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REPORT

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TRI-PARISH CAMP



OREGON

Members of the three Society chapels in Oregon were invited to a family campout weekend at Camp Wilani just outside Veneta, OR from October 4-6 for weekend Masses, catechism instructions and other activities. Fr. Lawrence Novak has continued what Fr. Eugene Heidt had started of organizing opportunities for parishioners of the three chapels to socialize among fellow traditional Catholics.

The weekend was a great success in strengthening the unity between the three sister chapels in Veneta, Portland and Silverton. In fact, many of the Portland Chapel campers remained in Veneta for Sunday High Mass and joined in the Rosary procession immediately following the Mass in honor of the Feast of the Holy Rosary the next day.



Fr. Novak offers Mass in one of the buildings at Camp Wilani.



One of the great benefits of the camp was the opportunity for catechism instructions and talks given by Fr. Novak. Here, Father can be seen giving one of his instructions to the interested campers.



Oregon campers pose for a group shot during the "Tri-Chapel Campout".



Fr. Novak leads the Rosary procession on Sunday from St. Thomas Becket Church in Veneta, OR. The faithful follow carrying the statue of Our Lady of Fatima.



Camp Wilani, just outside Veneta, provided a beautiful and peaceful setting for the Oregon campout weekend.



REGIONAL REPORT



The priests and brothers of Our Lady of Sorrows were joined by some important guests for the jubilee celebration. Here they pose in front of the banner commemorating the event: (l to r) Br. Alphonus, the prior Fr. Joseph Pfeiffer, District Superior Fr. John Fullerton, Fr. Christopher Leith and Carmelite Br. Seraphim-Joseph.



ARIZONA

September 15 marked the beginning of the 25th Jubilee Year of Our Lady of Sorrows in PHOENIX, AZ. The occasion was celebrated with a full day of activities beginning with a Solemn High Mass followed by a catered banquet in the Parish Hall. The afternoon's activities included a fundraising auction for the school which is proposed to open in the fall of 2003. Over 300 people were in attendance.

Our Lady of Sorrows was established in 1978. The Retreat House and Chapel was started in the summer of 1990 and completed in 1995. The first Ignatian Retreat was in November of 1995 and since that time Our Lady of Sorrows has had 83 retreats with 1395 retreatants. Annual Priests' retreats and Teachers' retreats are also held at Our Lady of Sorrows.

"PARISH HOUSE" FOR RENT

20 minutes NW of Charlotte, NC. 2255 sq. ft. brick ranch on 3.5-acre site with Society church. Two Masses per week (Sunday/Monday). Walk to Catawba River; boat launch. Three bedrooms (14' x 14'); 1.5 baths; all hardwood floors. Young parish; big families; friendly people. Available December 1. Rent negotiable depending on volunteerism to parish. "Green thumb" preferred. More information in the October 2000, January 2001 and August 2001 *Regina Coeli Reports*. Contact Fr. Kenneth Novak at (816) 753-0073.

"Parish house" (right) with Society's St. Anthony of Padua Church (left) in background



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

As we begin the new ecclesiastical year let us take to heart the words of St. Paul to the Romans "It is now the hour to rise from sleep." Indeed in order to prepare for our Lord's coming at Christmas with the four weeks of Advent, just as God took some 4,000 years to prepare men for the Messiah, we need first of all to wake up. Many souls have fallen asleep because they neglect the things of God. They have fallen from their first fervor and need to be aroused to redoubled piety.

Nor is it enough only to "rise from sleep" but we must also prepare ourselves, taking our Lord's warning to heart: "Let your loins be girt, and lamps burning in your hands, and ye yourselves be like unto men who wait for their Lord!"

How then do we prepare ourselves during Advent for His coming? Firstly we can go back in thought to those four thousand years and reflect on the darkness and crime that filled the world before Christ's first coming. This should not be too difficult for us to picture, given the present darkness and crime in today's world. In the midst of this darkness the Light came from heaven and took to Himself human nature, experiencing all our miseries, excepting sin, to save us from death. From our misery we should cry to Him with confidence, with the same sentiments as the saints of the old Law did, for He still wishes us to beseech Him to save us.

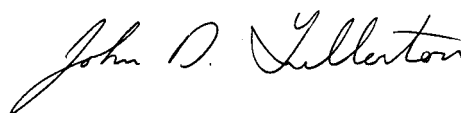
Having done this we can then consider His coming into our own hearts. This coming is both sweet and mysterious. The Good Shepherd extends His solicitude to each one of His sheep, even to the hundredth that is lost. He knocks at the door of our hearts, at times loudly, at others very softly. He wishes to enter in and make us pleasing to our heavenly Father, which is only possible inasmuch as the Father sees Him within us. Our Lord deigns to enter and transform us into Himself, if we will but consent. This, in fact, is the aim and task God has given to His Church; to make man divine through Jesus Christ, as we see in St. Paul's words to the Galatians: "My little children, of whom I am in labor again, until Christ be formed within you!"

