

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY  
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON DEANERY II  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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*Once completed, copy or detach this form and  
return the completed application to:*

**THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY**  
ATTENTION: NAS MEMBERSHIP  
313 DUKE STREET  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

UPCOMING DATES FOR  
NOCTURNAL ADORATION



THE BASILICA OF  
SAINT MARY

*Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia*

*Every First Friday beginning with  
Solemn Exposition at 9:00 pm and  
Throughout the night until the following  
Saturday at 6:00 am. Volunteers  
continue with Silent Adoration from  
6:00 am – 8:30 am, when Mass begins*

**March 7 - 8, 2025**

**April 4 - 5, 2025**

**May 2 - 3, 2025**

**June 6 - 7, 2025**

**June 27 - 28 2025**

**August 1 - 2, 2025**

**September 5 - 6, 2025**

**October 3 - 4, 2025**

**November 7 - 8, 2025**

**December 5 - 6, 2025**

**January 2 - 3, 2026**

*The faithful who visit the Basilica of Saint  
Mary in the Jubilee Year 2025 may obtain  
the indulgence granted by the Holy See and  
the Bishop of Arlington during this year  
marking the 230<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish.*

**THE MEMBER SIGN-IN BOOK FOR  
RECORDING ATTENDANCE IS LOCATED  
AT THE 310 SOUTH ROYAL STREET  
ENTRANCE OF THE BASILICA**

THE NOCTURNAL  
ADORATION SOCIETY

*A Worldwide Federation of Lay Catholics  
United in prayers of Adoration, Petition,  
Reparation, and Thanksgiving  
Before the Most Blessed Sacrament.*



*"Then He came to the disciples and  
found them sleeping. And He said to  
Peter, "Could you not, then, watch  
One hour with Me?" MATTHEW 26: 40*

*"The Church and the world have great  
need of Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus  
waits for us in this Sacrament of Love. Let  
us be generous with our time in going to  
meet Him in Adoration and contemplation  
full of Faith. And let us be ready to make  
Reparation for the great faults and crimes  
of the World. May our Adoration never  
cease." (Pope Saint John Paul II, DOMINICAE  
CENAE, Holy Thursday Letter to Priests, 1980)*



**N**OCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY is an Arch-Confraternity (among the highest spiritual federations of lay Catholics) dedicated to silent and vocal prayer before the Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. During the night, Members pray the **LITURGY OF THE HOURS** (*Office of the Blessed Sacrament*) offering prayers of Adoration, Petition, Reparation, and Thanksgiving. Outside of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, this is the highest form of worship Catholics may offer. We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ – His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – is truly present with us. Through this devotion and reception into the Archconfraternity of the Society, members enjoy many spiritual benefits and salutary graces, both in this life and in life everlasting.

**WE PRAY AT NIGHT FOR TWO REASONS.** At night, one can attain the calm and quiet necessary for deep spiritual recollection and prayer. For many people living in this fast-paced society, an hour at night is often more easily set aside than an hour during the day.

We recite the ancient prayers from the Liturgy of the Hours in union with the whole Church throughout the world. Through this vocal and silent prayer, we follow the time-honored tradition of "*Lexio Divina*" – prayer and reflection on the Word of God in the Real Presence of Our Blessed Lord. This prayer has its roots in the early Church Fathers and the monastic traditions of our Faith. Night prayer also recalls the ancient symbolism of keeping vigil in the darkness, which draws our complete attention to God, Who is the source of all light in the dark world.

**PRAYERS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY**, are offered at the conclusion of each Hour, as a spiritual Work of Mercy. Our evening vigil helps to develop a sense of our own spiritual preparedness and expectation of our heavenly life to come. Through these ancient practices, NAS Members carry out the

time-honored rituals associated with Forty Hours Devotion, which began during the Sixteenth Century under Pope Clement VIII.

**FOUNDED IN ROME IN 1810** by Reverend Father Giacomo Sinibaldi, the Society formally organized the practice of nighttime Eucharistic adoration for the Laity. In 1848, Reverend Father Herman Cohen, Jewish convert and Carmelite monk, obtained approval for the formation of the Society from the Bishop of Paris. From France, the Society spread quickly to England and Spain, then to Latin America, Central America, and ultimately to the United States.

**IN THE UNITED STATES**, Dr. Thomas Dwight brought the devotion to Boston in 1882. One year later, Reverend Father William Barlett founded a branch of the Society in Baltimore, Maryland, the First See of the United States. By 1912, His Eminence John Cardinal Farley of New York organized the American Nocturnalists under the Archconfraternity, then headquartered in Rome. His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes established the Society National Headquarters in 1929 at Saint Jean Baptiste Church in New York City. Today, the Nocturnal Adoration Society consists of more than one million active members in thirty-six countries worldwide.

**FOR THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON**, Society Members in Deanery II gather to practice monthly First Friday Adoration at the Basilica of Saint Mary, the oldest Catholic parish in the Commonwealth of Virginia and in West Virginia. Individuals interested in monthly adoration with all the salutary benefits and graces of membership in the Nocturnal Adoration Society may contact:

**DEBBIE AND GLENN COOPER**

**E-mail:** [coop.deby@gmail.com](mailto:coop.deby@gmail.com)

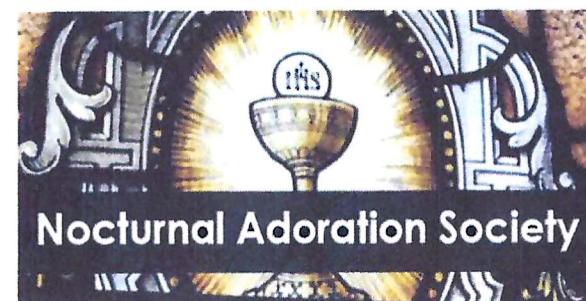
**Telephone:** 703-585-1252 (Debbie)

**P**ARISHIONERS OF ALL AGES from among the Deanery II Parishes may enroll in the **NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY**. The members receive many salutary graces and spiritual benefits in this life and in the life everlasting. Membership applications may be made by filling out the form on the reverse of this pamphlet and returning it to:

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**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON**

**THE DEANERY II PARISHES**

**Blessed Sacrament** (*Alexandria City*)

**Good Shepherd** (*Alexandria-Fairfax*)

**Holy Spirit** (*Annandale*)

**Church of the Nativity** (*Burke*)

**Queen of Apostles** (*Alexandria City*)

**Saint Ambrose** (*Annandale*)

**Saint Bernadette** (*Springfield*)

**Saint Joseph** (*Alexandria City*)

**Saint Lawrence the Martyr** (*Springfield*)

**Saint Louis** (*Alexandria-Fairfax*)

**The Basilica of Saint Mary**

(*Old Town - Alexandria City*)

**Saint Michael** (*Annandale*)

**Saint Raymond of Peñafort** (*Springfield*)

**Saint Rita** (*Alexandria City*)