

Greetings, all!

My name is Tim Poole, and I am an Area Director with Live Vertical. Jeff Siedlecki, another one of our New Jersey Area Directors, and I are so excited for our day at RCS next week. I was part of the first graduating class back in 2009, and my son, Jackson, will be starting Pre-K 3 there next year. So it will be quite a homecoming. God is so good!

Live Vertical is based in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, where we serve in every high school and several grade schools. We bring students into encounters with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament through guided prayer during Eucharistic Adoration. Since its inception in 2020, Live Vertical has expanded into Allentown, Cincinnati, Chicago, and New Jersey, with more and more opportunities arising all the time. Jeff and I were brought on this past year to help expand the mission into New Jersey, and since the beginning of this school year we've had the joy of serving at Camden Catholic, Paul VI, Gloucester Catholic, Holy Cross, Donovan Catholic, and Guardian Angels.

We'll begin the day by making rounds and visiting classrooms, where we'll spend a few minutes introducing ourselves and the mission of Live Vertical. We'll also provide age-appropriate catechesis on Eucharistic Adoration to prepare the students for what's to come. Then we'll have two sessions of Adoration at Christ Our Light at the end of the day: first with grades 5–8, followed by grades 1–4. We'll most likely begin the 5–8 session with Solemn Exposition and conclude the 1–4 session with Solemn Benediction, walking the students through both. During the remaining time (about 20 minutes), we'll provide music, guide the students through age-appropriate prayer, read from Scripture, and give them a little space for quiet time with Our Lord.

Our experiences serving in grade schools have been among our most cherished. Of course we love all of our schools and every student we serve, but there is something especially beautiful about witnessing these younger students encounter Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We also hope this time will be fruitful and restful for you. In every school and across every grade we've served, we've seen students rise beautifully to the occasion during these holy moments. Both Jeff and I have extensive experience in youth ministry and the classroom, and

our hope is to take some of the load off the teachers and staff so you can have a little space for your own prayer and reflection as well.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. My contact information is below, along with our website where you can learn more about what we do. Please keep us in your prayers, and know of our prayers for you!

Peace and all good!

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"I urge priests, religious and lay people to continue and redouble their efforts to teach the younger generations the meaning and value of Eucharistic adoration and devotion." - JP II