This coming is similar to His first, where He came as a weak infant before attaining to the fullness of the age of manhood. He is born into our souls and His growth progresses in us as long as we are faithful. A small number do live the life of Christ in all its plenitude, seeking always to increase His life within. Others, more numerous, have the life of Christ within but they do not care to grow in the divine life; their charity has grown cold. The rest have no part of this life in them, and are dead; for Christ has told us: "I am the Life."

Especially during this Advent season, let us prepare the way of the Lord. We must make straight the pathway by which Our Lord Jesus Christ may enter into our souls. We must purge out the old leaven by rooting out bad habits of thought, word or deed. We should examine whether we have been slothful or indifferent in our spiritual duties and duties of state. Are we, in fact, allowing Him to transform us into Himself?

With the beginning of a new Church year we have the opportunity to renew this life despite our past failings. God Himself desires it as we read in the book of Ezechiel "He desireth not the death of the sinner, but rather that he be converted." We ourselves are all that stand in our way.

Sincerely yours in the Divine Infant and His Holy Mother,



Fr. John D. Fullerton



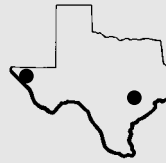
The brothers of the Society meet for a group shot after their retreat with their Retreat Master Fr. Kenneth Dean.



First Vespers of Saint Michael in the newly refurbished Sanctuary in El Paso.



The three new Postulants while making their Oblations as Novices in El Paso on September 28.



TEXAS

At the Jesus & Mary Brothers' Novitiate in EL PASO, TX, the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel is a day of rejoicing for the

Brothers of the Society of Saint Pius X as they make their vows of religion (*i.e.*, chastity, poverty and obedience), and their adherence to the Society. However, before this occurs, all of the brothers scattered throughout the American District congregate at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center in Phoenix, AZ to make their customary 5-day Retreat. Afterwards they all make the long desert drive back to El Paso in time for September 28, when

the Postulants, who have spent an entire year at the Novitiate, make their official act of Oblation as a Novice, and thereby receive the habit of the cassock and their name in religion (chosen by the Novice Master).

This year saw Postulants Michael Le Ray (Baton Rouge, LA) take the habit as Brother Louis (de Montfort), Douglas Matulka (Oregon, WI) as Brother Rene, and a former Augustinian Brother (Nova Scotia, Canada) as Brother Matthew. Two

other young men, Stephen Martinez (Lakewood, CA) and David Petersen (Rockford, IL) were aggregated to the Novitiate as Postulants, and will during the next year be initiated into Religious discipline, learning Doctrine, Spirituality and Latin, while devoting themselves to



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FLORIDA



On the Feast of Christ the King, Saint Thomas More Chapel in FLAGLER BEACH (ORLAND), FL saw the departure of their pastor of seven years, Fr. Gregory Post, who

was the first American priest ordained by Archbishop Lefebvre and for the American District. When Fr. Post began servicing the chapel there were only about 40 souls regularly attending, since then it has peaked to almost 90. During his time as pastor in Orlando, Father labored hard to increase the knowledge of the Catholic Faith amongst his small flock, and to this end he established a monthly catechism and apologetics class, a bookstore, and a parish library. Indeed, his apostolic efforts on the behalf of Catholic Tradition in the Orlando region will be greatly missed by his parishioners.



Fr. Post carrying Our Eucharistic Lord in solemn procession on the Feast of Christ the King

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A group shot of some of the brothers in front of the chapel with their Novice Master, Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer.

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 ...for brothers to dwell together".

The grand state of Texas also saw another celebration on the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, but this time in a chapel dedicated in his honor. The chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel in **SPRING, TX** made sure to honor its patron saint in a "big Texan way", and their pastor, Father Jason Huvar, had quite a busy day! Not only did he celebrate a High Mass, during which several new Altar servers were enrolled into the Archconfraternity of Saint Stephen, but he also blessed several new additions to the building complex (which allows for the expansion of classrooms and rooms for visiting priests) and the Saint Benedict medals that hang over every exterior doorway in the complex. These ceremonies were in turn followed by a catered Bar-B-Que dinner, which we are told was excellent (of course, it's Texas, not New York City!).



The interior of the beautiful chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel in Spring, TX



A group shot of the members of the Archconfraternity of Saint Stephen after Mass



Father Huvar taking a worthwhile share of catered Texan BBQ!



A picture of the procession in honor of Christ the King



Fr. Post elevates and offers the chalice of the Precious Blood to Almighty God during his last Mass at Saint Thomas More.



