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REPORT

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ATLANTA ADVANCES

The south has always threatened to rise again. And so it is for the work of Tradition in **GEORGIA**. This time it is a church that rises out of the fields of Roswell, a far northern suburb of the Atlanta metropolis, a church dedicated to St. Michael, a church built in time for the Mass of all time, for the Holy Sacrifice upon which the salvation of our souls depends.

The Society's priests have been travelling to Atlanta for 21 years now, providing the Mass and the sacraments on a weekly basis. The faithful had initially purchased land and built a half-basement chapel in the suburb of Stone Mountain. However, this neighborhood deteriorated, and the property was sold, about five years ago, so that a seven acre tract of land could be purchased in the excellent neighborhood of Roswell. The intervening years were spent on saving for a new facility, drawing up plans and obtained a contractor and the necessary permits, a laborious process that took nearly two years.

St. Michael's has always been a youthful chapel, with many families and children. In fact, it has sent many families to the Society's main centers, such as St. Mary's, KS. Nevertheless, it continually recruits new families, and presently has a regular attendance of 150 – 200 souls. Father Harber, the pastor, flies in every weekend from St. Mary's and is presently celebrating Sunday Mass in a rented hotel conference room. Construction of the new church facility, including as well as the church, priest's accommodation, catechism rooms, kitchen and parish hall facility, all under the same roof, began in November, 2000, and is expected to be completed by June. It is the first stage of parish development on the Roswell property, which has lots



The erection of the simple rectangular steel frame building on a concrete slab.



Workers inside the metal building continue work on the exterior structure. The high roof will permit the cathedral ceiling effect, giving the proportions of a church.



Loads of bricks for the exterior facing arrive on the parking lot.



A view of the front and side of the building from the parking lot. The bathrooms, parish hall and kitchen are all in the front half of the building, with the church occupying the back two-thirds.



Another side view of the building from the parking lot, but this time from the back.

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

Let it be with alacrity that we enter this holy Lenten season, happy that we have been chosen to fight the combat of the Faith. For Lent is not just a time to make a little sacrifice here and there. It is a time to embrace with generosity the spiritual combat, to strive for our sanctification, to ask for fidelity to divine grace, to put *“on the armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the deceits of the devil...that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and to stand in all things perfect”* (Eph 6:11, 13).

We all long for Rome to come to its senses and for the crisis to come to an end, for Tradition to regain its recognition as the expression of the true Catholic Faith and life. But we seldom make the connection with our Lent, and our spiritual lives. St. Paul, to the contrary, shows how courage in this combat for the Church is intimately linked up with the convictions of our Faith and the fervor of our spiritual life. This is the combat: *“For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood; but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of this world of darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places”* (Eph 6:12). He spoke of pagans outside the Church, but alas, the words could just as easily be applied to the neopaganism of religious indifferentism that has become a way of life since Vatican II. For the freemasonic ideal of the universal brotherhood of all peoples and religions is not fundamentally different from the Roman empire’s absorption of all the gods of the peoples that it conquered. Placing all religions and cultures on an equal level in the formation of this brotherhood, it effectively denies the divinity of Christ and the divine institution of the One True Church.

Yet this is precisely how Pope John Paul II began his message to begin this new year and millennium. He called for people to be *“inspired by the ideal of a truly universal brotherhood...proclaimed in the great ‘charters’ of human rights...embodied in...the United Nations”* and calling for *“the process of globalization”* (§1). Such pacificism as a formula of peace is at the direct antipodes of the Lenten and Catholic spirit. The promotion of *“a greater sense*

of human brotherhood and a more fraternal life together” (Ib.) as an answer to human conflict is pure naturalism, that we might become *“men and women capable of solidarity, peace and love of life, with respect for everyone”* (Ib. §22). It is the radical failure to see the origin of all human conflict: original sin and its four wounds of ignorance, malice, weakness and concupiscence. We know, to the contrary, that true peace is only possible for one who is willing to courageously enter into the battle, to fight against these wounds and his dominant fault, and thus attain to the tranquillity of order in his own soul. Lent is the test of our courage in the combat.

