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REPORT

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PORTLAND'S PRIZE POSSESSION

The traditional Mass is underestimated and scorned by many. But for the faithful of **OUR LADY OF FATIMA** in Portland, Oregon, it is the center of their lives, their greatest treasure, their weekly consolation, their gage of eternity. That is why they have spared no effort to

make of their little church, humble abode as it is, a worthy dwelling place for our Eucharistic King, and for the unbloody renewal of his Holy Sacrifice on the Cross. For here it is that every Sunday Father Eugene Heidt comes to offer the Holy Sacrifice in one of the most liberal cities in the U.S.



The new main entrance to the humble Our Lady of Fatima church. To the right is the sign and to the left the large flat roof parish hall and classroom addition, just finished last year.



A view across the parking lot to the new addition, with its classrooms, on the right, and the old classroom wing on the left.



Another exterior view shows the entirety of the new parish hall addition.



An inside view of the church, which was just recently expanded on the Gospel side. The windows on the left go through to the parish hall, which also functions as a cry room and overflow area.



A view of the altar from the new section of the church on the Gospel side.



An interior view of the part of the new addition that makes up the parish hall.

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PASSION SUNDAY

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

Last Sunday we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the passing to eternity of our holy founder, Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre. On the 25th of this month we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of that of Bishop Antonio De Castro Mayer, the courageous companion of Archbishop Lefebvre in his defense of Tradition. If we were to ask ourselves what brought them together, what united them in the combat against modernism, and what heritage they bequeathed to us, we have only to answer, the love of the Tridentine Mass, the true Mass, as the legitimate and perfect expression of our entire Catholic Faith.

Already in September 1969, Bishop De Castro Mayer took a stand against the New Mass, writing to Pope Paul VI that it does not express “the theology of the Holy Sacrifice as established by the Council of Trent in its XXII session”. He explained what he meant, by pointing out with incredible perspicacity that it would not only be a pastoral failure, that it “not only fails to inspire fervor”, but that the even more profound problem was its failure to express the most basic Catholic doctrine concerning the Mass. He continued to explain that it “diminishes the Faith in central truths of the Catholic life, such as the Real Presence of Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament, the reality of the propitiatory sacrifice, the hierarchical priesthood”. The accompanying study established that the idea of a propitiatory sacrifice for man’s sins offered to the Most Holy Trinity was removed from the definition, purpose and essence of the Mass, henceforth considered as the gathering of the people for a commemorative meal. We must admire how he saw through the still traditional exterior to what really was happening underneath. It is so much easier for us now that we see all the consequences of this 30 year old perversion of the notion of what the Mass is.

Archbishop Lefebvre’s same position became apparent in the crucial role that he played in 1967 in the composition of the Ottaviani Intervention. He repeated his refusal in his Declaration of 1974, in which he explained how the New Mass is the tip of the frigid iceberg of modernism, and the most clear manifestation of its attempt to destroy not just devotion, but even the Faith itself.

To the *Novus Ordo Missae* correspond a new catechism, a new priesthood, new seminaries, a charismatic Pentecostal church – all things opposed to orthodoxy and the perennial teaching of the Church...The only attitude of faithfulness to the Church and Catholic doctrine, in view of our salvation, is a categorical refusal to accept this reform.

Again, he stated the same thing in his famous sermon of June 29, 1976, when threatened with suspension, and after being told that everything he did would be approved by Rome if he were to celebrate just one New Mass, he made the following statement:

It is evident that it is on the problem of the Mass that the whole drama between Ecône and Rome depends...We have the precise conviction that this new rite of Mass expresses a new faith, a faith which is not ours, a faith which is not the Catholic Faith. This New Mass is a symbol, is an expression, is an image of a new faith, of a Modernist faith. For if the most holy Church has wished to guard throughout the centuries this precious treasure which She has given us of the rite of Holy Mass which was canonized by Saint Pius V, it has not been without purpose. It is because this Mass contains our whole faith, the whole Catholic Faith; faith in the Most Holy Trinity, faith in the Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, faith in the Redemption of Our Lord Jesus Christ, faith in the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ which flowed for the redemption of our sins, faith in supernatural grace, which comes to us from the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which comes to us from the Cross which comes to us through all the Sacraments.

