

# Regina Coeli

## REPORT

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## WINONA WONDER

**A** priestly ordination is a great miracle of grace and an equally extraordinary cause of joy for a Society whose *"purpose is the Priesthood and whatever pertains to it and nothing but that which concerns it"*, as our statutes state. However this past June, on the Vigil of St. John the Baptist, Saturday June 23, it was not one but seven priestly ordinations that a record crowd of 1,700 friends witnessed at ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SEMINARY in Winona, MN. The ceremony, that lasted more than four hours, was performed by the Seminary Rector, H.E. Bishop Richard N. Williamson. Of the seven priests, five were Americans and two Canadians. Of the five Americans three are now stationed in the U.S., Fathers Dennis McDonald and Ronald Gagnon at Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Priory in Syracuse, NY and Father Steven McDonald in Post Falls, ID. Fathers Adam Portugal and Adam Purdy are both assigned to England. Five young seminarians were also ordained to the diaconate, and will, God willing be ordained to the priesthood next year.



The seven newly ordained priests attentive while the bishop prays for them during the ceremony.



The crowd in attendance at the ordinations ceremony, flowing out from all sides of the tent, with the sisters in front.



Bishop Williamson and the ministers together with the newly ordained priests and deacons at the entrance into the Seminary chapel.



This view from the Seminary roof shows the faithful waiting patiently in line to pick up their meal after the ceremony.

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Father Patrick Girouard from Quebec gives his First Blessing to the Marine Scouts who came down from Quebec for the occasion (and not just to trounce the Kentucky troupe).



Behind the scenes in the kitchen. The chef together with the ladies that made the meal happen for the 200 invitees in the refectory and for the 1,100 faithful who ate outside.

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

It is always a tragedy when a priest leaves the Society of Saint Pius X, through which he has received the intellectual, moral, cultural and spiritual formation necessary for the priesthood. His fellow priests, with whom he shared his formation, who all look up to the Society as the vehicle of the graces of their priesthood, the means by which they have received the spirit of the Church, the source of their strength in their present day combat, are always profoundly pained by the experience. The faithful often ask the question how it can be that a priest could abandon the spiritual mother that engendered him in the priesthood, and why it is that a priest formerly strong in his convictions could suddenly accept a compromise with modernism. There is only one answer. It is that we are in the midst of a horrifying conflict with the powers of darkness. The priest is attacked in particular because of his triple power of sanctifying, teaching and governing the faithful. The breakdown of authority in the present crisis has created the confusion which is the devil's choice playground.

You will probably have heard that the most recent defection from our ranks is that of Father Benedict Vanderputten, so well known to many of you by his outspoken and frank conferences, sermons and retreats. I feel that it is my duty to warn you that in leaving the Society of Saint Pius X, to which he had bound himself in perpetuity, he has taken it upon himself to attack the Superior General, for his refusal to accept the canonical arrangement proposed by Cardinal Castrillon, asserting furthermore that to refuse such propositions is a schismatic act. He himself has obtained a *celebret* from Cardinal Ratzinger, and now celebrates the Indult Mass, under the condition that he place himself under a diocesan bishop within six months.

It is our duty to pray for him, but it is also my duty to alert you as to the dangerous ideas that he is spreading around. The refusal of Cardinal Castrillon's deal is in no way a refusal of Rome's

authority. The very fact of the negotiations is an acknowledgment of the authority that these modernists have usurped. The reason why the Superiors cannot possibly accept a "deal" at this present time is the exact same reason why Archbishop Lefebvre stated, after the episcopal consecrations of 1988, that no negotiations with Rome could succeed so long as the authorities refused to accept and acknowledge our right to stand up firmly against the liberal revolution of Vatican II. It is but common sense, for any deal not built upon the rock of strong conviction will be founded upon the sand of political compromise, and the less influential party will eventually succumb, as was the case with the Fraternity of St. Peter.

