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## REPORT

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## BECKET'S SOLEMN BLESSING



(Left) The blessing of the exterior walls of the church as seen from the adjacent school building.

(Below) A view of the bare altar and Calvary scene before the beginning of the ceremony.

(Below left) Faithful watch on as the blessing prayers are recited on the church's front steps.



**O**n Saturday October 7, feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, H.E. Bishop Richard N. Williamson performed the solemn blessing of **St. Thomas Becket** church in **VENETA, OREGON**, combined with the consecration of the three altars in a ceremony lasting from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The ceremony was a huge milestone in the life of the Society's chapel in the Eugene area. The Solemn Mass that followed was the very first to be celebrated in the new church, built with painstaking effort over the past year and a half.

The ceremony, at which Father Joseph Pfeiffer and Father Paul Morgan assisted, along with the pastor, Father Lawrence Novak, started outside under a blue sky, with the recitation of

the litany of the saints. The blessing of the external walls followed, with the procession all around the church, through the courtyard separating the church from the priory. After processing into the Church was the blessing of the interior walls, and the consecration of the altars, including the most dramatic element, the burning of incense on the five crosses on the altars.

The following day, Sunday October 8, His Excellency proceeded with the consecration of the church bell, followed by the ceremony of Confirmation. The Bishop's warning to those who live in one of the most liberal states of the union was not to rest on their laurels, but to make the effort to keep the Faith in proportion to the blessing of this extraordinary church by their willingness to suffer martyrdom.



A view through the main gates, as the crowd gathers for the blessing of the new church building.



The bishop kneels for the recitation of the *Litany of the Saints*.



The bishop sprinkles the interior walls with holy water.



The sprinkling continues, going down the side aisles.



The recitation of prayers inside the sanctuary of the new church.



A view of the ceremonies as seen from the choir loft.



A close-up view of the ceremonies from the choir loft.



The Bishop gives some forceful words of warning.



The faithful listen attentively to the Bishop who needs no microphone.



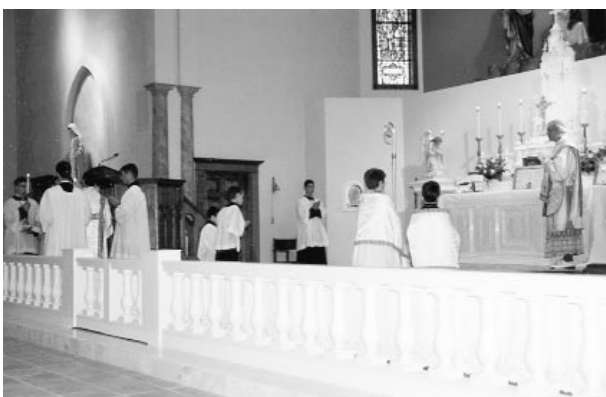
Another view shows the union between the altar, the Cross and the Bishop's preaching.



Bishop Williamson converses with Mr. Greg Demers, the principal benefactor, who made this magnificent church possible, at the potluck reception held afterwards.



The lighting of the incense on the five crosses on the side altar of St. Joseph, representing the five wounds of Our Lord, during the consecration of the altar by the bishop



The singing of the Gospel at the Mass.

Meanwhile Father Heidt continues to work quietly but seriously on forming the teaching Franciscan Sisters of Oregon, in his mountain hideout near **Silverton, Oregon**. Father Heidt is the other man, without whom St. Thomas Becket church in Veneta would not have been possible, for he serviced the chapel for 12 years, and was the pastor during all the planning and most of the construction of St. Thomas Becket church.



Father Heidt together with his fledgling little community at Christ the King convent in Silverton. Here he is seen with the founder, Sister Herlinda, one novice and two postulants. Sister Herlinda made her first vows more than 67 years ago, on May 19, 1933, and finally courageously fled (literally) at the age of 86 to the Society in 1997, to escape the modernist destruction of the Franciscan sisters of Wheaton, IL.

