

# Regina Coeli

## REPORT

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## CHRIST THE KING IN CONNECTICUT



The new masonry work leading up to the main entrance of the new church.

It was in the early 80s, when St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary was located in the present facilities of **St. Ignatius Retreat House** in **RIDGEFIELD, CT** that the plan was formulated to construct a magnificent Roman basilica style church, large enough for Seminary ceremonies and especially for Masses of ordination. This project had to be abandoned in 1983 when the nine sedevacantist priests betrayed Archbishop Lefebvre and left the Society. The growth that followed, thanks to God's blessings, made it obsolete, since in 1988 the Seminary had to acquire a much larger facility in Winona to accommodate the growing number of seminarians.

For over a decade the imposing structure was left untouched and unused. It was in 1996 that Father Timothy Pfeiffer formulated a four-year plan to raise the large sums of money needed to finish the imposing church as a parish church for the faithful of St. Ignatius Retreat House. At that time the goal of the feast of Christ the King, 2000 was set for the first Mass, and the new name of **Christ the King** was given to the unfinished church, fruit as it is of the Ignatian retreats preached in Ridgefield for more than 12 years now. The first step was to complete the basement by dividing it up into classrooms for



Masons complete the main staircase going up into the new Christ the King church.



Completing the landing in front of the entrance to the church.

conferences, catechism, tutorials and parish activities, completed in 1997. Then came the massive undertaking of finishing the church, beginning with a new roof, new exterior stucco and all the plumbing, carpentry, dry wall, electrical and other that had never been done in the empty shell.

The new prior, Father Zendejas, took over the unfinished project from Father Pfeiffer last summer, aware that the deadline could no longer be met. However, six months of intensive fundraising and weekly work crews did not go to waste. As well as the work being done by contractors, numerous were the parishioners who donated time to paint, clean or help in any way that they could. One Saturday in December there were no less than 70 people working at one time in the massive empty church.

And thus it is that although the church is still not entirely finished, the Ridgefield town authorities permitted its use for Christmas and every Sunday thereafter, with the occupancy permit to follow when the necessary final touches and landscaping are completed to their satisfaction. The recent growth in attendance at Sunday Mass at the retreat house, with nearly 200 people overcrowded into each of the two Sunday Masses in the retreat house basement, precipitated the occupation of the building. Something had to be done.

Consequently, a frantic and partially successful effort was made to finish the expensive landscaping work during the waning days of Fall, carpet was installed temporarily throughout,

in order to obtain the necessary occupancy permit, and a temporary altar was installed. The first Mass to be celebrated was at midnight on Christmas, just two months after the original deadline. When funds are available the carpet will be replaced with tile, the sanctuary will be remodeled and a new altar constructed to match the magnificent Romanesque architecture of the building. The formal dedication will take place when these important details have been completed.



Building the retaining walls and handicap-accessible ramp, with an entrance under the new bell tower.



Building a concrete sidewalk to the parking lot.



Building a sidewalk along the side of the church to the St. Ignatius Retreat House, seen in the background.



Painting the interior dry wall at 50 feet up, at the junction between the nave and the transept.



Installation of radiation heat in the floor. Hot water is pumped through these small tubes, from a boiler in the basement. The view is taken looking back towards the main entrance.



The ever-present Father Zendejas watches on as a very light cement is poured on to the floor, into which the coils of heating tubes are laid, thus ensuring the gradual diffusion of the heat.



The laying of temporary carpet throughout the church, in order to meet up with fire regulation codes for occupancy. View towards the main entrance.



The faithful devoutly assist at the prayers at the foot of the altar, kneeling on soft carpet and sitting on chairs until the tile floor and pews can be installed. The magnificent dimensions of this church draw all eyes to the altar and to the Sacred Heart.



Finally, Father processes in, preceded by the altar boys, to celebrate the midnight Mass, filled with gratitude.



A zoom-in from the choir loft while Father preaches his homily.



Father Zendejas incenses the altar at the Offertory of Mass.