Allow me to simply list a few examples of the positions of Cardinal Castrillon and the *Ecclesia Dei* Commission, which demonstrate that it would have been foolishness for the Society's superiors to have given themselves up into their hands:

- The firing of Father Bisig, Superior General of the Fraternity of St. Peter, by Cardinal Castrillon, in July 2000, for the crime of having required his priests to take an oath that they would only (con)celebrate the New Mass on Holy Thursday, but not at any other time. The Cardinal maintained that this contradicted the "right" of every priest to say the New Mass.
- The statement by Cardinal Castrillon in his October 27, 2000 letter to Michael Davies that the only condition of the Indult that the *Ecclesia Dei* Commission still considers as binding is that the priests and faithful "in no way share the positions of those who call in question the legitimacy and doctrinal exactitude" of the New Mass. He refuses to accept the very reason why we maintain our right to the traditional Mass.

- The statement by Cardinal Castrillon in the same letter that no priest who says the traditional Indult Mass has the right to refuse Communion in the hand to those who request it. Furthermore, his only argument against altar girls at the traditional Mass was that he did not think that it would be requested. What if it were?
- The statement by Cardinal Castrillon in his May 17 letter to Bishop Williamson, denying that there is a crisis of the Faith in the Catholic Church at this time: *“I desire to flee all controversy, but we must recognize that these times are different from those in which heresies denying the humanity and divinity of Jesus Christ flourished, provoking such well known controversies in the Church, times which saw such noble princes of the Faith as Athanasius, who offered even his life to defend the Faith in the Incarnate Word, Son of God and Son of Mary. Thanks be to God that it was not subjects of this kind that, at one time, distanced Archbishop Lefebvre”*. This is a radically false statement, since Archbishop Lefebvre always made it clear that it was to preserve the Faith of eternal Rome that he *“always refused to follow the Rome of neo-modernist and neo-protestant tendencies”* for, he continued, *“all these reforms, indeed, have contributed and are still contributing to the destruction of the Church, to the ruin of the priesthood, to the abolition of the Sacrifice of the Mass and of the sacraments, to... a teaching derived from Liberalism and Protestantism, many times condemned by the Solemn Magisterium of the Church”* (Declaration of November 21, 1974). It does not take a whole lot of perspicacity to see that Archbishop Lefebvre was convinced that we are living a crisis equal in its magnitude to that of Arianism. It is a question of plain common sense, the Catholic sense of the Church and the Faith.
- The statement of Cardinal Castrillon in his May 17 letter to Bishop De Galarreta *“that Archbishop Lefebvre did not have dogmatic differences with the Holy See, but a divergent understanding of the criteria for the Church’s holiness and perfection”*. Again, this is total ignorance of the Archbishop’s writings, or more likely a deliberate deformation. From the time of Vatican II until his death the Archbishop never ceased to publicly oppose the dogmatic errors of ecumenism, religious liberty, collegiality and the denial of the Social Kingship of Christ.
- The Cardinal’s consistent refusal to grant the preliminary that all priests be allowed to celebrate the traditional Mass at any time without restriction, the only sure guarantee of a solid right for Tradition to exist, and a real assurance that no priest in the future could be forced into the Fraternity’s compromise. This he refused because it would have been tantamount to granting the right to disavow Paul VI and his New Mass, *“for such a permission could create a confusion in the minds of many people who would understand it as depreciating the value of the Holy Mass as it is celebrated in today’s Church”* (May 7 letter to Bishop Fellay). This is precisely the point that we insist must be accepted, namely that all priests have the right to celebrate the traditional Mass because the New Mass is not Catholic, but rather a compromise with modernism. It is when the right to disavow Paul VI’s Mass is officially acknowledged that the turning point in the crisis will begin.
- The Cardinal’s refusal to accept our right to question the whole orientation of the post-conciliar Church. In fact, if he were logical with himself, by admitting that we have the right to question the individual errors of Vatican II, (for he does admit

