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DIRECTIVE INTRODUCING DIOCESAN GUIDELINES FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The enclosed document* is sent as a service to those pastoral teams who are planning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The document contains recommendations which are in accord with the mind of the Church and highlights the relationship of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to the celebration of Holy Mass in which the mystery of our redemption is renewed. It is from the Mass that the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament derives and in the light of the Mass that our communion with the devotion to the Blessed Sacrament can be appropriately understood.

I thank the parishes that are renewing an interest in Holy Hours, the churches that have provided facilities for Perpetual Adoration, and all the faithful who have committed themselves to the cycle of prayer as regulated by the legislation of the Church.

It is my conviction that the enclosed document prepared by the Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of London, will serve to foster an authentic and widespread devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Yours sincerely,

Most Rev. John Michael Sherlock
Bishop of London

* The referenced document is to be found on the following pages
