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## REPORT

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## ST. ISIDORE'S NEARS COMPLETION

Work on St. Isidore's in WATKINS, near Denver, CO has been constant since the first ground breaking ceremony in August 1999. However, it is particularly in the past 12 months that this massive church has taken the Romanesque shape of the great European churches of the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> centuries, after which it is modeled. The main structure is now completed, with finishing touches only still remaining, including some stone work and the erection of the interior altars.

Situated on the desert plain 19 miles east of Denver and just seven miles south of the new Denver International Airport, it can be seen for miles as the visitor approaches Denver from the east, its 80 foot tower being the highest structure for miles in every direction. An immense amount of material was necessary to construct such a magnificent edifice for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The support structure of the walls, basement and floor required 803 tons of steel. The roof beams of the main sanctuary, nave, transept and sacristy weigh 253 tons. The copper roof covers 13,648 square feet and 153,000 bricks make up the exterior walls. Over 33,000 pounds of drywall were required to cover the inside with a double layer to ensure good acoustics and the quiet necessary for assistance at Mass. The 8,150 pieces of Mexican sandstone for the pillars and arches throughout the church took over one year to cut and prepare, and stone cutting began before the church construction began in August 1999. Installation of the stone is presently ongoing, and is estimated to take over 600 man hours.

This project has only been possible thanks to the careful design and advance planning of the pastor, Father Joseph Pfeiffer. He has also managed to rescue treasures of Catholic art from other churches, including a 46,000 pound marble altar from Chicago, that will take two months to reassemble, and stained glass windows from Buffalo that will take three months to install.

Despite several delays caused by the scarcity of competent workers in these specialized fields and decisions by the planning commission, the ceremony for the consecration of St. Isidore's will take place on Saturday, August 18, to be officiated by the Superior General of the Society of Saint Pius X, H.E. Bishop Bernard Fellay. It will be a gratifying consolation after several years of planning, work and generous donations by the parishioners.



The view of St. Isidore's seen by the thousands of travelers that land and take off at the nearby Denver International Airport every day. The magnificent proportions and the cruciform structure can best be seen from the air.



(Left) The steel shell of St. Isidore's as it appeared in December, 1999, looking across I-70 to the northwest, with the Rockies in the background.



(Below) The brick and stone exterior as it appeared in the Fall of 2000, taken from behind the rear of the church. At the center right edge of the photo an airplane can be seen coming in to land at DIA.



The 1000 pound Italian bronze statue of Our Lady Help of Christians stands outside the main entrance of St. Isidore's. This is highly symbolic, since the Society's small chapel in Denver is presently under the patronage of Our Lady Help of Christians.



The steel structure of the church and sanctuary as it appeared in January, 2000.



An interior view of the sanctuary taken in March, 2001. The stone worker on the lift, setting mortar between the stones in the apse, can barely be seen. The interior finish was at that time 70% completed, including the double layer of dry wall.



Father Joseph Pfeiffer, the pastor, gazes at the progress of construction from the choir loft of St. Isidore's.

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

During this holy season of the Church's year we thank God for the grace of our sacramental baptism, through which we were buried together with Christ so that just as Christ has risen from the dead we might live in newness of life, becoming adopted children of God and heirs to heaven through the sanctifying grace that the Good Lord has deigned to bestow upon us.

However, what must we say of the lot of those who did not have the opportunity of receiving this same grace of sacramental baptism? It might seem on the surface of it to be a theological technicality. However, you need to be aware of a certain group of people, followers of Fr. Feeney, who have attempted to infiltrate the Church these past 50 years, and who continue to do so, thanks

to the present-day paralysis of the Church's authority structure. Pretending to be ultra-rigid and super-strict they deny baptism of blood and baptism of desire, despite the universal teaching of the Fathers and the Magisterium, repeated in every catechism. In fact, they are nothing other than hidden liberals, basing themselves upon the assertion that the Church's teaching concerning baptism of blood and desire is not formally defined, and that consequently it is optional, and that one is free to believe what one wants. The total fascination that some of these Feeneyites have with "the dogma", the constant effort to proselytize for their opinion, and their refusal to accept the objective and repeated statements of the Fathers, theologians and Popes and their constant effort infect tradition-

al Catholics all show how dangerous and unCatholic their error really is.

