

ARE YOU READY?

Initial Presentation after Weekend Masses

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Are you ready to meet your Maker?

Take a minute to think about what has happened over the last year or two in your life. Do you know someone who passed away suddenly--without warning? Most of us know someone who has died suddenly without being prepared for it.

What about the end of your life? Do you ever think about it? We don't know *when* it will happen, but we know that it will. It could happen to any of us when we least expect it.

And the tragedy is that this most important moment can take us by surprise. We do not know the day nor the hour when the Thief will come. That thief is Death.

Matthew 24:42 and following reads:

“Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day on which your LORD will come; and understand this: If a homeowner knows when the thief is coming, he will keep watch and not let his house be broken into. For this reason, you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect.”

Know this: When the Thief that is death comes to you, the Son of Man will come to you, and you will come into the Presence of the Living God. God is not the author of Death, and He is not the Thief. But that thief WILL come, and it will come for many of us when we least expect it. And then we will see the LORD.

When we pass over the veil and come into His Presence, it will be a wonderful moment, right? Well, it could also be *terribly* enlightening, when we see how ill-prepared we are for life in heavenly society. Will we know in that moment that we are not ready, that we need purgatory time to make up for not being ready to live in heaven?

Are you ready to live among the pure ones in heaven? Most of us can honestly say that we are not pure enough to do so. That is why we need to prepare well while there is still time.

In the sacraments of the Church, we have many means for purifying our hearts and preparing to meet our Maker when we die. But for many people, these sacramental resources are closed to them because of ignorance or because of their own free choice to reject or neglect them. There are numerous reasons why people stay away from the saving grace of the sacraments.

But there is something that we can do to help them choose to return to Christ or to come to Christ for the first time. And this way is so simple, so gentle. It is designed with the gentle mastery of Christ. It's something that can be done even once, and it will help a person prepare for the most important moment of life: passing into eternity.

So, what is this gentle means of preparation we have?

Eucharistic Adoration.

In the Pauline Family, we call this "The Visit."

So, please listen carefully to what I am about to say. A very special Visit is coming to our parish in [*x number*] weeks.

On __[*specific date and time selected*] ____, our parish will celebrate a Pauline Holy Hour, a unique Visit with our Eucharistic Lord in the Pauline tradition.

At this time, I would like to invite all of you and your family members, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to attend this very special Pauline Holy Hour event.

Together, we can begin to be ready for the Coming of Our Lord to each one of us personally.

So, please mark your calendars now our PAULINE HOLY HOUR on [x date and time]. This event will be guided by a perpetually professed Pauline and facilitated of course by our pastor/priest [his name here].

Again, it will be [__date, time, location__].

Thank you for your time and attention.

Follow-up Presentation (#2) after Weekend Masses

Good morning/evening.

Today, I am here before you because of an encounter with Christ in Adoration. In fact, I am a consecrated Pauline because of an Adoration encounter that the Founder of the Pauline Family had. The Pauline Family was founded to facilitate encounter with Christ, the kind of encounter that Saint Paul had.

Do you remember what happened to Saint Paul? He met the Risen Lord on the road to Damascus. You can read about it in Acts, chapter 9. That moment changed his life and his eternity forever. In fact, it changed the world!

So, this life-changing encounter—do you want that for yourself and the people you love?

The truth is that we can build a relationship with Christ here and now on earth through the sacramental life of the Church, and in a unique way, through regular Visits with Him in Eucharistic Holy Hours. When we do this, we are preparing to meet our Maker, so that when we die, we will already know Him, and that moment will be a glorious and happy time.

Now, unfortunately, some people reject God and His Commandments in this life. Are they ready to meet their Maker? Sadly, no. And this grieves the Sacred Heart of the Father very much.

The LORD “wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he or she be converted and live.”¹ In fact, Jesus suffered a horrific and heroic death to prove this.

So, when we come into His Presence in Eucharistic Adoration, we just might discover the purpose and meaning of our lives right there, just like Saint Paul. And when come to Adoration often, we are like the wise man who builds his house on rock, on a firm foundation, that can't be shaken when waters rise and winds blow.

For this reason, I am personally inviting you to come here on __[**date and time**] _____ to meet your Maker in a special Pauline Holy Hour event right here [**in this sanctuary or name where it will be**]. You are invited to come and console the Heart of Jesus, who is like a Father waiting for his prodigal children to come

¹ Ezekiel 18:23

home. He waits for you to come and experience the joy and the love and solutions to your problems that He has to give you. Like Saint Paul, you too can experience something that will change your life forever.

So, be sure not to miss the ARE You Ready? PAULINE HOLY HOUR on [**date, time, location**].

The Lord has something powerful and personal that He wants to say to you. So, come. Meet your Maker, and let's do this **together** and **bring others with us**, so that everyone can become prepared to meet our Lord now and in eternity.

And, you know, this is easy evangelization. Bring your neighbors, friends, and family members. You bring them, God will do the rest. . . and we will watch the miracles. Let's make this the best year of Jesus' life by bringing many souls to Him at the Pauline Holy Hour on [date of event].

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