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

As soon as the weather warms up sufficiently the District is waiting to accomplish a long awaited project. It is the building of a new large commercial building for Angelus Press. When the District office moved to Kansas City in 1991 and Angelus Press in 1992, we both vacated school facilities, allowing the schools to expand, Queen of the Holy Rosary in St. Louis, MO and Queen of Angels in Dickinson, TX. When we first moved here, the 33 room four level building of the Regina Coeli House was ample for all our needs, Angelus Press taking the basement and first floor and the District Office the second and third floors. However, with time and the development of the Society's apostolate nationwide, and the multifold growth of Angelus Press, both Angelus Press and the District Office ran out of space long ago. Secretaries are crowded two to a room, and rooms are used for multiple different purposes. For now, as well as five priests, their living facilities and offices, and rooms for visitors and workers, you will find in the Regina Coeli House seven full time lay people working for the District and six for Angelus Press.

Hence the time is ripe for the construction of a new building for Angelus Press, on land immediately adjacent to the Regina Coeli House. This will enable for the continued expansion of the publishing activities of Angelus Press, increasing their storage capacity for stock and titles, but especially increasing their efficiency for shipping and handling. No longer will it be necessary to carry every book into a basement and out of a basement. This one level metal building has been designed for ease of shipping and handling, and storage, with a complete office area, the whole with central air conditioning to protect the books from the humidity. The 5,000 square foot building will cost, all told, \$250,000. It will also be of great help to the District administration, for it will enable the District Headquarters and the priory to expand into the areas of the Regina Coeli House previously occupied by the Angelus Press.

The Angelus Press is being run efficiently as a business, and is able to pay all its bills and salaries, without being dependent upon the District or getting into debt. However, it is simply not possible for the Angelus to find the funds to finance a new building of this magnitude. Consequently,

I am asking for your generous support and help to make this project possible. I rarely ask for money, but our donations did diminish somewhat during the year 2000, and I do believe that the apostolate of the Catholic press is a worthy one. Nothing can replace good Catholic books in helping Catholics to understand the crisis in the Church and to deepen our spiritual lives.

Concerning the importance of good, doctrinally solid, reading I cannot do better than quote the words of our holy patron saint, to all the world's Catholic clergy, words which apply to all generous souls:

Now we ought to make pious books our faithful friends. They tell us of our duties and they give rules of legitimate discipline; they arouse the heavenly voices that are silent in our souls; they chastise the idleness of our designs; they disturb our deceitful tranquillity; they throw into a clear light our less worthy affections that are sometimes disguised; they show the dangers that lie before the imprudent. All these favors they show us with such silent benevolence that we may regard them not only as friends, but as the best of friends. For, indeed, we have them whenever we wish, clinging as it were to our side, ready at any time to assist us in our immediate necessities – whose voice is never harsh, whose advice never partial, and whose words are never timid or deceitful. (St. Pius X, *Haerent animo*, August 4, 1908).

Such is the importance of the supernatural wisdom and prudence that Angelus Press strives to make available through its books and magazine. Let us be convinced that these advantages of good books are perennial, and will not be replaced by other means of communication, neither visual nor electronic. There is, in effect, a tendency amongst certain of our faithful to place undue importance on electronic communications through the Internet. While adapted for the rapid communication of facts, data or scientific information, it is the means least adapted to the communication of wisdom, and least apt for preparing souls for an understanding of the truth. For there is nothing that more tantalizes our disordered curiosity, provoking us to always see and hear something new, to be up with what everybody is saying. But it is this very preoccupation with the quantitative aspect of information transfer that most impairs our ability to absorb qualitatively and make

our own the truths our souls need to breathe. The Internet provokes the desire for endless exchanges of ideas or for arguments, but does not bring about the resolution that the discernment of truth gives to the soul nor the peace of solid, interior conviction nor the recollection of meditation.

