



Our Eucharistic Journey

THE JOURNEY SO FAR...

The diocesan initiative 'Our Eucharistic Journey' began in schools in the Summer of 2018 to coincide with the feast of Corpus Christi and in preparation for the Adoremus Congress in September. We asked some members of schools and parishes about their journey so far and how they have been influenced by the great 'treasure' of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Here is some of the feedback...

PRIEST

The role of a priest is to help people come closer to the knowledge and love of God, but always remembering that we are his instruments and that it is God who brings about the growth of love in people. It has been the experience of many that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass is powerful. The word 'Adoration' comes from the Latin root 'Ad Ora' which means 'to the mouth' and as a doctor (before becoming a priest) this brings to my mind the image of 'Mouth to mouth resuscitation' so breathing the breath of life into us.

My experience of bringing the Blessed Sacrament into the School was profound. I had never imagined that a whole primary school could be in total silence for 20 minutes. And looking at the children's faces - most with eyes tightly shut - they were no doubt experiencing true communication with their loving Heavenly Father. I am now convinced, more than ever before, that this needs to be incorporated as a regular form of worship in the school.

Previously, I thought that young children could not concentrate or sit still for any significant length of time, but the workshop at the Adoremus Congress on 'Teaching children to pray before the Eucharist' showed me that with preparation this was a realistic possibility. The teachers prepared the children and the results showed me that what was said at the Congress was truly achievable."

(Father Michael Jarmulowicz)

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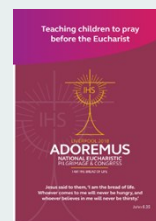
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STAFF

"It was wonderful for the children to feel the presence of Christ in the physical form of the Blessed Sacrament and a wonderful opportunity to gather together as a school community. There was a real sense of awe and wonder which swept over the school. It was a wonderful feeling! Christ brought calm to our busy lives..."

(Our Lady of Dolours Primary, Westminster)



PUPILS

"Our Blessed Sacrament celebration took place in our school hall. It felt like we were even closer to God! We closed our eyes and visited Jesus in our minds. We got a chance to say several prayers as we reflected on Adoremus. It made me feel pleased to be learning more about Adoremus because it reminds us now that God loves us and that we adore Him! I think it brought joy and pride to our Catholic school." (Y5 pupil)

Father Michael came to share the Blessed Sacrament with us. It was so special to have Jesus with us in this way:

"He had a big golden thing and he had the bread." (Poppy)

"We closed our eyes and we hold hands and Jesus was in the middle." (Lynn)

"Father Michael he brought us some white bread Jesus." (Asia)

"He hold the bread." (Milka)

"He bring the bread in and bring the Jesus in and Jesus knows our name." (Antonia)

(Pupils from Our Lady of Dolours Primary, Westminster)

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

The resources on Eucharistic Art from the Education Service made us as artists/parishioners wonder what we would paint to illustrate the Eucharist or what we would paint as a response to the mystery, for our own reflection and also to meet the need there is in the church to help others enter into the mystery of the Eucharist. Once the theme was decided we asked Father Chris from the Servite church to give a talk on the theme of the Eucharist to inspire the artists. The day was one of information, reflection and prayer. Going away to research the pictures was an opportunity for growth in the faith, investigating the scriptures and the theology of the Eucharist. The results were seen in the forecourt of the Servite church in Fulham.

Bernard Allen (artist)