



ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO

CHANCERY OFFICE

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Dear Pastor, Religious and Lay Faithful:

Greetings and Peace! The Synod is about to implement some extremely important changes in our community. It could have a tremendous effect on strengthening our Catholic Church here in San Antonio. In order to effectively address the urgent needs of our community, our first and most important step is prayer. Prayer preferably with Adoration of the Holy Eucharist as our central focus.

I strongly encourage you to watch the 30 minute video documentary enclosed. I Am the Living Bread was professionally produced here in San Antonio and shows the fruits of Adoration being experienced in our local parishes. This video is also available in Spanish. I once again encourage you to please begin Adoration in your parish community. If you already have Adoration, please attempt to increase the amount of time for exposition and strongly encourage your parishioners to visit more frequently. As you will discover in the video, "profound results" are being reported.

Why are 70 new postulants joining the Sisters of Charity each month? Mother Teresa of Calcutta wrote: **"Since we decided to have the daily Eucharistic Holy Hour in 1963, something beautiful happened in our society - our love for Jesus has become more intimate; our love for one another more understanding; and our love for the poor more compassionate; and we have also more than doubled the number of vocations!"**

Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical letter, Redemptor Hominis, says: ***Eucharistic Adoration is the most fundamental duty in the life of the Christian and that liturgical celebration of the Eucharist and private worship of Eucharist compliment each other. He further states "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."***

Many of our youth and families are hurting. The poison of drugs and gangs plague our beautiful city. Let us together take this opportunity to implore God's mercy, through Eucharistic Adoration. If we do, a real change will happen. Thank you for your support in this most important effort!

If you would like help promoting Adoration there are videos, pamphlets and speakers available:

*Fr. Tom Fitzgerald 227-0126 *The Pilgrim Center of Hope 521-3377 *Victor Negron 223-8603

*Bob Ott 558-2828 *Mary T. Corcoran 558-8802 *Mary Labonville 735-7179

*Apostolate for Perpetual Adoration / Missionaries of the Blessed Sacrament (518) 561-8193

Sincerely in the Lord,

Most Reverend Patrick F. Flores, D.D.