Nothing can replace the listening to sermons and conferences on the supernatural truths of our Faith, and the reading of good books. However, everything in the world will divert our attention from these soul-saving occupations. Let us not despise the books that God has given us, starting from the Holy Scriptures, that ought to be not only present, but even read every day in our homes. Let the Catechism be studied in every family every day, for it contains the basic truths upon which our life hinges, and not just our Sundays or our school days. Let us cherish our favorite saints, whose lives and activities we delight to read, and let us keep at hand the spiritual reading to satiate our souls when they come home famished from this empty world. Books are here to stay, regardless of the changes in the world. Let them be a part of our lives and our family's lives, and let us remember that those of us who read will understand the crisis in the Church, and the devil's maneuver's and that those of us who do not will not; that those of us who read will have the desire to progress in the spiritual life, and those who do not will not; that those of us who read will have the desire to fight

against the modern liberal errors and for the Kingship of Christ, whereas those who do not will not.

Let every family take care to build up a small library of the books that really matter, and let a daily time for reading, with the silence and recollection that this necessarily entails, be set aside. In this way will be laid the seed of the reflection, meditation and personal conviction, by which your children will desire to pass on in turn the deposit of the Faith that you have given on to them.

The Angelus Press apostolate of entirely Catholic books and magazines is consequently not an optional extra. It is an integral part of our Catholic lives, and it is the Society's duty to make it available to our faithful. Your response to this appeal and your willingness to help out is much appreciated, as are your continued prayers, upon which we are entirely dependent for our continued success and growth every day.

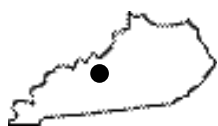
On this eve of the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may the Mother Most Pure grant us the grace to continually offer ourselves at Holy Mass together and with the Infant Son of God offered in the temple.

In the Immaculate Heart,

*Peter R. Scott*

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## REGIONAL REPORT



### KENTUCKY

Father Francis Hannifin, well known in the Louisville archdiocese in the 50s for his great devotion to the Blessed Mother lived on the Pfeiffer family property in **BOSTON** and serviced the chapel of **OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL** for over 25 years. He is has been in very poor health for the past year, but bore generously the cross of no longer being able to celebrate Mass. On the night of Sunday, January 14, this great warrior of Tradition was called to his eternal reward. R.I.P.



A view of the recently enlarged chapel of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on the Pfeiffer family property just outside of Louisville.

Fathers Timothy and Joseph Pfeiffer, at home for vacation between Christmas and New Year take care of their spiritual father, to whom they owe their priestly vocations, by administering the sacrament of Extreme Unction in the sanctuary of the chapel of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.





## TEXAS

**QUEEN OF ANGELS ACADEMY** in **DICKINSON** has had a steady enrollment of around 50 students, in grades K-8, for several years, although this year there are no eighth graders. The boys are separated from the girls from fifth grade up, and are attended to by an excellent team of five lay teachers and four priests. The school day starts every day with the assistance at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, that the students sing themselves at least once a week. The children are praying that Father Simonot will find the means to replace the leaking roofs on their school buildings.



Father Frank Kurtz teaching catechism to the first and second grade students.



Father Kurtz together with the 5th, 6th & 7th grade boys, from whom the boys' schola is chosen.

Father John Young in his new domain, the well-stocked Queen of Angels bookstore. This bookstore, one of the most successful in the Society in the U.S. was managed for over 10 years by Brother Dismas, who left us to go to his eternal reward in his 91st year several months ago. Under Brother Dismas's management the bookstore contributed \$8,000 - \$10,000 a year of its profits towards the support of Queen of Angels Academy. Father Young will not find it easy to match that achievement.



The boys' side of the church assists at Mass in Queen of Angels church.



An unexpected snap shot of the children and their teachers assisting at Mass illustrates the different expressions that piety can have.



Father Timothy Pfeiffer and the faithful of ST. JOSEPH'S in SAN ANTONIO celebrated the feast of Christ the King, Sunday October 29, 2000 with unprecedented solemnity. A large tent was erected outside on the grass, so that the whole parish could assist at one High Mass. The Mass was followed by a public procession of the

Blessed Sacrament in honor of Christ the King, accompanied by many colorful banners made for the occasion, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The whole ceremony was followed by the customary All Saints' party.



The procession returns to file past St. Joseph's church and academy building. The faithful follow.

Father Pfeiffer exposes the Blessed Sacrament in the outdoor tent, on the wooden altar built for the occasion, before beginning the procession.



