

What makes our nation strong?

The question is often asked, "What makes America great?" From where is our strength derived? Clarence E. Flynn (1860-1970) said in one of his poems, America's strength is from "our families, our flag, and our faith."

First, Flynn says our strength comes from our families (our homes). This means our strength is found in the character of our people. And where is our character shaped and formed? In the home. Do you want to know what a nation is like? Take

a typical home of that nation, multiply that home by the number of people in the nation, and you will have some idea what the nation is like. Whatever the homes are like, you will soon know what the nation is like. If the homes are places of love, respect, and discipline, then you will see those things in the nation.

To remain strong, we must pay attention to our moral fiber. God's Word says in Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalts a nation and sin is a reproach to any people." We must keep the home spiritually strong.

Second, the strength of our nation is found in the spirit of our people. Would you agree that what makes a Christian morally right ought to make him a good citizen? The better our citizens, the stronger our nation.

We should have a love for and a loyalty to all that is great and good in our country's heritage. And don't forget that "being morally right or virtuous exalts (builds up, makes strong) a nation, but sin is a reproach (will tear down, degrade) any people."

Third, the strength of our nation is found in our faith. All of our founding fathers were not Christians, but they believed in God

and established our nation on principles that come from the scriptures.

Read the documents of our nation. Listen to our pledge to the flag, look at the inscriptions on our money, and you are reminded of our religious heritage.

On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed. Our nation was born. While we were declaring our independence from earthly powers, we were at the same time declaring our dependence upon God. If you doubt this, read the closing words of this document: "With firm reliance on the protection of Divine providence, we mutually pledge to each

other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Clarence Flynn was right. The strength of our nation is the family, the flag, and our faith. He said,

"As long as these are kept alive, The nation and people can survive." May God help us to keep them strong — the family, the flag, and our faith.



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Eucharistic adoration

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

This is one of the greatest events that happens in our lives. It's when your priest or Deacon, takes the living presence of Jesus out of the Tabernacle and places Him on the altar for worship. He is in the Eucharistic form of bread, so it is fitting to place the host in a monstrance. This is a stand with a glass center that stands about two feet tall, so the consecrated Host can be seen from most any pew in

the church.

What's next? You kneel and pray silently. This event



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most times lasts anywhere from one hour to 24 hours, seven days a week, year-round. Someone must always be in His presence. "The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers the Eucharist in adoration not only during Mass,

but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated Host with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and

carrying them in procession." (CCC#1378)

The process is simple; the spirituality is fantastic! To be in the presence of Jesus is the ultimate experience He gives to us. "This is my body," and "I am the bread of life." Jesus' own words! Wow, what a gift. Saint Ambrose (340-397AD) wrote, "Could not Christ's word, which can make from nothing what did not exist, change existing things into what they were not before?" Solemn veneration of the faithful is a great way to spend 30 minutes or three

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