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Faithful find adoration personal

Jesus Christ is alive and well, and making regular appearances all over the diocese.

In fact, Catholics can meet and talk with Jesus at any time — day or night — on a personal basis and for as long as they desire.

Lest the reader interpret these statements as flippant rhetoric, several diocesan Catholics are prepared to back them up with personal testimony.

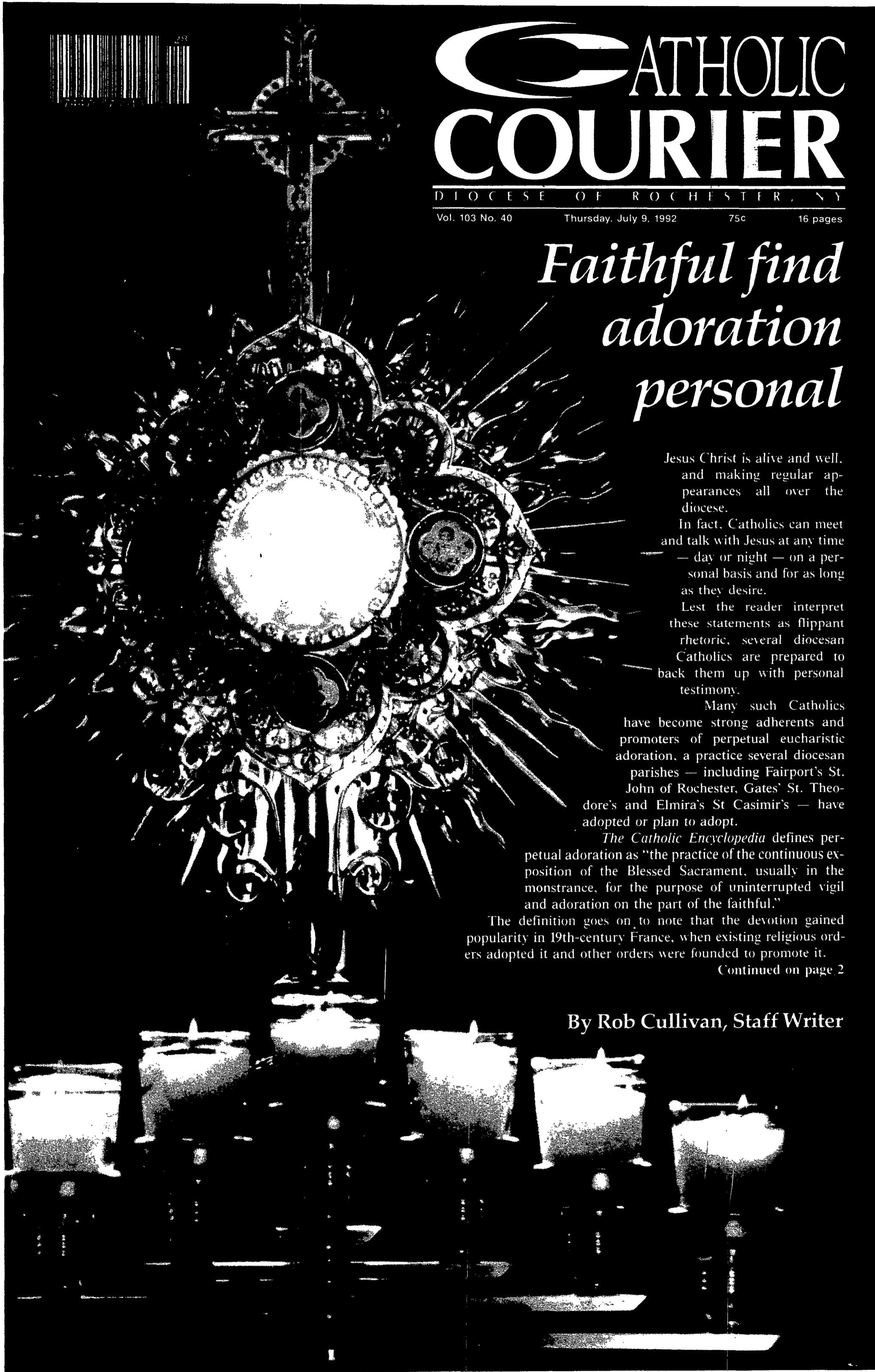
Many such Catholics have become strong adherents and promoters of perpetual eucharistic adoration, a practice several diocesan parishes — including Fairport's St. John of Rochester, Gates' St. Theodore's and Elmira's St. Casimir's — have adopted or plan to adopt.

The Catholic Encyclopedia defines perpetual adoration as "the practice of the continuous exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, usually in the monstrance, for the purpose of uninterrupted vigil and adoration on the part of the faithful."

The definition goes on to note that the devotion gained popularity in 19th-century France, when existing religious orders adopted it and other orders were founded to promote it.

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