

Daughters of the Annunciation



Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, November 15, 2008

9:00 am - 11:45 am

Fr. Mark Kirby, O.Cist.

St. Bernard's Catholic Church

4001 E. 101st St.

Tulsa, OK. 74137

"The secret of their sanctification lies precisely in the Eucharist"

Pope Benedict XVI

I am a member of the Cistercian-Benedictine Abbey of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme in Rome. I have been a priest for 22 years, ordained in 1986. Being born in New Haven, CN in 1952, I heard the call of the life of prayer when I was in my mid-teens. During that same time a Trappist monk handed me the classic, "Christ, The Ideal of the Monk" by Blessed Columba Marmion. I took it home and read it from cover to cover, and it marked me for life.

Eucharistic Adoration was an indispensable part of my daily life. Preaching retreats to priests, religious, and lay folk is something I began doing early in my priesthood. This particular work has taken me across the Atlantic many times. I have preached in English, French and Italian in the US, Canada, France, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy. In addition to the preached word, I have published a number of articles and short works.

Fr. Kirby has been invited to the Diocese of Tulsa to serve as a spiritual director for the priests and deacons as well as to implement plans to establish a Eucharistic Cenacle of Prayer and Adoration for priests.



The death of Pope John Paul II during his Year of the Eucharist marked me profoundly. I sensed an inner calling to live my monastic priesthood in a special way for my brother priests, not only by making myself available to them but also and more importantly, by representing them in Adoration before the Eucharistic face of the Lord.

Pope Benedict reminds us that "Eucharistic Adoration is an essential way of being with the Lord." When someone spends time with our Lord in the Eucharist, he or she makes a conscious and deliberate choice to belong to Christ entirely for that period, since the believer cannot be present to Christ through the mind alone or through the senses alone.



TICKET INFORMATION

Price is \$12 pp Cut off date for tickets is Nov 12th. Reservations must be made in advance.

Reservations are limited and will be held on a first-come, first-served basis. Send name, address, phone number and check to: Paula Cole 13313 E. 122nd St. N. Collinsville OK 74021 by Nov. 12.

For more information, call Paula at 371-5362. Make checks payable to Daughters of the Annunciation.

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