St. Paul continues, explaining the importance of conviction: *“Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth...in all things taking the shield of faith, wherewith you may be able to extinguish all the fiery darts of the most wicked one”* (Eph 6:14, 16). It is a well known fact, verified repeatedly in the history of the Church, that a Catholic cannot defend the Faith without fighting against the poisoned arrows of heresy, without standing up against falsehood. The modern tendency to Irenism (a Greek word meaning “peace at all costs”) was clearly condemned by Pope Pius XII in his encyclical against the modern errors *Humani Generis*. Yet it is essential to the masonic notion of universal brotherhood that Pope John Paul II seems to have embraced.

St. Paul likewise demonstrates the crucial role that fervent prayer, that a true interior life, has to play in our attitude towards the world: *“By all prayer and supplication praying at all times in the spirit; and in the same watching with all instance and supplication for all the saints”* (Eph 6:18). Here then is the true scriptural Lenten formula: courage, conviction and prayer. St. Paul would not want us to think how alike we are to the rest of the world by some kind of naturalistic universal brotherhood, but in fact how different we must be from the rest of the world. As he points out from his prison cell in Rome, this is in fact what the mystery of our Redemption is all about. We are set aside, called in a profoundly supernatural way: *“Who hath predestinated us unto the adoption of*

children through Jesus Christ unto himself; according to the purpose of his will: Unto the praise of the glory of his grace, in which he hath graced us in his beloved Son” (Eph 1:5, 6).

The martyrs of the early centuries understood the importance of courage, conviction and prayer, so much so that they did not hesitate to give their lives rather than offer incense to the idols, and enter into the universal brotherhood of the pagan religion of the empire. Courage started to wain after peace was granted to the Church, when respectability replaced persecution and human respect replaced fortitude. It was the era of compromise of the Trinitarian and Christological heresies, starting with Arianism. Such was also the case with the Renaissance, with the resurgence of neopagan culture being the means for the brotherhood with the world. The combat of the Counter Reformation was the Catholic response, and was accompanied by a true spiritual renewal, with an abundance of saints and religious communities. The same could have happened with Modernism, at the beginning of the 20th century, except that the counter anti-modernist resistance was short lived, and, after the death of St. Pius X, half-hearted. Combat and courage were not the order of the 20th century for the simple reason that there was not the sanctity, the spiritual heroism of the preceding centuries.

Hence the paradox of a Pope leading into the 21st century, into the third millennium, with the most-unholy program of a universal brotherhood: a crisis of greater magnitude than Arianism, than the Renaissance, than the Reformation, for the freemasons have succeeded in their plan of infiltrating their ideas into the very seat of Peter. Let us not think that there is any other answer than that of courage, conviction and prayer, or as prescribed by Our Lady in Fatima: prayer and penance, and in particular the so-Catholic prayer of the Rosary. Let us offer our daily Rosary to sanctify ourselves, that each of us might have heroic courage and conviction, and we can be confident about the victory of Tradition. We do not know when or how, and we cannot expect that recent

overtures by Rome will actually bring this about.

However, you can be absolutely certain that the Society of Saint Pius X will not compromise, nor deviate from the path laid out by our holy founder. If we acknowledge John Paul II as the Pope, pray for his intentions and profess unity with him, it is only inasmuch as he is the successor of Peter, inasmuch as he teaches the doctrines of the Church, inasmuch as he bears magisterial authority, inasmuch as he upholds Tradition. This is the unity of the Church, of which he is the figure, but which he represents so poorly, for he often contradicts it in his personal behavior and ideas. In this, we are most assuredly not one with him, nor inasmuch as he allows the disorder of heresy, indifferentism and naturalism to infect the life of the Church, nor inasmuch as he undermines the unity of the Mass, sacraments, and supernatural life by embracing the false universal brotherhood of man. With this there will be neither agreement nor silence.

How better to inspire us towards this courage and conviction than to remind ourselves of Our Lord’s priestly prayer, after the Last Supper, in which he explained the basis of true unity: *“They are not of the world, as I also am not of the world. Sanctify them in truth...And for them do I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified in truth...that they all may be one, as thou, Father, in me, and I in thee...I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and the world may know that thou hast sent me...”* (Jn 17:16-23). Let this Lent be a time of prayer, spiritual reading, sacrifice. Remember, no worldly amusements, no television, but family prayers, and daily Mass for all those who can.

