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**TO:** PASTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND CHAPLAINS  
**FROM:** REV. JOHN J. CHADWICK, S.T.D., V.G.   
**SUBJECT:** LENGTHY AND PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
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During the summer months, a parish of the Archdiocese which hosts “Perpetual” Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament experienced security problems resulting in the theft of the Eucharist, which is a desecration. While this particular situation has been resolved, concerns were raised about other locations, their security and the proper practice of this devotion. The Archbishop bears the ultimate responsibility for the proper exercise of Eucharistic Devotion within the Archdiocese of Newark. Therefore, three documents have been prepared to address the concerns of this devotion:

- *Directives for Lengthy or “Perpetual” Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.* This document has been produced by the Worship Office. All parishes and institutions should be familiar with the directives and keep them on hand as a reference.
- *Annual Request Form for Lengthy or “Perpetual” Exposition.* All parishes that host lengthy or perpetual exposition must complete this form annually as per the directions.
- *Survey on Eucharistic Adoration.* All parishes must complete this brief survey and return it to the Worship Office by November 30, 2021. This will provide an account of Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Archdiocese.

The directives and other documents are meant to ensure a safe and secure environment for those who pray before the Blessed Sacrament and for the Eucharist itself. These documents will be posted on the Worship Office webpage.

I am grateful to the Worship Office for serving as a resource on this matter and am thankful in advance to all parishes and institutions for cooperation in the matter. May all in our Archdiocese benefit from prayer before our Lord ever present in the Eucharist.