that its teachings are not infallible), he would also accept that we have the right to question all these errors together, which make up the spirit of Vatican II. However, he refused this, in the name of the Church’s indefectibility, when he wrote on May 7 that *“neither the Church’s holiness nor the value of its pontifical Magisterium can be doubted”*, meaning thereby the novelties of the post-conciliar church as a whole. Our point has always been that, just as modernism was defined by St. Pius X as the synthesis of all heresies, so also is the present crisis in the Church not just the question of one error or heresy. The crisis is the widespread failure of ecclesiastics and Church institutions to perform their essential duties in teaching, governing and sanctifying the faithful, thanks to the injection of the principles of liberalism by Vatican II, which failure is possible because of the human side of the Church, and in no way threatens its indefectibility. For the time being Rome refuses to accept our right to defend this position, and consequently to maintain that the only answer to the crisis is a wholesale return to Tradition.

It is manifestly obvious that Rome has no intention whatsoever of promoting the work of Tradition or even simply to allow traditional Catholics to defend the integrity of the Faith. Any deal at this time would necessarily mean the partial and progressive giving up of the defense of the Faith, and the eventual division that the Roman prelates desire to create in our midst. Let us then stand together and stand firm, and if we dialogue, then let it be uniquely on the doctrinal differences between the present representatives of the Holy See and the Church’s infallible Ordinary and Extraordinary Magisterium.

I would like to remind you of the strong words of our holy patron saint, St. Pius X, on this day 91 years ago, in his *Motu Proprio Sacrorum Antistitum*, three years after *Pascendi*, on counteracting the danger of Modernism. The audacity and the efforts of the modernists being in no way diminished by *Pascendi*, he promulgated a whole list of practical means to stop them, for *“the gravity of the evil is daily growing and must be checked at any cost. We are no longer dealing, as at the beginning, with opponents ‘in sheep’s clothing’, but with open and bare-faced enemies in our very household, who, having made a pact with the chief foes of the Church (i.e. Freemasons, Liberals, Protestants, Jews, Muslims etc.) are bent on overthrowing the Faith. These are men whose haughtiness in the face of heavenly wisdom is daily renewed, claiming the right to correct it as if it were corrupted. They want to renovate it as if it were consumed by old age, increase it and adapt it to worldly tastes, progress and comforts, as if it were opposed not just to the frivolity of a few, but to the good of society.”*

*“There will never be enough vigilance and firmness on the part of those entrusted with the faithful safe-keeping of the sacred deposit of evangelical doctrine and ecclesiastical tradition, in order to oppose these onslaughts against it”*. I believe that you can see for yourselves how eminently it is the will of God for the Society of Saint Pius X to apply these principles of our patron saint to our own situation.

As we prepare for his great feast, let us not cease to beg of Saint Pius X, the grace of the fidelity to the Church, and to the sacred deposit of Tradition.

Yours faithfully in Christ Our Lord,

*Peter R. Scott*

Father Peter R. Scott

# REGIONAL REPORT



## OHIO

The parishioners of ST. PIUS X in CINCINNATI regret the reassignment of their pastor, Father

Michael McMahon to take care of the chapels in Michigan. In his 10 months servicing the chapel in Cincinnati, he has applied his energy and enthusiasm to organizing many different activities for the parish.



Father McMahon administers First Communion on May 13.



Father enrolls the First Communicants in the brown scapular after Mass.

After Mass on the feast of Corpus Christi, June 14, Father organized a public procession in honor of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the local neighborhood, with the help of the police who closed off the main streets through which the procession passed.



The procession heads down the main street, with the children of the Eucharistic Crusade sprinkling flower petals in honor of their God.



Another view of the women and children leading the procession.



Father places the Blessed Sacrament on the throne of one of the outdoor altars set up for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at another of the outdoor altars.



## ILLINOIS

OUR LADY IMMACULATE in OAK PARK (Chicago) welcome H.E. Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais to administer the sacrament of Confirmation for the first time on Sunday June 17.