After Mass on Sunday December 10 Father Pfeiffer led his parishioners downtown to Alamo Plaza, from which they led a public procession to San Fernando Cathedral, in order to gain the Jubilee Year Plenary Indulgence at the cathedral.

The procession sets out, singing the *Litany of the Saints*





## NORTH DAKOTA

**ST. MICHAEL'S** in **MANDAN** (Bismarck) has come a long way since the purchase of their new church two years ago. Parish activities have increased tremendously, as a parish life starts to be built, despite the fact that parishioners travel from long distances to get to Mass.



Last August Brother Marcel from St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary spent a week adding the fine touches, in characteristically bright colors, to their new altar.



On Saturday October 7, the parishioners held a public Rosary March to request the longed for consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart. Here they can be seen about to leave in front of St. Michael's.



On Sunday October 15, Father Gallagher enrolled three enthusiastic young girls into the Eucharistic Crusade.



An outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament for the feast of Christ the King.

After Mass on Sunday November 5, the children presented their favorite saints to the whole parish in the church basement.





## CALIFORNIA

The feast of St. Pius X last year, September 3, was the day for Father Cooper to inaugurate the Holy Name Society at **ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA RETREAT CENTER** in **LOS GATOS**. A nucleus of the best men of the parish

took advantage of this opportunity to show their leadership of the retreat center chapel by professing their Faith and committing themselves to oppose obscene speech, and to lead their families in the observance of the duties of our Catholic Faith, and in particular in the respect of authority.



The new members of the Holy Name Society, wearing their pins proclaiming the Chi-Rho, the first two letters of Christ's name, in front of the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on the retreat center property.

Father Brandler gives the Holy Name men a conference on the *Screwtape Letters* of C.S. Lewis.



Father John Peek preaches in the retreat house chapel at the Mass of the Prodigal Son during the November Ignatian retreat, attended by 20 men.

Father Thomas Scott visiting Mother of Perpetual Help Academy in Los Gatos poses with the children during their chant class.





## LOUISIANA

The priests of Queen of Angels, desirous of honoring St. Jude to the best of their ability, celebrated his feast day with great solemnity at the **SHRINE OF ST. JUDE ON THE BAYOU** in **DONALDSONVILLE**. Not only was the shrine rector, Father Kurtz present, but he was accompanied by his prior, Father Simonot, and Father Young so that he could celebrate a Solemn High Mass with deacon and subdeacon on Saturday October 28 in honor of the great saint of the impossible, the first Solemn High Mass ever to be celebrated at the shrine. Father Simonot

brought with him from Dickinson his well-trained eight member boys' choir, who sang the High Mass for the occasion. The shrine church was filled with traditional Catholics from all over southern Louisiana. Any faithful desirous of having their intentions remembered at the shrine or candles burned before the saint's image may write to St. Jude on the Bayou, P.O. Box 70, Donaldsonville, LA 70346-0070.

Father Kurtz at the altar, assisted by Fathers Simonot and Young. The statue over the main altar was made by Brother Marcel of St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary.



The Fathers accompanied by the altar boys and boys' choir, who all students at Queen of Angels Academy in Dickinson, and who gladly sacrifice the weekend in honor of St. Jude. This shot is taken on the shrine grounds. In the background can be seen a cross, marking the place where the new cemetery was blessed.



The faithful stand to assist at the Last Gospel at the end of Mass.



Father Simonot and his boys' choir with the organist at a last-minute practice before Mass.



The shrine for St. Jude where the faithful who visit leave their special intentions and light candles.

During last year's Confirmation trip Bishop Tissier de Mallerais was able to celebrate a Solemn High Mass in **BATON ROUGE** accompanied by Confirmations. Here he is seen before the altar at **OUR LADY OF SORROWS** in Baton Rouge together with Fathers Simonot and Kurtz, altar boys and the newly confirmed children.





## OREGON

The faithful of **OUR LADY OF FATIMA** in **PORTLAND** are delighted with the additional space provided by this year's addition to their chapel and to their parish hall. An additional row of pews, obtained from the old St. Thomas Becket chapel in Veneta, increases the church's seating capacity by 35. The extra 1,000 sq ft in the parish hall allows for most of the faithful to gather together. It also doubles as a cry room.