It is certainly true that we Catholics must desire to defend the dogma "Outside the Church no salvation" as well as the Church's teaching on the necessity of the sacrament of baptism. Given that the liberals so easily deny these doctrines, it is certainly very easy to understand how some Catholics might overreact in their interpretation of these teachings. However, it is entirely unacceptable for a Catholic to willingly and knowingly deny the Church's explicit teaching on the question of baptism of blood and desire. For it is not because these questions are not formally defined that they are optional extras that a person can take or leave.

There are in fact different ways in which the Church's teaching is presented to us, of which the most solemn is the definition *de fide catholica*. The contrary of such a definition is a heresy. However, the Church proposes many teachings to us in a less formal manner, not as the object of a direct definition, such as is found in the constant teaching of the Fathers, Councils or the Popes. Such teachings are still a part of the deposit of the Faith, although they are not yet defined, and include such things as the existence of Limbo, or that Mary is Mediatrix of all graces, or such teachings as the Assumption, the Immaculate Conception and Transubstantiation before they were formally defined. These teachings always were a part of the deposit of the Faith, and before they are defined are *proxima fidei*, that is close to the Faith, so that those who knowingly deny them are suspect of heresy. It is in this category that can be found the Church's teachings concerning baptism of blood and baptism of desire. Many erudite works (I recommend Father Rulleau's book, *Baptism of Desire* and Father Laisney's new book, *Is Feeneyism Catholic?* published by Angelus Press, which will be available by the end of May) list texts from the Fathers and theologians, who are unanimous in their teaching about the possibility of baptism of blood and desire. This one text alone of the Council of Trent should, however, suffice: "*this translation (to the state of grace) after the promulgation of the Gospel cannot be effected except through the laver of regeneration or a desire for it...*" (Db 796).

The Feeneyite error is consequently a very grave one, for in denying the very possibility of baptism of blood and baptism of desire, it denies the very possibility of God Himself exceptionally giving the grace of justification, and hence eternal salvation for those who die in the state of sanctifying grace. However, this is explicitly taught by the Council of Trent's Decree on Justification (Session vi, ch. 6, Db 798). God is not bound to the sacraments, but God who uses them as the ordinary means to infuse sanctifying grace into the soul, can Himself directly provide the grace that is normally received through the sacrament, by infusing a supernatural Faith in the Church's teachings, a supernatural hope

for God's mercy, a supernatural charity and the perfect contrition for all sin. It is a rare grace and one that cannot be presumed upon, but he who denies the possibility, denies the power of grace, and makes God out to be an unjust monster who condemns to hell the catechumens and martyrs who deny without baptism through no fault of their own.

It cannot be denied that this apparently black and white simplification of the Church's teaching on the necessity of the sacrament of baptism and of belonging to the one true Church has an attraction for some traditionally-minded Catholics. The reason is to be found not only in the substitution of private opinion for the Church's teaching that is typical of liberalism, but also in a narrow-minded legalism that overlooks the primacy of grace, and hence that of the interior life, making the sacramental character more important than the grace of the sacrament for which we receive the character. Sacraments are for men, and not vice versa. Their sole purpose is to make us members of the mystical body of Christ, in order to give us the sanctifying grace and actual graces needed for our salvation. The sad consequence of these attitudes is that many Feeneyites are impervious to the explanation of the Church's teaching, that they also lack docility in many other aspects of the Catholic life, that they deliberately take isolated texts out of context to justify their false opinion, and look for legalistic arguments to discredit Father Feeney's condemnation by the Holy Office in 1949, and excommunication in 1952.

The purpose of these few lines is to inform you of the gravity of this issue, which is not at all one open to free choice. Objectively speaking, Feeneyites commit a grave sin against the Faith, even if they are not aware of it. This is the reason why the Society of Saint Pius X does not allow any proselytism of this error in or around its chapels and faithful, either by word of mouth or by written handouts. In a time of normality in the Church, Rome would continue to act authoritatively, condemning this error and possibly making a *de fide* definition concerning baptism of blood and desire. If it is time that Feeneyites take advantage of the confusion caused by the breakdown in the Church's authority, we have no excuse for contributing to this confusion by weakness or lack of clarity in our exposition of the Church's teaching, as found in the Catechism of the Council of Trent.

