contains God’s new and definitive covenant with humankind in Christ.” ~ Pope John Paul II

“Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete. ... Our essential commitment in life is to preserve and advance constantly in Eucharistic life and Eucharistic piety and to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist.”
~ Pope John Paul II, *Redeemer of Man*

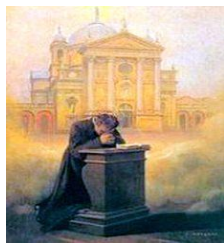
“Every member of the Church must be vigilant in seeing that the Sacrament of Love shall be at the center of the life of the people of God so that, through all the manifestations of worship due Him, shall be given back ‘love for love’ and truly become the life of our souls.” ~ Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Cena*

“Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease.” ~ Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Cena*

“Evangelization through the Eucharist, in the Eucharist, and from the Eucharist — these are three inseparable aspects of how the Church lives the mystery of Christ and fulfills her mission of communicating it to all people.... In addition to the preaching of the message, the consummation of evangelization consists in the building up of the Church, which has no real existence without the sacramental life culminating in the Blessed Eucharist.” ~ Pope John Paul II



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Our Shepherds speak in the Holy Spirit

"Without adoration, there is no transformation of the world." ~ Pope Benedict XVI

“How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness!”

~Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*

“Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, God with us, day and night. He is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the afflicted, and strengthens the weak.”

~Pope Paul VI

"...Such visits are a proof of gratitude and expression of love, an acknowledgment of the Lord's presence."

~ Pope Paul VI, on *Adoration*

“The Blessed Sacrament is the ‘Living Heart’ of each of our churches and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore the Blessed Host, which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word, Whom they cannot see.” ~ Pope Paul VI

"O Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, I would like to be filled with love for You; keep me closely united with You, may my heart be near to Yours. I want to be to You like the apostle John. O Mary of the Rosary, keep me recollected when I say these prayers of yours; bind me forever, with your rosary, to Jesus of the Blessed Sacrament. Blessed be Jesus, my love..." ~ Pope John XXIII, in *Journal of a Soul*

"To keep me from sin and straying from Him, God has used devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. My life vows destined to be spent in the light irradiating from the tabernacle, and it is to the Heart of Jesus that I dare go for the solution of all my problems." ~ Pope John XXIII

“What matters most to the good Christian community, and what may be taken as the measure of true spiritual fervor, is the love of Jesus in His Sacrament, the faithful attendance at His tabernacle. ~ Blessed John XXIII

"All my sermons are prepared in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. As recreation is most pleasant and profitable in the sun, so homiletic creativity is best nourished before the Eucharist. The most brilliant ideas come from meeting God face to face. The Holy Spirit that presided at the Incarnation is the best atmosphere for illumination. Pope John Paul II keeps a small desk or writing pad near him whenever he is in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament; and I have done this all my life — I am sure for the same reason he does, because a lover always works better when the beloved is with him." ~ Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen





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We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.

From the Writings of Saint Peter Julian Eymard (1811-1868)

"The purpose of Eucharistic adoration is the Divine Person of Our Lord Jesus Christ present in the Most Blessed Sacrament."

“Let us remember that Our Lord is in the Host in all his different states, and in his entirety. He, who does not realize that, lives in darkness; his faith is always weak and fails to make him happy. ... Let our faith be active and thoughtful; that is what will make us happy. Our Lord wants to bring us happiness all by Himself. No man can make us happy; even piety cannot do it of itself. We need a piety that has fed on the Eucharist; for happiness comes only from the possession of God."

"Is not our Lord as meek and humble in the Blessed Sacrament as He was during His life on earth? Is He not always the Good Shepherd, the Divine Consoler, the Changeless Friend? Happy the soul that knows how to find Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, and in the Eucharist all things!"

"If the Christians continue to desert Jesus Christ in His temple, will not the Heavenly Father take away from them His well-beloved Son Whom they neglect?"

"The adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament is the end of the Church Militant, just as adoration of God in His glory is the end of the Church Triumphant. A holy rivalry, a concert of prayer, a harmony of divine service should exist between the heavenly court and the Eucharistic court here below, between the adorer and his mother the Church."