The extraordinary heritage of these two great bishops is not just that they were attached to the Mass of all time, but the reason why. This is what those who have placed themselves under the *Ecclesia Dei* Commission and who attend the Indult Mass have all failed to see, accepting as they must the legitimacy and orthodoxy of the New Mass. For these two bishops, however, the true Mass was as inseparable from the identity of the priest as from the life of the Church. This is why they were able to leave behind permanent, lasting works for priestly formation and sanctification, for they

understood and communicated that above everything else a priest is appointed to offer a sacrifice of propitiation, “for every high priest taken from among men, is ordained for me in the things that appertain to God, that he may offer up gifts and sacrifices for sins” (Heb 5:1). This is the priestly identity that they handed on to us, and which is so antipathetic to the *Novus Ordo*.

Some people have blamed the Society’s superiors, in recent dealings with Rome, from being too inflexible, and not being willing to take advantage of the opportunity that was offered to become acceptable in the eyes of the modern church. For did not Cardinal Castrillon come up with practical privileges, including the approval of all the Society’s bishops and sacraments and complete independence and immunity from the *Novus Ordo* bishops? Who is the Society, to be placing a condition to such a “generous” offer?

Yet the Society’s superiors and bishops, together with Bishop Rangel’s representative, did decide on a condition, one which expresses perfectly the inheritance that we all received from Archbishop Lefebvre and Bishop De Castro Mayer. It was that an official statement be made informing all the bishops and priests of the world of their right to celebrate the traditional Latin Mass. For like these two great bishops, our concern is for the Church as a whole. We cannot accept that the traditional rite is the privilege of a few. It is the right of every Catholic, in order to preserve and live his Faith. The very least that our superiors could require, to see if the Roman authorities really had the intention of turning the tide against modernism, and of actually promoting Catholic Tradition, rather than using every kind of maneuvering to stifle it, as they did with the Fraternity of St. Peter, was the general approval of the traditional Mass for every priest.

As you know, the response was the refusal to make any public statement on the traditional Mass. The basis of any kind of agreement is consequently absent. To accept an offer, no matter how generous, would be to accept a privilege and to deny a right, the right of all Catholics, priests and laity, to the rite that adequately expresses the Catholic Faith. We could not expect all priests and faithful to immediately go back to the traditional Mass. There is a whole work of education to be accomplished before that would be possible. However, we must and will insist on the recognition of all Catholics’ right to the traditional Mass, which recognition will be the basis of a true and exclusive return to Tradition.

In the meantime, let us pray our Mass, the true Mass, as the lifeline to spiritual survival that it truly is. During the silence of the Canon we kneel at the foot of the crucifix, praying that the Precious Blood, “shed for you and for many unto the remission of sins” might be applied to many souls, that the infinite merits of the intense sufferings of God made man might be a worthy reparation “for mine own countless sin, transgressions and failings; for all here present and for all faithful Christians, living and dead; that it may avail both me and them unto salvation in everlasting life”, gazing with longing at the elevated host promising us “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to myself” (Jn 12:32), confident that we also shall hear from our Crucified God those consoling words placing us in Mary’s hands: “Behold thy mother” (Jn 19:27).

Yours faithfully in Christ Our Crucified Savior,

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REGIONAL REPORT



INDIANA

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP chapel in the area of South Bend/Elkhart started up with the Society in 1987 in rented motel rooms. In 1989 the small number of around 15 parishioners established a permanent chapel in the basement of one of their homes.

It was a big adventure when in 1995 the decision was made to purchase a church in the Amish town of NAPPANEE, about 15 miles south of Elkhart, but rather centrally located for many of the parishioners. Many new parishioners were attracted by this effort to promote Catholic Tradition, and soon a regular group of 80+ faithful was found in attendance at the Mass, which has been maintained ever since. The church facility, including a large parish hall, and a basement and second floor with catechism rooms and a priest’s apartment was purchased for \$46,000. Since then, the church has been entirely remodeled inside, to conform with the liturgical requirements for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.



Bishop Williamson in the original basement chapel in 1990. He was visiting for Confirmations.



The interior of Our Lady of Perpetual Help before remodeling in 1999.



A view of the sanctuary after remodeling and installation of a new altar.