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FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Dear friends and benefactors of the Society of Saint Pius X,

You all shared our great hope for the consecration of Russia by the Pope and the bishops on October 8, and you were all, I am sure, bitterly disappointed that it was not done. Clearly, we have not prayed enough, we have not sanctified ourselves sufficiently, we have not consecrated ourselves sufficiently to the Immaculate Heart to win the grace of the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart, the triumph of the Immaculate Heart and the time of peace. Not of course that our prayers were useless. They will certainly bring many graces on those who live united to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and will bring many souls under her mantle. However, be prepared to bear the evils of these times of so little Faith.

The Pope in fact performed an *“Act of Entrustment to Mary Most Holy”*. You who might wonder what this novelty of *“entrustment”* is. It is a watered down version of consecration, especially designed not to offend protestants, who believe that to consecrate ourselves to anybody other than God is to detract in some way from the worship due to Christ. This is of course entire nonsense, since Mary’s soul is the purest and most perfectly consecrated to Almighty God, so that everything and everyone who is offered and consecrated to her immediately belongs to Her Divine Son. However, this strange, false ecumenical concern is apparently enough to bypass the requests of the Mother of God, and to substitute what Archbishop Tarcisio Bertone, Secretary for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, defines in this way: *“Entrustment acknowledges our need for help from God and is a plea for Mary’s intercession for that aid”*.

Entirely different from this vague sense of our need for God’s help and for Mary’s prayer, is a consecration. A consecration of something sets it aside as sacred, cutting it off from everything profane, ordinary and secular, so that it can belong entirely to God, and become truly sacred. This is a duty not just for sacred objects such as altars and chalices, and not just for consecrated persons, such as priests and religious, but for every baptized soul. As St. Louis Grignon de Montfort points out, consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary (and the same can be said of her Immaculate Heart) is but the means to live the consecration of our baptism:

All our perfection consists in being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus Christ; and therefore the most perfect of all devotions is, without any doubt, that which the most perfectly conforms, unites and consecrates us to Jesus Christ. Now, Mary being the most conformed of all creatures to Jesus Christ, it follows that of all devotions, that which most consecrates and conforms the soul to Our Lord is devotion to His holy Mother, and that the more a soul is consecrated to Mary, the more it is consecrated to Jesus. Hence it comes to pass that the most perfect consecration to Jesus Christ is nothing else but a per-

fect and entire consecration of ourselves to the Blessed Virgin...or in other words, a perfect renewal of the vows and promises of holy Baptism (*True Devotion*, Part II, I).

How tragic it is that men of the Church would put aside such a sacred treasure, in the name of secular humanism and of not offending non-Catholics. Not only was this entrustment not a consecration, but in addition it did not mention Russia. It was the new millennium that was entrusted, but without the separation from the spirit of the world that is essential to a consecration. Here is the most important part of the formula: *“To you, Dawn of Salvation, we commit our journey through the new Millennium, so that with you as guide all people may know Christ, the light of the world, and its only Savior, who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.”* It is a good time for us to remember that Russia will only convert if it is consecrated, separated from the world’s atheistic spirit of rebellion, and that we will only contribute to the Church as we ought if we are truly and totally consecrated to Jesus through Mary, as St. Louis Grignon de Montfort instructs us. Let us renew this consecration for the latter times, or if we have not yet done it, prepare ourselves for it.

You will recall that last month I commented on the declaration *Dominus Jesus*, which declaration has continued to bring about strong and opposing reactions, on account of the manifest contradictions inherent in it. A Vatican-sponsored day of Jewish-Christian Dialogue, due to take place on October 3, was canceled on September 21 when leaders of Rome’s Jewish community withdrew their participation on account of the publication of the declaration on *“the unicity and salvific universality of Jesus Christ and the Church”*. The Geneva-based World Alliance of Reformed Churches, representing 215 different churches considered calling off its September 13-19 ecumenical dialogue with Rome and registered the following formal complaint:

We have learned with a sense of dismay of the declaration made by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith this week, and would like to register this with you in the strongest terms possible. This declaration seems to go against the spirit of Vatican II, as we understand it...When statements in that declaration seem to contradict commitment to ecumenical cooperation within the Christian family or even take us back to a pre-Vatican II spirit, we are concerned...

