



Five novice masters inviting to adoration

ADORER AND ADORATION

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1. For me, to live the adoration (as entrusted to us SSCC by the Church) and to live as **SSCC adorer** (according to our Constitutions) have been taking a long journey. It comes to me especially through good example of other religious (SSCC and non-SSCC) and through concrete praxis example of lay people in our Church.

2. In common understanding of Adoration, we make our adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament on the altar. But as Adorer (to the Lord who is omnipresent) I keep my **adoration constantly** before the Lord (even though not in front of the Blessed Sacrament on the altar) as I live for Him day by day. Whether you want to name it 'adoration of desire' (like baptism of desire), I leave it to theological experts. Deep in my heart I have this sole intention and desire: to adore Jesus Christ our Lord.

3. I realize and acknowledge that I am a **sinner**. Sinner prays for sinners in front of the Lord. What a wonderful virtue it is. Certainly it is not a shameful act as Christian. Our merciful Lord will show His saving work on us all sinners. A communion of 'sinner' Saints indeed!

4. I try to accomplish my **daily adoration** as SSCC adorer in a simple, humble, reparative, persistent and faithful way and to keep it constantly before God as I live for Him as SSCC day by day.

5. At times I would make use of helpful **books** on Adoration written by someone as stepping stone to adoration, especially those texts from the Scriptures.

6. I have been encouraging much our novices and scholastics to make use of a book by Fr. Anthony de Mello SJ, "**Sadhana, A Way to God**". Some exercises in that book can help us to go deeper into Adoration, e.g. exercises which lead us into serenity, exercises of using fantasy and contemplation into the mystery of the Lord, of Jesus Christ, of universe.

7. It is very helpful for me to set up my '**regular, persistent**' time for daily adoration. This should not depend so much on my mood nor compromised schedule, but rather on a somehow regular time I decide for it.

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