May St. Joseph the Worker help us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling, and may the Blessed Mother place us under her mantle in a very special way during this month of grace.

Yours faithfully in Jesus, Mary and Joseph,



Father Peter R. Scott

## TEACHERS WANTED

The following schools of the Society of Saint Pius X are looking for qualified and generous men and women to teach a variety of different class levels: St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH; St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO; St. Joseph's, Armada, MI; Holy Family, Belle Plaine, MN; St. Robert Bellarmine, St., Cloud, MN; St. John Vianney, Long Prairie, MN; St. Michael's, Bakersfield, CA. If you are interested, please contact the local pastor, or send your résumé to 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.

# REGIONAL REPORT



## GEORGIA

Recent weeks and months have seen rapid progress at **ST. MICHAEL'S** in **ROSWELL** (near Atlanta), so much so that Father Harber

is planning to celebrate the first Mass on Pentecost Sunday, ending a five year exile in rented facilities. Bishop Williamson is scheduled to bless the new building on the forthcoming feast of St. Michael the Archangel, September 29.



The exterior aspect of the church building as seen from the parking lot three months ago.



A more recent view, after the exterior had been clad with red brick.



The front entrance, that will lead into the parish hall and kitchen area and via a hallway into the church.



Reassembling the large marble altar in the sanctuary.



A view of the sanctuary area during the two month reassembling of the altar.



The main altar nears completion.



One of the two side altars that was also re-erected in the church.



## FLORIDA

Bishop Tissier de Mallerais made several stops on his winter Confirmation schedule this past February. The last of those stops was at **OUR LADY OF VICTORY** in **DAVIE** (near

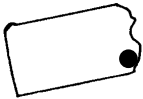
Ft. Lauderdale), where on February 26 he confirmed 20 candidates prepared by Father Carl Pulvermacher OFM Cap., the pastor, and also by Father Timothy Hopkins from Miami.



His Excellency, Bishop Tissier de Mallerais, together with the young men and women who had just received the sacrament of Confirmation from his hands.



Father Pulvermacher assists His Excellency during the invocation of the seven-fold gift of the Holy Ghost during the ceremony of Confirmation.



## PENNSYLVANIA

**ST. JUDE'S** in **EDDYSTONE** (near Philadelphia) held its first pre-Lenten International Festival on Saturday February 17. The day started with the celebration of Mass by the Pastor, Father Christopher Darby, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The following festival was held in the church basement, which had previously been decorated by a variety of international flags and posters made by the children. Some parishioners dressed in costumes and performed dances from their native countries. Ethnic foods were served from such diverse countries as Poland, Sweden, the Ukraine, Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines. As well as a joyful and encouraging Catholic get together, it was a successful fundraiser.



Parishioners lunch in the parish hall, with a multitude of flags hanging from the ceiling.



Father Darby blesses the ethnic foods prepared for the occasion.



Children busy at work preparing posters and flags for the occasion



St. Jude's parish hall in the church basement has many different uses. Here it is as used for the altar of repose on Holy Thursday.

Bishop Williamson together with a group of newly confirmed young men and women outside St. Jude's on May 13, 2000, when Father Kataroff was the pastor.





## MINNESOTA

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY in MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL** delights in the numerous sporting, social and fundraising activities that help the parishioners to center their life around their parish church.

On the Saturday after Labor Day, last September it hosted its fourth annual softball tournament, in which four chapels participated. They attempted unsuccessfully to defend the title, but lost to the St. Robert Bellamine Cardinals from St. Cloud, on account of their excellent pitching and merciless use of the long ball. Other chapels are invited to join in this one day competition next year.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy recently held its fifth annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Table fundraising auction at the Academy building in Oak Grove, MN. It was an afternoon of fun for all, as they vied to obtain some of the valuable items up for bid, including handmade bookcases, a birdhouse, religious pictures etc. \$4,800 was raised for the Academy.



The winning team, the St. Robert Bellarmine Cardinals.