Since it was also the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the bishop led the public procession of the Blessed Sacrament that followed Mass, showing in practice the new confirmands how to be soldiers for Our Lord really present in the Blessed Eucharist.



The bishop enters the church for the ceremony of Confirmation. This photo shows the 26 confirmands and their sponsors in the front rows, the girls and women on the gospel side and the boys and men on the epistle side.



The administration of the matter and form of the sacrament by the bishop on the predella before the main altar.



The bishop, altar boys and confirmands on the front steps of the church.



The bishop takes the Blessed Sacrament through the neighboring streets.



Confirmands and parishioners kneel in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at an outdoor altar set up for Benediction.



Father Scott, faculty and 42 students of Our Lady Immaculate Academy last June as they prepared for the field trip to the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry that marked the end of the school year. Enrollment for school year 2001-2002 has jumped to over 60 students.



## OREGON

The solemn inauguration of the new priory of ST. THOMAS BECKET in VENETA, near Eugene, took place on Wednesday August 15, feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. The Society's Superior General, Bishop Bernard Fellay celebrated the Solemn High Mass and presided, assisted by the new prior, Father Lawrence Novak, his assistant, Father Christopher Hunter, and by Father Marchosky, who is also in residence at the Priory. Below are some shots of the parish activities during the couple of months preceding this event.



St. Thomas Becket Academy held its annual jog-a-thon on May 25, the students raising in this way \$12,000 for their Academy. Here the little children prepare to take off.



The two boys who won the record certificate of 24 laps of 1/4 mile in one hour.



The month of June started with the ceremony of 8th grade graduation. The four graduates will be continuing their high school at the Academy.





The girls express their appreciation to Mrs. Nancy Schmitt, who has taught them for the past five years of their elementary school.



Father Lawrence Novak, the pastor, carried the Blessed Sacrament in the Corpus Christi procession passing by St. Thomas Beckett Academy on Sunday June 17, solemnity of Corpus Christi.



Consecration of the parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Sunday June 24, Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, on an outdoor altar set up in the outdoor gym built for the children's recreation, especially during the winter time.

Also during the month of May was the visit of Father Munoz, founder of the contemplative community of the Oasis sisters, together with the Superior General and her sister. The Sisters, whose life is consecrated to praying for priests made their second foundation in France (Verac) last year and hope to make a foundation near Veneta within the next couple of years. Father, the Sisters and friends are here seen on the property that is being donated to them.

The parishioners of St. Thomas Becket organized their second summer girls' camp this year, from June 24-July 7, on a campsite near the church, donated for the purpose. There were 10 counselors and 59 campers, and Father Novak was the chaplain.



Father, the counselors and the campers in front of the main pavilion, together with the Eucharistic Crusade banner which gave the motto for the camp.



Father Novak preaches in the outdoor tent chapel on the day of enrollment of girls into each of the three levels of the Eucharistic Crusade.



They say that took many cooks spoil the broth—but not in this case, as Mrs. Swehla instructs the girls on cooking for the camp.

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The raising of the Eucharistic Crusade flag took place every morning, together with the singing of "Sing Crusaders, Sing with Might".



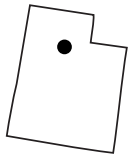
The girls who performed the play on St. Bernadette.



Mrs. Julie Swehla, camp director talks to the girls on Catholic manners, the fruit of charity.



Mrs. Swehla awards the prize for the winning team of counselors.



## UTAH

Bishop Tissier de Mallerai interrupted his long flight back from Hawaii last February to stop in at SALT LAKE CITY and confirm seven girls and young women who belong to OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHAPEL. The ceremony was held in a rented facility, since the faithful have not yet been able to secure a permanent building for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Since the ceremony was performed during the week, Father Hawker, the pastor, was not able to be present for it.



The bishop together with the altar boys and seven confirmands in front of the altar that had been set up for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.





