

Dear Friends,

As many of you may know, I met my wife, Caitlynn, online. When I saw her profile on Catholicmatch.com, I never could have imagined that I was looking at the woman that would be my wife and the mother of my daughter. After sending emails back and forth we started video conferencing. Within 5 months of our initial contact, I was on a plane traveling to Ohio to meet in person. Communicating via all the wonderful technological advances was fine, but it was no substitute for personal interaction in space and time.

God is present everywhere. We can call upon Him at all times and in all places. However, in the Eucharist, Jesus is present in His body, blood, soul and divinity. In Eucharistic adoration we can have a personal interaction with Jesus in space and time. Being body and soul, humans crave that type of interaction whether it be with friends, family or the God of the universe.

The readings of the final weeks of the liturgical year focus on eschatology—the study of the final things. As we are faced with the reality of death and that we will be called upon to render an account of our time spent on earth, it is important to remember that we are not alone. Jesus entered into space and time to rescue us from Satan, sin and eternal death. Jesus chose to stay with us through the Eucharist. He sits in every tabernacle waiting for us to come see Him. He never tires of us bringing Him our joys, our trials, our questions. He is always waiting for us to visit Him.

Starting this weekend, there will be sign up sheets for Advent Eucharistic Adoration. I invite you to prayerfully consider signing up for an hour to sit and pray to our Lord in the Eucharist. Your presence there allows us to expose the Blessed Sacrament for all to see and adore. Even if you cannot take an hour, please come and spend some time with Jesus. Bring your family with you. Being in our Lord's presence is a wonderful opportunity during Advent to reflect upon the incarnation...that God became man in order to offer us the gift of His salvation. If you have any questions about Adoration at Sacred Heart, please feel free to contact me.

So often we express our love to others with our presence. St. John Paul II once said, "Jesus is not an idea, a sentiment, a memory! Jesus is a 'Person,' always alive and present with us!" Jesus loves us with His presence. Let us love Him back with our presence too.

In Christ,
Eddie