Yours faithfully in Jesus, Mary and Joseph,



Father Peter R. Scott

REGIONAL REPORT



MINNESOTA

On November 18, feast of the dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, 54 Eucharistic Crusaders and their parents from ST. JOHN VIANNEY in LONG PRAIRIE, visited the Cathedral of St. Paul and the Basilica of St. Mary in the Twin Cities to obtain the Jubilee Year indulgence. Father James Haynos, their pastor, guided them through the symbolism of these majestic structures built for the glory of God.

Father Haynos and the pilgrims under the massive arch of the St. Paul Cathedral, with the Latin inscription of Our Lord’s command to his apostles: “Go therefore and teach all nations.”



A close up of the group.



OHIO

The faithful of ST. PIUS X in CINCINNATI just completed a major project in their 125 year old church. Some 75 years ago or thereabouts the floor had been covered with vinyl tile. Curious parishioners had often wondered whether there was a hard wood floor underneath to match the maple floor in the sanctuary, that had been refinished about four years ago. In January a generous

parishioner made it possible to find out, donating the funds to take up the old floor and strip and refinish the underlying wood, that was indeed found to be maple. The end result was stunning, helping to bring back to the church its original beauty. For the three weeks that this project was ongoing the parish had to suffer the inconvenience of the celebration of Mass in the parish basement hall, or at least that part of it that was not converted into classrooms for the school a few years ago.



The carpet runner and vinyl tiles are pulled up to reveal the maple floor in need of considerable work.



Cleaning continues. A view of the church looking towards the sanctuary, with the altars covered and the pews stacked in the front of the church and in the sanctuary.



Workers had to use a blow torch to remove the glue and old floor coverings under the carpet runners.



Meanwhile, on Saturday, January 13, enthusiastic parishioners set up for Mass in the church basement.



The pastor, Father McMahon, celebrates Mass on the temporary altar in the basement for nearly 200 parishioners.



The sanding of the floor, starting from the back and working towards the front of the church.



The sanding advances towards the communion rail.



Looking back to the main entrance.



Moving the pews back into place, looking towards the altar.



The finished job. Looking back to the main entrance into the church.



A view of the bell tower over the transept of St. Pius X, the tiles of which had just recent been repaired to prevent leaks.



Bishop Tissier de Mallerai on the side steps of St. Pius X church together with the young confirmands that had just received the sacrament of Confirmation from his hands on Pentecost Monday, June 12, 2000.



WISCONSIN

Just two years ago ST. THERESE'S in MADISON (Wauunakee) converted their insignificant book table, with around 15 titles only, into a real bookstore. A little initiative and encouragement of the faithful to read good Catholic books on the spiritual life and the crisis in the Church were all that were needed for this apostolate to take off the ground. In the first year, even this small chapel bookstore did \$4,000 in business.

The bookstore set up in one of the classrooms attached to St. Therese's chapel. Books and prayer cards are well displayed so that faithful visiting the bookstore can easily see what is available.





MISSOURI

One of the great consolations of the pilgrimage to the shrine of **OUR LADY OF SORROWS** in **STARKENBURG** was that of assisting at Mass at the outdoor altar in front of the magnificent shrine church.

The Ordinary of the Jefferson City diocese, Bishop Gaydosh, had attempted to forbid the Society pilgrimage from using the shrine grounds. However, he underestimated the determination, Faith and Marian devotion of our pilgrims, who were in no way discouraged by such injustice, but called his bluff. The result was a very peaceful and prayerful pilgrimage, during which the pilgrims were able to visit the shrine after the Mass, and follow the impressive outdoor Way of the Cross.



The pilgrims assist devoutly, as Father Stanich celebrates the Mass on the outdoor altar. The Latin inscription over the altar, referring to the Blessed Mother, states: *"Blessed is the man... that watcheth daily daily at my gates, and waiteth at the posts of my doors"* (Prov. 8:34).



The nearly 400 faithful present assist devoutly, alternately sitting on the permanent benches, or kneeling in the leaves.



Father Stanich preaches from the outdoor pulpit on the Gospel side of the altar.



One of the scenes from the 3rd and 4th grade Christmas play from the students at St. Vincent's Academy.

Father Kenneth Dean with the younger students from St. Vincent's Academy in **KANSAS CITY** on a hay ride last Fall. Father does not hide the fact that he enjoys field trips as much as the students.