HAWAII

The Hawaiian Islands were blessed by one of the Society's bishops this past February. Bishop Tissier de Mallerais celebrated Masses and administered the sacrament of Confirmation in the Society's two missions, as well as giving a



Bishop Tissier de Mallerais together with the surviving five of the Hawaii 6, the historic case of the 1991 attempted excommunication by Bishop Ferrario, for inviting Bishop Williamson to perform Confirmations in 1989. Cardinal Ratzinger declared in 1993 that this attempted excommunication for association with and receiving sacraments from a Society bishop was null and void. The ring leader, founder of the radio program and first coordinator of the Society's mission in Honolulu, Mrs. Patricia Morley has since gone to her eternal reward. The remaining five are, from left to right, John O'Connor, Louise Santos, Christopher Morley, Shirley Cushnie and Herb Carlos. Mrs. Santos and Mr. Carlos still help with the weekly radio program.

public conference and speaking for an hour on the mission's weekly radio program, *Catholicism in crisis*. It was a real reminder of supernatural Catholic principles to these islands, presently in the grip of a rebirth of paganism, encouraged by modernist ecumenism.



Bishop Tissier de Mallerais with some of the confirmands in the rented hall in Waikiki which is used for Sunday Mass for **OUR LADY OF LOURDES MISSION** on the one time a month when the priest is there, and for Rosary and catechism classes on the other Sundays.



A Christmas photo of the 10 altar boys of Our Lady of Lourdes mission, all members of the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen, under the strict but paternal direction of Mr. Carl Loando.



MICHIGAN

ST. MARGARET MARY in **GRAND RAPIDS** has developed its parish life since moving into their new church facility in the suburb of Allendale last year.



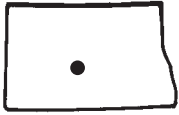
Some of the men proudly bear the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary that they carried in procession on the feast of Christ the King.



A few parishioners gathered on the front steps of the new church after the procession.



Bishop Tissier de Mallerais with the six confirmands from **ST. PETER CHANEL MISSION** in **HILO** on the Big Island. The photo was taken in the mortuary chapel that is rented for the celebration of the once a month Mass.



NORTH DAKOTA

ST. MICHAEL'S in **MANDAN** (Bismarck) is very proud of its new altar. It took over a year to strip, finish and repaint



Father Gallagher, the pastor, celebrates a High Mass on the altar during January 2001.

this magnificent altar, recuperated from a nearby church, with the help of Brother Marcel. It suits perfectly the décor of the newly repainted new-gothic style church.



This close-up of the altar does not do justice to the brilliant colors with which it has been decorated, for the greater glory of God.



One of the workers erecting a roof and shelter for one of the outdoor stations.



CALIFORNIA

The off season winter months were very busy for the workers at **ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CAMP & RETREAT CENTER** in **LOS GATOS**. The most impressive of Father Cooper's projects is the continuing work on the outdoor Stations of the Cross, begun by Father Vanderputten.



Replacing an old waterline on the northeast side of the retreat house.



Building the elevated vegetable garden to provide wholesome nourishment for house members and retreatants.



Bring the swimming pool up to code by installing a six foot security fence around it. By the way, this is a fire protection reservoir and is not used during retreats!



IDAHO

Father Paul Morgan, pastor of **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** in **POST FALLS**, believes in men's role of leadership in the family and society. It is for this reason that he encourages his men parishioners to join the Holy Name Society. In January he received eight new members into the Society, promising as they do to ensure that their dependents keep the precepts of the Church and to stand firm against any obscene or improper language.



The ceremony of induction, with the eight new members kneeling before the main altar at Immaculate Conception church.



The Holy Name banner, with the Dominican Chi-Rho, by which the men stand to make their pledge.



In December Immaculate Conception honored Our Lady of Guadalupe with a luncheon and auction, which raised over \$4,000 for Immaculate Conception Academy. The auctioneer is on the stage with treasures to be auctioned around the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Father Morgan on the steps of Immaculate Conception together with all the men of the Holy Name Society, the new members in front, handbooks in hand.

2001 CHILDRENS' CAMPS

Parents are encouraged to take advantage of some of these camps that the Society, its priests and its Sisters are making available for children this coming summer.

RACCOON CREEK STATE PARK, near Pittsburgh, PA. These camps will be organized and run by Father Zendejas, from St. Ignatius Retreat House. Additional information can be obtained from the retreat house. Tel (203) 431 0201.