OHIO

Students of St. Pius X Academy and Parish homeschoolers in CINCINNATI recently made a fieldtrip to Sunrock Farm in Kentucky in order to “experience reality” as their pastor, Fr. Trevor Burfitt put it. The children had a chance to see the source of many of the food products that they see in the grocery stores.

The children dug in gardens, fed sheep and goats and overcame squeamish feelings by milking a goat and holding baby chicks. They also visited an Indian teepee where they beat on drums and made unique crafts from clay taken from the nearby creek. All the children took home happy memories from their day on the farm and more of an appreciation of God’s world around them.

The children and teachers take turns holding baby chicks under the watchful eye of Fr. Trevor Burfitt.



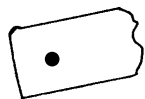
The students of St. Pius X Academy meet a new “friend” at Sunrock Farm in Kentucky.



Fr. Burfitt, teachers and students gather for a picture with the workers of Sunrock Farm.



The students play around an Indian teepee as Fr. Burfitt enjoys the action.



PENNSYLVANIA

The East Coast girls’ camps took place at the beginning of August at Raccoon Creek State Park near Pittsburgh, PA. Fr. J. Timothy Pfeiffer was back to supervise and be the chaplain for the camps. Thirty-seven girls attended the teenage girls’ camp, and then 31 little girls (ages 7-12) attended camp the week after. The girls of the St. Joan of Arc Society organized and ran the camp.

Fr. Pfeiffer taught the girls apologetics for catechism each morning (including debates!), and followed it up by a study sheet on the acquired knowledge later each day. Each of his evening conferences were on practical topics each girl could

relate to, such as one’s vocation in life, duty of state, *etc.* Little girls’ catechism classes focused on the sacraments, and Old Testament stories. The afternoon conferences given by counselors were on great Catholic women of history.

Events of the camp included music, crafts, a hike, campfires, skits, a talent show, catechism competitions, photo-scavenger hunt, treasure hunt, night games and even a great thunderstorm! Everyone enjoyed the many activities and look forward to next year’s camp.



Fr. Pfeiffer, the staff and 31 young girls at Raccoon Creek State Park



Fr. Pfeiffer offers Mass in the make-shift camp chapel during the teenage girls’ camp.



The girls enjoy some marshmallow cooking over the remains of a campfire.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

During the month of October, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Di Cecco of the Saint Pius X Pilgrimage Co. sponsored a pilgrimage with Father Gerardo Zendejas to Mexico. Amongst the various shrines that the 57 pilgrims visited were Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Ocatlan, Our Lady of the Angel, Our Lady of Compassion, and Blessed Father Miguel Pro (who was martyred in 1927 by the Freemasons during the Catholic persecution that extended from the 1920's until the 1930's). Much was learned of Mexico's great Catholic heritage and many graces were gained during the pilgrimage.



A group shot of the pilgrims in front of the shrine *par excellence* of Mexico: The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The middle building is the grand Spanish Colonial style basilica that had been closed for some years as the building was actually leaning (as it is built on the ruins of the former main Aztec temple, which in turn was built in the midst of several lakes). It has recently been stabilized and reopened. To the left can be seen the modern architectural atrocity that consists of the new basilica and which symbolically (*i.e.*, via its architecture) denies the debt of heritage owed to Spain for gift of the Catholic Faith.



The shrine of Blessed Father Miguel Pro in Mexico City. It is here that his remains reside. Father Pro was executed by the Freemasons in a firing squad, having been falsely accused with his brother (also a priest) of an assassination attempt against the Masonic president of Mexico. The Catholic persecution in Mexico was so severe that Father Pro had to be ordained in Belgium in 1925.

The famous photograph that was circulated by the Masons in the Mexican press of Father Pro's execution. The Mason later regretted releasing the picture, as it generated great international sympathy for the Mexican Catholics.



2002 PILGRIMAGES, to be accompanied by priests of the Society of Saint Pius X

Globus Travel is organizing the following two Heritage Tours for the upcoming year 2003:

1) "Catholic Treasures of Central Europe", ending with the priestly ordinations in Ecône in June 2003. 17 days will be spent visiting Austria, Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic, Germany and Switzerland.

2) "Majestic Italy", including the priestly ordinations in Ecône in June 2003. 15 days will be spent visiting Ecône, the Italian Lake District, Verona, Padua, Venice, Bologna, Florence, Sienna, Assisi and Rome. For information please call Globus Travel at 1-800-290-3876 or e-mail at globus@oct.net.

THE TREASURES OF FAITH IN HOLLAND, BELGIUM AND FRANCE PILGRIMAGE

(April 28 – May 8, 2003)

Some of the sites we will visit: Amsterdam with the Eucharistic Miracle; pray at the shrine of St. Lydwine of Scheidam; venerate the relic of the Precious Blood in Brugges; see the field of the Battle of Waterloo; venerate the Eucharistic

Miracle of Bois le Seigneur; see the Miraculous painting of the Blessed Virgin in Cambrai; Paris and more. Daily Mass, Rosary, Spiritual talks.

