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Saint Ephrem

Rev. Joseph Walsh
Saint Cecilia Church
301 West 7th Street
Hastings NE 68901

Reverend and dear Father Walsh,

Thank you for informing me of your plan to have an exhibit of Eucharistic miracles at Saint Cecilia Church in preparation for the Perpetual Adoration Program that is soon to begin in your parish. I fully support your efforts to promote devotion to our Eucharistic Lord. I pray that those who visit the exhibit may be graced with a deepening of faith in and love of the gift we have in the Real Presence.

As your parishioners view the exhibit and prepare to begin participating in perpetual adoration, it is fitting to recall the words of our beloved Saint John Paul II in his encyclical letter *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*:

“The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value for the life of the Church. This worship is strictly linked to the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. It is pleasant to spend time with him, to lie close to his breast like the Beloved Disciple (cf. Jn 13:25) and to feel the infinite love present in his heart.”

Please be assured of my prayers for the success of the exhibit and your Perpetual Adoration Program. With my blessing and every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Rev. James D. Conley
Bishop of Lincoln