July 15-21	Girls aged 8-12 years
July 22-28	Girls aged 13-18 years
August 1-10	Boys aged 8-12 years

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CAMP & RETREAT CENTER, Los Gatos, CA.

July 1-14	Boys aged 8-16 years
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ST. THOMAS BECKETT, Veneta, OR. This camp is being organized by St. Aloysius Gonzaga Camp & Retreat Center, and information can be obtained by calling (408) 354 7703.

June 10-24	Girls aged 8-16 years
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ST. MARY'S ACADEMY, St. Mary's, KS. The Sisters of the Society of Saint Pius X in St. Mary's will be organizing two camps for girls of the Eucharistic Crusade in grades 3 – 9 (2001-2002 school year):

July 22-28,	open to girls from St. Mary's, KS.
July 29-August 4,	open to girls from outside of St. Mary's.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the Sisters at (785) 437 2471 or writing c/o St. Mary's Academy & College, P.O. Box 159, St. Mary's, KS 66536.

WHITEWATER STATE PARK, near Winona, MN. The Sisters of the Society of Saint Pius X from Sacred Heart Novitiate in Browerville will be organizing this camp. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Novitiate at (320) 594 2944.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

JAPAN: Father Thomas de Marie Onoda, the Society's first Japanese priest, writes this letter to summarize the history and present status of the Society's work in this pagan country:

"...Some priests in Japan did not want to give up the traditional Catholic Mass. They were followed by a group of faithful who turned to the Society of Saint Pius X for help. It was with great joy that they welcomed Fr. (at that time) Richard Williamson in Japan in 1978. His visit encouraged us to keep the Catholic Faith in the Blessed Sacrament. The second Society priest who visited us was Fr. Frank Peek in 1985...The Society started to send priests more often, although irregularly, from 1987 onwards. Thus Fr. Eric Simonot, the third Society priest who visited us, was sent to Japan from Australia in 1987. Some years later the priests in Australia had the great charity to organize visits more regularly, about every two months.

By the grace of God, I entered the Society's French Seminary in October 1987 and received the sacred Priesthood in June 1993. My superiors assigned me first in Manila, which became the base to visit the faithful in Japan and Korea. I now visit my own country every month for a few short days, coming from the Philippines.

At present, we have two Mass centers in Japan, one in Tokyo and the other in Osaka. Our faithful in Osaka have offered us a small apartment, which we are using as our permanent chapel.

Unfortunately, we can only provide them with two Masses a month on a weekend (Friday evening and Saturday morning). In spite of this, about twenty faithful attend the Holy Sacrifice.

In Tokyo, although the mission is the oldest among all the Society's Asian missions, our faithful are relatively young: young couples with small children, students, young men and ladies. They cannot afford a permanent chapel, like in Osaka, even though they are generous, helpful and eager to do so, because the life there is quite expensive. We have just one Mass a month in Tokyo on the second last Sunday of the month. It is always a *Missa cantata* well prepared with the Propers of Gregorian Chant, and it is served by a group of altar boys. More or less twenty faithful attend the Mass ordinarily. Each time, we have to rent a public hall for a whole Sunday. In the afternoon, we have a catechism class or a spiritual conference about Faith. Tokyo is an international city, with many University students. It has great importance and potentiality among the Asian countries. The District Superior of Asia wishes to develop this very important mission. He has allowed me to rent an apartment as our "priest's house" in Tokyo from next year 2001, to facilitate our mission. We hope this house will lead to opening one day a permanent church in Tokyo." (from the newsletter of the District of Asia).



Father Couture and Father Onoda together with the Society faithful at the Japanese Martyrs' Center in Tokyo.



Father Couture and Father Onoda with some of the faithful from Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel in Osaka, in the apartment used for Mass in this large city.

HOLLAND: Last year, during Holy Week Father Robert Schmitt of **ST. CLEMENT'S PRIORY** in **NEUNEN-GERWEN** was inspired to display a full life size replica of the shroud of Turin, and make it available to the public, that through the evidence of this extraordinary miracle, and the sufferings of our Divine Savior, they might be sorry for the sins, and rise from their indifference. It was a great success, with over 1,000 visitors, many experiencing some contrition at the sight. Videos demonstrating the shroud were also sold.



The shroud publicly displayed in the chapel.



Explanations were given, as well as smaller size photographic negative replicas front and back on which Our Lord's body is clearly seen.

EUCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: April – June 2001

April	The reign of Our Lord over society and over those who govern
May	The spread of the message of Fatima and the response to the requests of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
June	The sanctification of priests

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE - JANUARY 2001

Treasure sheets returned	305
Morning offerings	8354
Masses	3283
Sacramental communions	2714
Spiritual communions	6053
Sacrifices	18,693
Decades of the Rosary	37,855
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	2969
15 minutes of silent meditation	3464
Good examples	12,862

The 22 Active chapters for January 2001 were: St. Mary's Academy, St. Mary's, KS; 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. Therese, Nicholville, NY; Our Lady of Sorrows, Girard, OH; St. Michael's, Bakersfield, CA; Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID; St. Peregrine's, Cleveland, OH; Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Syracuse, NY; St. Ignatius, Ridgefield, CT; St. Peter Chanel, Hilo, HI; St. Jude's, Philadelphia, PA; St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH; St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO; Corpus Christi, Seattle, WA; St. Thomas Becket, Veneta, OR; Our Lady of Sorrows, Phoenix, AZ; Immaculate Heart of Mary & St. Joseph, Colton, CA.

SPRING 2001 CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Sunday May 13	Our Lady of the Rosary, Buffalo, NY Bishop Williamson
Saturday May 19	St. Athanasius, Vienna, VA Bishop Williamso
Friday May 25	Assumption chapel, St. Mary's, KS Bishop Williamson
Saturday June 2	St. Anthony's, Charlotte, NC Bishop Williamson
Saturday June 9	Archangel Gabriel, Glendale (Los Angeles), CA Bishop Tissier de Mallerais
Sunday June 10	St. Isidore's, Watkins (Denver), CO Bishop Tissier de Mallerais
Sunday June 10	Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Paul, MN Bishop Williamson
Tuesday June 12	St. Joseph's, San Antonio, TX Bishop Tissier de Mallerais
Saturday June 16	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Nappanee, IN Bishop Tissier de Mallerais
Sunday June 17	Our Lady Immaculate, Oak Park (Chicago), IL Bishop Tissier de Mallerais
Sunday June 17	Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID Bishop Williamson

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Pastor or Coordinator of the churches listed above for Confirmations.

RETREAT SCHEDULE

April-July 2001

ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT HOUSE 209 Tackora Trail, Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431 0201

Men's 5 day Ignatian: April 16-21 & June 25-30

Women's 5 day Ignatian: May 7-12 & July 9-14

Women's 5 day Marian: July 23-28

Women's 2 day Seminar: May 25 & 26

**Auriesville Pilgrimage in honor of the
North American Martyrs: Saturday June 9**

OUR LADY OF SORROWS RETREAT HOUSE

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

Men's 5 day Ignatian: May 7-12

Men's & Women's teacher's 4 day retreat: April 18-22

Women's 5 day Virtues retreat: May 14-19

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

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

Men's 5 day Ignatian retreat: May 21-26 & June 25-30

Women's 5 day Ignatian retreat: May 7-12 & June 11-16

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SEMINARY

**R.R. 1, Box 97 A-1, MN 55987
(507) 454 8000**

Men's 5 day Ignatian: July 16-21 & 23-28

Women's 3 day Ignatian: July 5-8

Women's 5 day Ignatian: July 9-14

TEACHERS WANTED

Several of the Society's schools are looking for generous traditional Catholics with some teaching experience in teaching for the next school year 2001-2002. These schools are in Kansas City, MO; Cincinnati, OH; Syracuse, NY; Long Prairie and Belle Plaine, MN; Chicago, IL; Redford, Mancelona, and Armada, MI. If interested, please contact the School Principal or the District Superior.

Confraternity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

This organization, centered in Albuquerque, was established to promote the total consecration as slaves to Jesus through Mary, as taught by St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort. In particular, it encourages the faithful to renew their consecration every year, with the 33 day preparation described by St. Louis de Montfort. This year's preparation is due to start on Monday May 14, and the consecration will be done on Saturday June 16. There will be a public ceremony and Mass for the consecration at Our Lady of the Rosary chapel in Albuquerque. The confraternity members invite other traditional Catholics to ask their priests to organize similar ceremonies in their own churches. Additional information can be obtained by calling (505) 292 6291 or (505) 897 3435 or by writing to the Confraternity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 12540 Elyse Pl. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.