

### **The Celebrity or the Savior?**

Who is your favorite artist, actor, writer, politician, or idol? Many of us would drive far, make sacrifices, and expend a lot of effort to see them in person. I drove to Ohio to see my favorite band perform. I was not alone. Scores of others had come just to catch a glimpse of them getting out of their tour bus. Sadly, Eucharistic adoration, where we come face to face with Jesus, does not usually draw such large, willing crowds.

Eucharistic adoration involves a quiet, calm, contemplative atmosphere. There are no flashing strobe lights, no cheering fans, and no surging crowds to make one feel that he/she is before someone of importance. Instead, hands clasped in prayer, knees bent in adoration, and eyes full of trust are the sure signs that one is before the Savior King. Just because you may not “feel” or “see” anything spectacular when you come before Christ in the Eucharist does not mean that it is time wasted or that “nothing is happening”. Mother Teresa once said, “The time you spend with Christ in the Sacrament will be the best and most profitable time that you spend on earth.” In adoration we receive sanctifying grace that we may not “feel” at the time. We also may not feel immediate gratification when we go to Eucharistic adoration, and that is for our own benefit, for then our coming to Him would not be out of faith but out of feeling. That is not true love of God.

Christ does not ask much of us when we come to Him. All he asks is this: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” Christ just wants *us*. He wants our hearts, and we can give that to Him by just being in His presence. A true friend is one with whom you do not have to be constantly talking to fill the silence; you can simply sit and enjoy each other. In Mark chapter five, a woman with hemorrhages says, “If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.” We must be of that same simple and trusting mindset. Our attitude should be, “If I but be in His Presence I shall be healed, comforted, etc”

God desires your company if that’s all you can give. But also be generous and seize those opportunities when you can offer Him more. During those times, pray the rosary, meditate on Scripture, or read about the life of a saint. The sky is the limit.

Society is fascinated by the lives of celebrities, but not many care to enter into the life of Jesus. Many *move heaven and earth* to have a personal meeting with a star, but few bother to come to Eucharistic adoration where they can *approach the throne of heaven* to adore the Savior, the King of Kings, the Creator of the Universe. St Paul’s words to the Romans, spoken centuries ago, could not be more true today: “They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and revered and worshiped the creature rather than the Creator.” Let’s change this age-old trend, here, at St. Priscilla.

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