Louis Flynn, a generous parishioner, is in the process of installing a new sound system throughout the new parish hall.

View of the addition to the side of the nave of the chapel, along with the additional row of pews that have just been installed.



# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## NEW ZEALAND

**ST. ANTHONY'S** in **WANGANUI** welcomed two visitors in November. First of all Father Michael Mary Sim CSsR returned to his homeland to preach a Redemptorist mission, together with Father Anthony CSsR, which was very popular and well attended by the faithful. Secondly, Bishop Williamson came to visit the two main New Zealand islands, confirming 60 souls in Wanganui, before going on to Fiji, where he confirmed another 50.

The Redemptorist Fathers in St. Anthony's church, together with the three Society priests assigned in Wanganui, Father Delsortes, Father Angelo Vanderputten and Father Trauner. They are standing before the special shrine in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help erected for the mission.



The faithful assist at the final Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament to end the mission.



Meanwhile the St. Anthony's primary school has become too small and a summer expansion project is underway, with office space on the first floor and two classrooms on the second floor. Father Angelo Vanderputten can be seen here inspecting the work.

## WINTER CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE:

### H.E. Bishop Tissier de Mallerais

Sunday February 18	Our Lady of Lourdes, Honolulu, HI St. Peter Chanel, Hilo, HI
Thursday February 22	Our Lady of Fatima, Salt Lake City, UT
Sunday February 25	Our Lady of Sorrows, Phoenix, AZ
Monday February 26	Our Lady of Victory, Davie, FL

## EUCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: February – April 2001

<b>February</b>	Reparation for the number of abortions to diminish
<b>March</b>	Unity in Catholic families
<b>April</b>	The reign of Our Lord over society and over those who govern

## U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE NOVEMBER 2000

Treasure sheets returned	353
Morning offerings	9244
Masses	4058
Sacramental communions	3354
Spiritual communions	6556
Sacrifices	35,719
Decades of the Rosary	40,719
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	3912
15 minutes of silent meditation	3540
Good examples	12,305

The 24 Active chapters for November 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. Therese, Nicholville, NY; Our Lady of Sorrows, Girard, OH; St. Therese, Madison, WI; St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO; St. Michael's, Bakersfield, CA; Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID; St. Peregrine's, Cleveland, OH; Corpus Christi, Nashville, TN; St. Lawrence, Hartford, CT; North American Martyrs, Glens Falls, NY; Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Syracuse, NY; St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH; St. Joseph's, Armada, MI; St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Cloud, MN; St. Mary's Assumption, St. Louis, MO; Guardian Angels, Dickinson, ND; Our Lady of Sorrows, Phoenix, AZ.

## RETREAT SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY-MAY 2001

### ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT HOUSE

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

Men's 5 day Ignatian:	February 5-10 & April 16-21
Men's 5 day Marian retreat:	March 12-17
Women's 5 day Ignatian:	March 26-31 & May 7-12
Women's 2 day Seminar:	May 25 & 26

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS RETREAT HOUSE

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

Men's 5 day Ignatian:	February 5-10, March 5-10 & May 7-12
Women's 5 day Ignatian:	February 19-24 & March 26-31
Women's 3 day Marian:	March 15-17
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 Lenten retreat:	March 26-31
Women's 5 day Marian retreat:	March 12-17
Men's 5 day Ignatian retreat:	May 21- 26
Women's 5 day Ignatian retreat:	May 7-12

## PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE:

**July 1-12, 2001**

Mr. & Mrs. Robert di Cecco will be taking pilgrims to visit some of the better known Marian shrines in France, including the chapel of the Miraculous Medal, Lourdes, La Salette, Our Lady of the Bleeding Willow in Vinay and Our Lady of Laus. They will also visit Lisieux, the Basilica of St. Martin and the Popes' palace in Avignon. The price is \$2,085, all included. If interested call (203) 261 1133 or e-mail [st-pius-x-pilgrimage@snet.net](mailto:st-pius-x-pilgrimage@snet.net).