



Giáo Xứ Việt Nam Đức Mẹ La Vang Our Lady of La Vang Parish

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Letter from the Pastor Regarding New Adoration Chapel

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Dear my Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

In the construction of our parish, Our Lady of La Vang Church, there is actually a small part that has not been completed. That is the construction of a small chapel at the back of the church. The reason why it was not built at the time of the church construction is also due to lack of finance. Therefore, the former pastor could not complete it. For that reason, I now want to continue to complete it. There are also several reasons why the chapel should be built.

First, the chapel will be called the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Major churches around the world have a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel inside the church. It will be a small space for believers to find peace in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Once completed, the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel will be open from 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM every day. And the Chapel will have a quiet atmosphere, not a place for community prayer.

Second, the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel will be started and completed in 2025, to mark the 2025 Jubilee Year of the Universal Church and the end of the three-year (2023-2025) National Eucharistic Revival Movement initiated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. In addition, 2025 also marks the 50th anniversary of Vietnamese refugees. At the Adoration Chapel, Vietnamese Catholics in 2025 will take "refuge" in Jesus, the Eucharistic. The groundbreaking ceremony, presided over by the Bishop of the Diocese of San Jose, is scheduled to be held on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 22, 2025.

Drawings of the Adoration Chapel are attached to this post for everyone to see. In order to ensure that the Adoration Chapel is part of the overall architecture of the Church, not as an addition, the parish decided to continue working with the architectural firm Sim Architects Inc., the company that carried out the project of the Our Lady of La Vang Church. The Adoration Chapel has an area of 1,100 square feet. It is located in the area where the statue of St. Patrick is currently located. The architecture of the Adoration Chapel will also be similar to the architecture of the Church, with a contemporary style. The Adoration Chapel is designed to face the Our Lady of La Vang Statue. According to experts, sunlight also shines into the Adoration House and the interior of the Adoration House during the day will mainly use natural light. The faithful who come to pray will bring a spirit of harmony between earth and sky. And of course, the focal point of the Adoration House is the Eucharistic Monstrance. Currently, the parish is consulting with several Catholic art designers in the US, Italy and Vietnam to choose a drawing of the Monstrance that is artistic, meaningful and unique for the Adoration House, and then commission a specialist to make the Monstrance.

Today, through this letter, I officially call on benefactors to financially support the project of the Adoration Chapel of the Eucharist. The Adoration House is where God resides and where believers come to "reside" in the House of God, so it must be built with quality. The estimated cost of construction is 1.5 million USD. I would like to thank several benefactors who have just heard and quickly contributed to "opening sale". If you would like to have your parents (living or deceased) listed in the Tabernacle, this is also an opportunity to do so. The parish priests will pray daily for those listed in the Tabernacle.

God Bless,
Rev. Justin Le
Pastor