ILLINOIS

OUR LADY IMMACULATE in **OAK PARK** (Chicago) has a large contingent of hispanic parishioners of Mexican descent. And so the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe was celebrated a couple of days early on Sunday, December 10. After Mass

the faithful recited together four times the *Salve Regina* for each one of the apparitions to Juan Diego, as well as a prayer offering the new world into her hands. Afterwards the ladies of the parish prepared a Mexican fiesta, much to the satisfaction of the parishioners.



Father Scott leads the prayers in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



During the reception held in the basement after Mass, some of the ladies entertain the parishioners with traditional Mexican songs.



OREGON

On Sunday January 21 faithful from the Society's two Oregon chapels of **PORTLAND** and **VENETA** met together with faithful from Father Heidt's chapel in **SILVERTON** at the State Capitol in Salem. They marched together and prayed in reparation for the 28th anniversary of the tragic Roe vs. Wade decision.

Parishioners from the three chapels line up to begin their prayers of reparation and protestation against murder of the unborn.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

MEXICO

Padre Boniface reports that the construction of the new church in **DOS RIOS** for which he had requested funds is now well advanced. It now has a roof and it is complete. It is hoped that next year it will have a real door and windows! The two bell towers are not yet finished, but the faithful are happy that they can use their church, and thankful for all the help they have received.

Father together with some of the parishioners outside the entrance to the church.



The Fathers inspect the work on the large but as yet unfinished school building.

However, in August Father was reassigned to **GUADALAJARA**, where three Society priests are stationed to take care of around 400 faithful, and an elementary school of 35 students. There are two conditions for a child to be accepted into the school; firstly that the child and his or her family are parishioners, and secondly that there is no television in the family. The school is in financial difficulties because of the debt incurred for the construction, which is as yet not complete. This does not stop them from having school in the open air, exposed to the heat, cold and dust. Donations to help can be sent to Priorato San Atanasio, Calle Arista no. 1973 Col. Santa Teresia, S.C. Mex. 44600 Guadalajara, Jal., Mexico, or via the U.S. District Office.



Another view of the construction of the upstairs classrooms.



The open air boys' classroom.

Faculty and children in their school building.



EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: March - May 2001

March	Unity in Catholic families
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

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE: DECEMBER 2000

Treasure sheets returned	355
Morning offerings	9616
Masses	4113
Sacramental communions	3634
Spiritual communions	7396
Sacrifices	20,457
Decades of the Rosary	44,319
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	3822
15 minutes of silent meditation	3422
Good examples	11,062

The 20 Active chapters for December 2000 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. Therese, Madison, WI; St. Michael's, Bakersfield, CA; Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID; St. Peregrine's, Cleveland, OH; Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Syracuse, NY; St. Joseph's, Armada, MI; St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Cloud, MN; Guardian Angels, Dickinson, ND; St. Ignatius, Ridgefield, CT; St. John Vianney, Long Prairie, MN; St. Joseph's, San Antonio, TX; St. Peter Chanel, Hilo, HI.

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.

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, MN; Redford, Mancelona, and Armada, MI. If interested, please contact the School Principal or the District Superior.

RETREAT SCHEDULE

March - June 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

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

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: March 5-10 & May 7-12

Women's 5 day Ignatian: 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 & June 25-30

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

PILGRIMAGES (accompanied by Society priests)

1) CATHOLIC TREASURES OF PORTUGAL AND SPAIN: June 1-16

Globus Travel, a traditional travel agency is organizing this two week pilgrimage to the Iberian Peninsula, visiting Fatima, Lisbon, Santarem, Coimbra, Oporto, Bom Jesus, Santiago de Compostela, Salamanca, Avila, Segovia, Macred, Toledo, and much more. Total cost is \$2,305 from New York. Limited space and deadline for registration is April 15. Call 1-800-290-3876 or e-mail globus@oct.net.

2) MARIAN SHRINES IN FRANCE: July 1-12

St. Pius X Pilgrimage Co. 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.

Browerville-House for Rent

Double bungalow with 5 rooms and a full basement at walking distance from daily Mass at Sacred Heart Novitiate in Browerville, MN. No smoking, no pets. \$395 plus utilities. Call (320) 594 6442.