Note that the concern is about an apparent return to the Catholic Church’s unchanging teaching that she alone has the truth, thus making ecumenism impossible. The important point is not that they are wrong, and that they do not fully understand it as I showed last month, but that they see that a return to pre-Vatican II ideas is the denial of ecumenism.

The Pope himself responded to these accusations by per-

sonally addressing the dialogue with the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and maintaining his (and the Church's, he claims) commitment to ecumenism. It is in order to achieve unity that, he said: *"the commitment of the Catholic Church to ecumenical dialogue is irrevocable"*. He here states very clearly that they did not understand the declaration, and that it did not really mean what it appeared to them to say, namely the reaffirmation of what Catholics always believed before Vatican II concerning the Church's necessity for salvation, and that consequently it is not a threat to modern day ecumenism. And to heighten even further the confusion, the Pope himself declared on October 1, in his Angelus address, that he himself approved this declaration, and that he defends it.

How can he be in such obvious contradiction with himself? Because the "true" understanding of the text, that simple people seem to have missed out on, whether they be Protestants, Jews, or traditional Catholics, is that there is no longer any contradiction between ecumenism between equals and the Catholic Church's traditional claim to alone have the truth and to be necessary for salvation. This is the key to the modernists' nonsensical attempt to reconcile the Vatican II revolution with Catholic dogma. There is only one way to explain the fact that the liberal theologians fail to see the contradiction, and it is that they have changed the meaning of words such as the Church, such as truth, such as faith, such as unity, such as salvation. When all these words are understood in a subjectivist sense, it becomes perfectly possible to discuss them on an equal level, by which *"our dialogue then becomes an examination of conscience, a call to conversion, in which both sides examine before God their*

*responsibility to do all that they can to put behind them the conflicts of the past"* (John Paul II's September 18 address to the World Alliance of Reformed Churches). The fact that we subjectively believe in our church, our truth, our faith, our unity, our salvation, is in no way an obstacle to such exchanges. In this way a liberal can still be an ecumenist and believe in the deepest, most profound subjective subconsciousness of his soul that for him the Catholic Church is the one church and for him necessary for salvation, and that it is for him in the Catholic Church that the church of Jesus Christ subsists. Then all the contradictions disappear in the "clarity" of subjectivism.

Whilst confronted with this conflict of ideas, this spiritual confusion, let us keep our heads screwed on tight by the objective and complete sense of Catholic truth, of the visible Church, outside of which there is no salvation, of the assurance that the Catholic Faith and visible unity lack nothing, and are alone the means chosen by God. Let us follow the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Martyrs and of All Saints to inspire in us her total consecration to the Most Holy Trinity, that being consecrated to Mary, we might find in her the objective and sure protection against all the uncertainty and confusion of the modern world.

Yours faithfully in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

*Peter R. Scott*

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# REGIONAL REPORT



## CALIFORNIA

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Academy in LOS GATOS started this school year with 15 students in grades K-7, taught by four teachers.



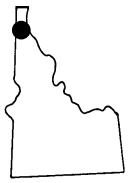
The students pose for a photo on their famous Los Gatos castle.

The teachers are very happy with their classrooms, that were remodeled and repainted during the summer months. Here is Mr. Vasquez with grades 3 & 4.



Father Brandler in front of the chapel with staff and students.





## IDAHO

**Immaculate Conception** Summer Boy's camp from **Post Falls** was held this year on the Roman property adjacent to the Society's St. Joseph chapel in **St. Maries, ID**. Father Patrick Crane led this spiritually and physically demanding camp, accompanied by 40 boys and counselors.



Father Crane, counselors and boys.



Father Crane gives the boys an instruction on the virtues in the ample basement of the lodge that they were able to use for the camp.



The boys pitch their tents for the camp in squads on a little meadow covered with wildflowers, at the base of a hill.



Around the campfire at sunset for an evening of camp and confederate songs.



An overnight hike took the campers deep into the woods and away from civilization for excellent trout fishing. However, the priest is always fishing for souls, and Father Crane here celebrates the Mass at an overnight cedar cabin.