## FLORIDA

The faithful of the growing chapel of OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS in FT. MYERS are delighted by the purchase, a few weeks ago, of a new rectory, immediately adjacent to their church. Originally an independent chapel, it joined the Society in 1991, and has since then been served by the heroic Father Carl Pulvermacher, who at 75 years of ago still manages the kamikaze run across alligator alley to celebrate a late afternoon Mass in Fort Myers, the third of his churches, every Sunday.

Like all of our chapels, our faithful there are hopeful of one day having resident priests. However, in the meantime Father has certainly a more restful place to spend Sunday nights before his trek back to his home base in Davie, FL.



The new three-bedroom rectory, with the church and parish hall complex in the background.



Inside the church building, Father Carl is blessing some of the faithful with a relic of St. Mary Magdalene.



Father Carl Pulvermacher, with typical Franciscan charity, opens the door of the new rectory.



## INDIANA

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP in NAPPANEE, near South Bend, welcomed H.E. Bishop Tissier de Mallerai to confirm 34 candidates for Confirmation on Saturday June 16. The church was full with family and friends present for the occasion.



Bishop Tissier de Mallerai, Father Scott, altar boys and confirmands on the church steps after the ceremony of Confirmation.

The altar boys from ST. JOHN FISHER in FORT WAYNE made this year's field trip to Notre Dame University, for the annual Spring football scrimmage. They also visited the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, and the statue of Fr. Corby, chaplain of the Irish brigade during the Civil War.



Mr. Joe Kretschmer, chapel coordinator, together with 11 altar boys in front of the Library building at Notre Dame.



## CALIFORNIA

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CAMP & RETREAT CENTER in LOS GATOS, near San Jose, has been particularly busy through the summer, for as well as the usual retreats there

was a boys' camp, with 44 boys and 8 counselors present, during the first two weeks of July, followed in turn by the 30 days' exercises of St. Ignatius from July 15-August 15, attended by 15 seminarians from St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN and 2 priests.



Father Lawrence Novak and Father Brandler together with the 17 women who attended the June 11-16 retreat, in front of the grotto in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes.



Father Cooper and Father Novak together with the faculty and students of Mother of Perpetual Help Academy in Los Gatos at the end of school year bowling party last June.



Campers at the boys' camp in July all learnt to recite the office of Compline with the priests. Here they are bowing profoundly for the recitation of the *Confiteor*.



Father Brandler gives a catechism class to the older boys on the use of the ritual and the different blessings that a priest can give.



Boys paint gourds during the arts and crafts class.

Archery competitions on the retreat house grounds.



## 2002 PILGRIMAGES, to be Accompanied by Priests of the Society of Saint Pius X

Globus Travel is planning two pilgrimages for 2002:

1) **Tour of the *Shrines of Colonial Mexico*: April 13-20.**

8 day tour, visiting the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, and the most important shrines and Catholic monuments of central Mexico.

2) **Tour to Ireland *In the footsteps of St. Patrick*: May 30-June 11.**

12 day tour of Ireland, to visit the places sanctified by foundations made by St. Patrick, and other historical marks.

Call (800) 290 3876 or e-mail [info@globusvacations.com](mailto:info@globusvacations.com) for more information.

Saint Pius X Pilgrimage Co. is organizing the following pilgrimages for 2002:

1) **Holy Land: April 17-27**

2) **Italy: June 30-July 12.** The theme is "Eucharistic Miracles in Italy", and it will include Loretto, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo and Rome

3) **Mexico: October 14-19.** The theme is "Our Lady of Guadalupe", and it will include Mexico City.

If interested in more information, call (203) 261 1133 or e-mail [st-pius-x-pilgrimage@snet.net](mailto:st-pius-x-pilgrimage@snet.net).



Outwitting the prior, Father Daniel Cooper, in chess is no mean feat.



Event of the camp: —a totally unexpected ambush of the campers by the counselors from the castle, while the campers were sitting around like sitting ducks at the end of the camp.



The bishop, Father Melito, and one of the families outside the chapel after the ceremony of Confirmation.