Quotes from St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) ... 800th Anniversary of the Franciscan Order 1209-2009

St. Francis of Assisi led his brothers in prostrating themselves and in proclaiming before every Church where Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament dwelt: "We adore Thee most holy Lord Jesus Christ, here in all Thy Churches, which are in the whole world, because by Thy holy cross, Thou hast redeemed the world."

"...In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood." ... "What wonderful majesty! What stupendous condescension! O sublime humility! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble Himself like this under the form of a little bread, for our salvation!"

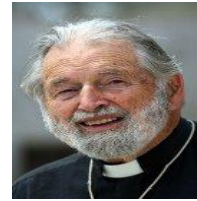
"The Eucharist flows from the Passion of Christ. When we come to the Blessed Sacrament, we come to the Cross." "During our holy hour, we lift up to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus those souls in the most need of His mercy." "During our holy hour, those in most need of His mercy are stamped and marked with the Precious Blood of Jesus. This includes those who are to die that day. Stamped with the Precious Blood of Jesus, they are saved..." "If we only knew the value of a holy hour we would never miss a single day without making one... Because the Cross is infinite in merit, there is no limit to the value of a holy hour." "Like Peter... this is why we should exclaim in His Divine Presence, 'Lord, how good it is for us to be here!'"

~ St. Francis of Assisi - Excerpts from *Letters To A Brother Priest*

"I beg you to show the greatest possible reverence and honor for the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all things, whether on earth or in Heaven, have been brought to peace and reconciled with Almighty God." ~ Words of St. Francis in a letter to the priest friars on the *Holy Eucharist*



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"We pay the Blessed Sacrament the supreme homage of divine adoration and worship (latria), because He, Who is there present, is the God of Heaven and Earth, the all-holy Word-made-flesh, our first beginning and our last end." ~ Fr. Richard Foley, S.J.

"If the Blessed Sacrament is Jesus all for us, is it not the most legitimate of conclusions that we should be all for Him? We should be all for Jesus, if Jesus is our all. And what does this mean? Surely, among other things, that the Blessed Sacrament should be to us just the single overpowering fact of the world. Our hands hold Him; our words make Him; our tongue rests Him; our body compasses Him; our souls feel Him; our flesh feeds upon Him, Him, the Infinite, the Incomprehensible, the Immense, the Eternal. Must not all life be looked at in this light, just as the whole Church lies in this light and has no other?"

~ Fr. Frederick Faber, excerpt from *The Blessed Sacrament*

"If it were not for the Eucharist, if it were not for this marvelous manifestation of God's love, if it were not for this opportunity to place ourselves in the very real presence of God, if it were not for the sacrament that reminds us of His love, His suffering and His triumph, which indeed perpetuates for us His saving sacrifice on the cross, I am sure that I could never face the challenges of my life, my own weakness and sinfulness and my own need to reach out to the Living God." ~ Archbishop Theodore McCarrick

"How sweet is the moment in which poor humanity, wearied and afflicted, may remain alone, with Jesus alone, in the Sacrament of Love; for there the Lord, with His flaming heart open, calls unto all, 'You that are burdened and heavy laden, come unto Me and I will refresh you.' Happy are those hearts that know how to satisfy the unquenchable hunger and thirst in this heavenly banquet!" ~ Fr. M.J. Corcoran, O.S.A.

"Jesus is present in the Most Blessed Sacrament to complete the work which His Father entrusts to Him. He is there to fill our soul with the love which led Him to die on the Cross for us. He is there to take over our hearts and to lead us to the love of God and neighbor. He is there to make us stronger and more resolute in loving Him." ~Bishop Thomas V. Daily

"A cloud of incense was rising on high; the people suddenly all bowed low; what could it mean? The truth flashed on him, fearfully yet sweetly; it was the Blessed Sacrament — it was the Lord Incarnate who was on the altar, who had come to visit and bless his people. It was the Great Presence, which makes a Catholic Church different from every other place in the world; which makes it, as no other place can be — holy."

~ John Henry Cardinal Newman, in *Loss and Gain: The Story of a Convert*

“God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.”

~ St. Maximilian Kolbe