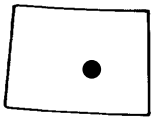
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## NEW YORK



It is due to the initiative of Father Jason Huvar, pastor of St. Michael's in Farmingville, that the Society has finally started a mission in **New York City**, dedicated to **St. Christopher**. For around six months now he has gathered around 40 faithful together in a rented room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. He remarks that New Yorkers are insatiable readers and have a great appetite for good Catholic literature, and that the bookstall after Mass has been very successful.





## COLORADO

The new **ST. ISIDORE** Catholic Church in **WATKINS** (near Denver) passed a major milestone on Friday September 22, when the last major exterior construction, the bell tower, was hoisted into position. The students from the Society's Our Lady Help of Christians Academy in Denver came for the occasion. Father Pfeiffer first blessed the cross mounted on the roof of the bell tower, and the students sang hymns while wind whistled through the crowd on the 20 degree snowy day. The bell was then hoist-

ed into the 80 foot stone and metal tower, and the roof was lifted into position.

The bell tower was among the first major parts of the exterior structure to be completed. It is adjacent to but separate from the church structure in order to isolate the church from the vibrations caused by the ringing of the massive 2,000 pound bell. Now one year after construction began, some exterior work still remains, but the focus of construction has now turned to completing the interior, including the installation of three marble altars and a pipe organ.



Father Pfeiffer blesses the cross mounted on the bell tower roof.



The huge bell, originally cast in Baltimore in 1905 for the church of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.



The bell is gently lowered into position in the bell tower.



The façade of the church as it presently appears.



Then the bell tower roof was lowered into position, equally gently.



**WASHINGTON**  
**Corpus Christi**  
 church in EDMONDS  
 (Seattle) has recently finished remodeled the adjoining rectory, the upstairs of which is being used for catechism classrooms.



The main entrance to Corpus Christi church.



The side of the church and the adjoining rectory, showing the excellent landscaping work that has been recently accomplished.



A close up view of the stained glass window over the main entrance.

## **EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE**

MONTHLY INTENTIONS:  
 November-December 2000

*November* The souls in Purgatory  
*December* The Triumph of the Social Kingship  
 of Our Lord Jesus Christ

### **U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE -AUGUST 2000**

Treasure sheets returned	195
Morning offerings	4973
Masses	1969
Sacramental communions	1800
Spiritual communions	3542
Sacrifices	11,389
Decades of the Rosary	24,233
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	1926
15 minutes of silent meditation	1780
Good examples	6279

The 16 Active chapters for August 2000 were: St. Mary's Academy, St. Mary's, KS; St. Jude's, Philadelphia, PA; Our Lady of the Rosary, Buffalo, NY; St. John Fisher, Fort Wayne, IN; Our Lady Immaculate, Chicago, IL; Our Lady of Fatima, Salt Lake City, UT; Our Lady of Lourdes, Honolulu, HI; St. Peter Chanel, Hilo, HI; North American Martyrs, Glens Falls, NY; St. Therese, Nicholville, NY; St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH; Our Lady of Sorrows, Girard, OH; St. Therese, Madison, WI; Our Lady of Sorrows, Phoenix, AZ; St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO; St. Michael's, Bakersfield, CA.

## **ST. RAPHAEL'S LEAGUE**

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## **RETREAT SCHEDULE**

**NOVEMBER 2000 – FEBRUARY 2001**

### **ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT HOUSE**

**209 Tackora Trail  
 Ridgefield, CT 06877  
 (203) 431 0201**

Men's 5 day Ignatian: December 18-23 & February 5-10  
 Women's 5 day Ignatian: November 6-11 & January 15-20

### **OUR LADY OF SORROWS RETREAT HOUSE**

**750 E. Baseline Road  
 Phoenix, AZ 85040  
 (602) 268 7673**

Men's 5 day Ignatian: November 28-December 2  
 Women's 5 day Ignatian: November 6-11  
 Women's 3 day Marian: December 14-17  
 Men's & Women's 3 day Matrimony Retreat  
 (married & engaged couples): December 6-10

### **ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CAMP & RETREAT CENTER**

**19101 Bear Creek Road  
 Los Gatos, CA 95030  
 (408) 354 7703**

Men's 5 day retreat: November 20-25  
 Women's 5 day retreat: November 6-11