## **RETREAT SCHEDULE**

**September-December 2001**

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

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

Men's 5 day Ignatian: Oct. 8-13 & Dec. 10-15  
Women's 5 day Ignatian: Sept. 10-15 & Nov. 12-17  
Women's 5 day Marian: Sept. 24-29  
Men's Seminar, Oct. 26 & 27, to be followed by the blessing of Christ the King Church by H.E. Bishop Alfonso De Galarreta.

### **OUR LADY OF SORROWS RETREAT CENTER**

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

Men's 5 day Ignatian: Oct. 8-13, Nov. 12-17 & Dec. 10-15  
Women's 5 day Ignatian: October 22-27 & Nov. 26-Dec. 1  
Men's & Women's 3 day Matrimony retreat: Nov. 8-11  
Men's & Women's 4 day Marian retreat: Dec. 29-Jan. 1

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

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

Men's 5 day Ignatian retreat: Sept. 24-29, Oct. 22-27 & Nov. 12-17  
Women's 5 day Ignatian retreat: Sept 10-15 & Oct 8-13  
Women's 5 day Advent Retreat: Dec 10-15

### **ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SEMINARY**

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

Men's 5 day Ignatian retreat: Dec 26 - 31

## **Sacred Heart Academy Choir**

The students of Sacred Heart Academy in Mancelona, MI have organized a fundraiser for their school, by practicing and carefully executing a selection of beautiful Latin chants and English hymns. The *Voces Animae* audio cassettes and CDs are now available for sale. You can order yours now, at \$16 for a CD and \$10 for a cassette. Add \$2 for shipping for 1-3 and \$3 for four or more. Checks should be made out to Sacred Heart Academy, and ordering is from the school itself at 2342 Valley Road, Mancelona, MI 49659 or by telephone at (231) 587 8515.

## **EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE**

**MONTHLY INTENTIONS:  
September-November 2001**

*September* For the ecclesiastical hierarchy, and especially for the bishops  
*October* The recitation of the Rosary in families  
*November* For the grace of a holy death and for the poor souls in Purgatory

### **U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE - JUNE 2001**

Treasure sheets returned	212
Morning offerings	5525
Masses	2017
Sacramental communions	1845
Spiritual communions	4303
Sacrifices	10,270
Decades of the Rosary	25,018
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	1502
15 minutes of silent meditation	2576
Good examples	7023

The 18 active chapters for June 2001 were, in order of the greatest number of treasure sheets returned, down to the least: St. Mary's Academy, St. Mary's, KS; Our Lady Immaculate, Oak Park, IL; Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID; St. Peregrine's, Cleveland, OH; St. Thomas Becket, Veneta, OR; Jesus and Mary, El Paso, TX; Our Lady of Fatima, Sanger, TX; St. Therese, Nicholville, NY; St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO; St. John Fisher, Fort Wayne, IN; Our Lady of Lourdes, Honolulu, HI; St. Joseph & Immaculate Heart of Mary, Colton, CA; St. Peter Chanel, Hilo, HI; St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH; Our Lady of Sorrows, Girard, OH; St. Michael's, Bakersfield, CA; Our Lady of the Rosary, Buffalo, NY; Our Lady of Sorrows, Phoenix, AZ.

## **South American Pilgrimage December 2001**

Globus Travel is organizing this tour on behalf of the Society of Saint Pius X. It will have as its high point the solemn ceremony of consecration of the Basilica church of the Seminary of Our Lady Coredemptrix in La Reja, Argentina on December 8 and the priestly ordinations on December 10. The pilgrimage will depart on November 30, and will pass by Santiago, Vina del Mar, Puerto Montt, Puerto Varas, Chili and Bariloche, Argentina, followed by Buenos Aires and La Reja. Flyers available from the District Office describe the whole tour. Cost is \$3,390. Further information can be obtained by calling (800) 290 3876 or by e-mail at [info@globusvacations.com](mailto:info@globusvacations.com). If interested, contact Globus Travel soon.