



Dear Diocesan Rosary Congresses Committee,

First of all, I want to sincerely thank you for helping me get involved with this most amazing apostolate—of hosting a Rosary Congress at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As you know, we have hosted two Congresses now. Each time, we have had 24/7 Eucharistic Adoration. We have had people praying the rosary every hour on the hour—day and night. We have had special Masses and talks. And we have hosted an event for school children. I can honestly say that this has begun to transform our parish.

When I first arrived at the Basilica—which is really an inner-city parish—I was told that we could never have even a week’s worth of Adoration. I was told, “People won’t come! No one comes into the City. It’s dangerous!” They were wrong! People come for Christ. They come to pray the rosary. They come because something in the City is worth coming to.

Because of the Rosary Congress, we are getting ready to offer 12 hours of Adoration on Thursdays—year round. Beginning on Feb. 7, 2019 from 8AM to 8PM people can come pray before the God of the Universe in the Eucharist. My hope is that we will eventually have Adoration every day.

In addition to the increased desire for prayer at the parish, I can also say that when we have hosted the Rosary Congress in the past, we have seen a reduction of crime in the city of Baltimore. The power of prayer is great. As a priest, the Rosary Congress has been a source of great grace for me and for my people. The adoration, the rosaries and the Masses have given us the special opportunity to pray together—often. Our parish has become a family because of the common prayer.

In short, hosting the Rosary Congress has been the best thing I have done as Rector of the Basilica. I hope many more will try it. Only good things will happen.

In Christ,

Fr. James Boric

Rector

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