All is included in the price (airfare from NY, other gateways available for a supplement, 3 meals a day, double occupancy, transportation, admissions) for \$2,345.00. Just bring your souvenir money.

THE ROOTS OF OUR TRADITION PILGRIMAGE (June 26 to July 9, 2003)

Ordinations at Ecône with a visit to the Seminary to pray at the tomb of Archbishop Lefebvre – Our Lady of Oropa – Milan – St. Catherine of Genoa – Florence – The House of Loretto – St. Padre Pio – the ruins of Pompeii and Our Lady of Pompeii – St. Benedict Monastery – St. Catherine of Sienna – Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto – visit of the Seven Basilicas in Rome and more.

For itinerary brochure, reservations contact: Saint Pius X Pilgrimage Co., Robert & Christine de Cecco, 38 Ten Coat Lane, Shelton, CT 06484; telephone (203) 944-9955; fax (203) 922-0096; or e-mail: st-pius-x-pilgrimage@snet.net (*Please note the change of address and new phone numbers*)

EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: December-February

- December* For the restoration of Christian society
January For social justice, the Christian view on the distribution of riches in the world
February For the religious life, the life of the counsels

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE - September 2002

Treasure sheets returned	473
Morning offerings	12,521
Masses	6214
Sacramental communions	5522
Spiritual communions	9248
Sacrifices	22,108
Decades of the Rosary	53,612
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	5031
15 minutes of silent meditation	4812
Good examples	13,342

The 28 active chapters for August were, in order of the greatest number of treasure sheets returned, down to the least:

St. Mary's Academy, St. Mary's, KS (130)
Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID (55)
St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO (27)
Our Lady Immaculate, Oak Park, IL (23)
Our Lady of Fatima, Sanger, TX (22)
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Syracuse, NY (19)
St. Joseph's, Armada, MI (14)
Our Lady of Sorrows, Girard, OH (13)
St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH (13)
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Ft. Worth, TX (13)
St. Joseph's and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Colton, CA (12)
St. Therese, Nicholville, NY (10)
Jesus and Mary, El Paso, TX (10)
St. John Fisher, Fort Wayne, IN (10)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Nappanee, IN (8)
Our Lady of the Rosary, Buffalo, NY (7)
Our Lady of Lourdes, Honolulu, HI (7)
St. Peter Chanel, Hilo, HI (7)
St. Thomas, Carson City, NV (6)
St. Jude's, Philadelphia, PA (6)
St. Ignatius, Ridgefield, CT (5)
St. Lawrence, Hartford, CT (5)
Our Lady of Fatima, Salt Lake City, UT (4)
St. Michael's, Mandan, ND (4)
Our Lady of Sorrows, Baton Rouge, LA (4)
Our Lady of the Snows, Sioux Falls, SD (3)
St. Michael's, Bakersfield, CA (2)
St. Mary's Assumption, Saint Louis, MO (2)

RETREAT SCHEDULE

December 2002-February 2003

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

Women's 5 day Ignatian: December 9 - 14
Men's 3 day Seminar: December 26 - 28

**ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA
CAMP & RETREAT CENTER**
19101 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos, CA 95033
(408) 354 7703

Men's 5 day Ignatian: February 24 - March 1

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS
RETREAT CENTER**
750 E. Baseline Road, Phoenix, AZ 85042
(602) 268 7673

Men's 5 day Ignatian: January 13 - 18
Men's 5 day Virtue retreat: December 9 - 14
Women's 5 day Ignatian: February 10 - 15
Men's & Women's 4 day Matrimony retreat: Feb. 26 - March 1
Men's & Women's 4 day Marian retreat: Dec. 28 - January 1;
January 23 - 25

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

ST. ISIDORE'S COOK BOOK FUNDRAISER

The faithful of St. Isidore's in Watkins, CO, have published a cook book entitled *Traditional Tastes*. The book features 150 favorite recipes, and can be yours now for \$10 per book. Add \$2 for shipping. Proceeds are to be used to help finish the new church. The cook books can be ordered by calling (303) 485 7955, and checks made out to Stephen Hensley can be mailed to him at 2449 Jewel Street, Longmont, CO 80501.

TEACHER WANTED

A teacher is needed for children ages 5-7 (class size is about 6 students). Qualification is not absolutely necessary, but teaching experience with young children is an advantage. To start on September 16, 2002 or February 2003. Please contact: Fr. Michael Delsorte, P.O. Box 7123, Wanganui, New Zealand, e-mail: sspx@paradise.net.nz, fax: 64 6 344 20 87.