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Annual Meeting of the Nocturnal Adoration Society Highlights New Canonical Leadership



Mister Mondoza and Mrs. Carmen Rosado
with Father Lane

The Cathedral of Christ the King in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Georgia held the annual meeting, retreat, and installation of the Nocturnal Adoration Society (NAS) this year on Saturday, August 29, 2026. The grand setting of this historic cathedral and newly fashioned campus marvelously hosted us as Auxiliary Bishop Bernard Shlesinger III presided at the Mass. During the Mass, attended by almost 500, the official canonical establishment of the archdiocesan NAS Atlanta leadership received their honors, medals, and a special blessing, including Bishop Shlesinger (*see picture below*). Mister Raul Mendoza, national president from Laredo, Texas, and Father John Thomas Lane SSS, provincial and spiritual director, presented the medals and leadership to all in Atlanta with blessing and honor.

During the retreat time, Father Lane led the group in a meditation and formation on Saint Peter Julian Eymard's four ends of the Mass, namely the key four moments of praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and why these were so important to Father Eymard. He hoped that this would enhance their prayer life and be part of a short examination of conscience before bed.



Mister Mendoza gave a stirring annual address

The breakfast, starting at 7:30 am



reminding the NAS of their importance for keeping vigil with the Lord and their commitment to prayer that transforms their lives and supports the praying mission of the church. “We love Christ – and Christ loves us! The world, our lives, our parishes need to know of this love by our faithful witness each month to this praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.” The local president, Mrs. Carmen Rosado, gave a stirring address about how her prayer transforms her life, gives her strength in her trials, and supports her life. She thanked the countless volunteers, who were so meticulously organized to lead this special day. The event was in Spanish, with most attendees being Spanish-speaking members from across the country.

As part of the day, there was a procession with the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass and around the cathedral’s block, with a special holy hour.

Father Lane also blessed the new group that will be installed on September 12, 2026, in Houston (*See picture below*). Unable to be present, he blessed them at their canonical establishment and encouraged them in their dedication to this prayer and to being a special spark of faith that illumines their lives, their parishes, and their families and workplaces.



The bishop is processing to the special place of devotion for the afternoon



Houston, Texas, Nocturnal Adoration Society members gather for a photo after their blessing.

SSS Waterville Summer Greetings



We are always grateful and pleased to hear from our Servants of the Blessed Sacrament Community in Waterville, Maine, and their special communion there with the other branches of the Eymard Family. It was a joy at our Provincial Chapter 27 to have two sisters from the community present, Sisters Anna and Kim, representing the Waterville sisters and also the SSS sisters from Vietnam. Here is a picture with Father Joseph Kiet (JK) Nguyen SSS, with them while on vacation. He presided at Mass and gave English-language lessons to the Vietnamese sisters.

We thank you for your support and promotion of this branch of the Eymardian Family! The three sitting sisters are long-time members of the Waterville Community: Sisters Catherine Marie (*writes monthly DER reflections for us*), Kay Kay, and Josephine. The standing sisters are from their Vietnamese province. All minister in the chapel of the Blessed Sacrament there in Waterville, Maine.

Thank you, Father Lito! Welcome, Father Martin!



With the upcoming provincial chapter of the Philippine Province, the councils of both provinces have called back Father Joselito Hitosis SSS (*Father Lito*) to this province to participate in its life again. We are grateful for the last three years of service Father Lito provided to the parish of Saint Vincent de Paul, Holiday, Florida (SVdP), and to the Diocese of Saint Petersburg for the Filipino community.

To replace Father Lito in Holiday, we welcome Father Martin Hien Tran SSS (*Vietnamese province member*), who will now serve at Saint Vincent de Paul. After studying in the United States for another Master of Theology degree and serving for one year at Saint Paschal Baylon Catholic Church in Highland Heights, Ohio (SPB), Father Martin will now support the parish's ministries as parochial vicar at SVdP. (*Sadly, there is no one to replace Father Martin at SPB at this time.*) This personnel shift takes place with Father Lito leaving on September 28 and Father Martin arriving on October 10. We thank these men, on loan to the Province of Saint Ann, for their service to the province.