In early February the chapel was honored by the visit of the Society's Asian District Superior, Father Couture, together with Bishop Manat from Thailand, who gave a conference on his return to Tradition and offered Mass for the faithful.



Auctioneer Gene Gergen, in the school hall, describes upcoming items to be bid on, including numerous religious items.



Father Dardis, the pastor, was among the 110 faithful who assisted at the Bishop's conference in the church basement.



Young and old alike watch as the auction goes on.



The parishioners were delighted to organize a luncheon in honor of Bishop Manat. From left to right here are Mr. Peter Buschmann, the Coordinator, Father David Belland, Father Brendan Dardis, Bishop John Manat, Father Daniel Couture.



## MICHIGAN

One of the big projects worked on last year was a complete remodeling of the sacristy at **ST. JOSEPH'S** in **ARMADA**. Instead of being exiled to a dingy hole in the basement, it is now a large lighted room with direct access to the sanctuary of the church. This became particularly urgent not



The large well-lit sacristy.



The magnificent set of built-in vestment chests in the sacristy.



Direct access to the church from the sacristy.

**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.

**St. Ignatius Retreat House, Ridgefield, CT.**  
 July 1-7: Girls aged 8-13 years  
 July 15-21: Girls aged 14-18 years

**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 29 - August 11: Boys aged 8-12 years

**St. Aloysius Gonzaga Camp & Retreat Center, Los Gatos, CA.**  
 July 1-14: Boys aged 8-16 years

**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

**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.  
 July 8-16: Girls aged 8-15 years

## SPRING 2001 CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

- Sunday May 13 Our Lady of the Rosary, Buffalo, NY  
Bishop Williamson
- Saturday May 19 St. Athanasius, Vienna, VA  
Bishop Williamson
- 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.*



## MISSOURI

On Saturday February 24 **ST. MARY'S ASSUMPTION** in **ST. LOUIS** hosted its fourth annual basketball tournament. 12 teams from the different Society chapels in the mid-west participated. Much to the disappointment of the organizer, Father Stanich his St. Louis team was the runner-up and lost to the victorious team from St. Mary's, Kansas.



Father Stanich together with his team after the games



The teams from the Society's chapels in Cincinnati and Chicago do battle on the court.

## EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

### MONTHLY INTENTIONS: May - July 2001

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
July	Religious vocations

### U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE—FEBRUARY 2001

Treasure sheets returned	421
Morning offerings	10,589
Masses	4594
Sacramental communions	3993
Spiritual communions	9093
Sacrifices	22,800
Decades of the Rosary	50,013
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	5304
15 minutes of silent meditation	4486
Good examples	13,192

The 21 Active chapters for February 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; Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID; St. Peregrine's, Cleveland, OH; Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Syracuse, NY; St. Peter Chanel, Hilo, HI; St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH; St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO; Corpus Christi, Seattle, WA; St. Thomas Becket, Veneta, OR; Immaculate Heart of Mary & St. Joseph, Colton, CA; St. Therese, Madison, WI; St. John Vianney, Long Prairie, MN; Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Louis, MO; St. Joseph's, San Antonio, TX.

Congratulations, Crusaders, on your great efforts, which now make up more than half of the total for the whole world. Below you will find the results for the whole world for the last six months of the year 2000.

### WORLD-WIDE EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE TREASURE—2000

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Treasure sheets returned	373	574	805	787	707	577
Morning offerings	10787	16108	22215	22519	19170	16368
Masses	3267	4753	7376	8053	6834	5854
Sacramental communions	5817	4407	7029	7168	5791	5135
Spiritual communions	9811	12759	20859	17248	12575	11826
Sacrifices	19547	30065	62230	47139	53908	33813
Decades of the Rosary	46884	72456	99931	103233	85089	72523
Visits to the Bl. Sacrament	3884	5384	7763	10161	6551	5281
15 minutes of meditation	2462	4188	7039	6056	5554	4919
Good examples	12231	16439	27720	27090	24744	19281

## RETREAT SCHEDULE

May-August 2001

### ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT HOUSE

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

Men's 5 day Ignatian:	June 25-30 & August 6-11
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

Men's & Women's Society

Schoolteachers' Seminar: August 16-18

**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
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 & August 20-25

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