

My name is Jeff Langton and I've been asked to say a little about myself, my involvement in the building process of the St. Charles Chapel and my thoughts regarding the opportunity for all of us to take advantage of this incredible gift.

St. Charles has always been my Spiritual Home. I was baptized in 1954, and received my First Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation here. I attended St. Charles School as did my Dad and all 6 of my children. My parents had a construction company, Langton Builders, and I worked with them in that business from the earliest days I can remember. My wife, Donna, and I were married in 1977 and our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grandchild will be born this year. And now some of these grandchildren are now attending St. Charles School. We have been blessed.

Life has many ups and downs, yet through prayer, we are able to face challenges and steadily grow in our spiritual life. Because of my great prayer base from St. Charles and my parents, I realize how important spending time with our Lord is. I used to think how great it would be to have a place to go to pray and be surrounded in a special way by the spirit of our Lord at any time of the day or night. We at St. Charles were very fortunate to have a priest, Fr. Jack Fabian, who understood how important it would be for our parish to have 24 hour adoration. When I was asked by Fr. Jack if I wanted to be involved in masterminding with the building committee at St. Charles for a location on our church grounds for a separate, yet connected adoration chapel, and helping this dream come true, I jumped at the chance. I had helped my Dad add on the bathrooms to St. Charles, and it was determined that connecting the new chapel next to the bathroom addition would be perfect. We also decided to incorporate a bay area for the tabernacle. We included stain glass windows and the skylight to allow some natural light to cast onto our existing church stain glass, some of which had to be closed in.

So many talented and innovative people were involved in the process and were responsible for the St. Charles Adoration Chapel being completed. We owe all of these pillars of our community a heartfelt thank you. When a person obligates and gives of themselves in a one hour a week commitment, they will soon find they are receiving much more than they are giving. My call to action for you is to take time in prayer and listen for God's direction in this matter. Come to appreciate our chapel and spend time with our Lord. Find this one hour in your week to commit to be with Christ to share, to show gratitude, to ask for guidance, and to grow closer to Him so we can all be an example of Christ out there in our every day lives. Contact our parish office at 734-586-2531 this week to sign up for your hour. Our beautiful chapel is truly a gift, let's receive it.