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REPORT

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NEW YEAR AT RIDGEFIELD

ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT HOUSE in RIDGEFIELD, CT celebrated the beginning of the year 2002 with two special activities. The first was a play, prepared, written, produced and performed by the girls of the JAS, short for Joan of Arc Society. The two hour play was the story of the life of their patron saint, Saint Joan of Arc. It was performed on Saturday January 5, in the presence of 150 spectators, in a rented hall. Father Zendejas had conceived the idea the preceding August, when preparations began. All the girls who are members of the JAS in the northeast, from as far away as Virginia to the south and Buffalo to the northwest, took part, giving a cast of 32. They had gathered together for two days beforehand to prepare for the play. All who assisted were astonished at their dramatic skills.

The JAS is an organization for traditional single girls aged 13-25, encouraging them to form good friendships with other girls of like mind, in order to encourage one another in the practice of the Faith, and the fulfillment of their regular spiritual duties, including daily Rosary, spiritual reading and meditation.



In this scene St. Joan of Arc kneels before the Dauphin, whom she had recognized miraculously, to receive the Archbishop's blessing.



The entire cast at the end of the play.



The Dauphin, having become King Charles VII, hears from his advisers to have nothing to do with the peasant girl from Domrémy and her voices.

The following weekend, on Sunday January 13, feast of the Holy Family, Father Zendejas enrolled 24 men into the Holy Name Society, pledging themselves against perjury, blasphemy, profanity and obscene speech, and promising to do all in their power to lead their families and the parish in the observance of the laws of God and the Church, especially the sanctification of Sundays and Holy Days.



Father Zendejas presents the Holy Name men with their blessed badges, praying that they may be a pledge of eternal salvation, as they kneel at the Communion Rail of the new church.



A view of the ceremony looking towards the altar.

Father Zendejas, together with the new Holy Name members and the altar boys on the main church steps of Christ the King church.



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

Exactly 50 years ago Archbishop sent a Lenten instruction to his faithful in Dakar on the urgency of prayer, provoked by the explosive situation in the world which, as he quoted Pope Pius XII saying, "has been caused by the religious tepidity of so many, by the lowering of the moral standards both in private and in public life, by the deliberate and systematic poisoning of simple souls" (*Pastoral Letters*, p. 31). The politics have changed, as the freemasonic one world order, the *Novus Ordo Seclorum*, continually advances. But the root problem has not changed. If society today is in a much worse crisis than 50 years ago it is because the secularism that followed the first and second world wars has grown exponentially due to the third world war of Vatican II.

Secularism is to most people a nebulous and vague term without precise meaning. It is certainly true that secularism is a complex state of mind with many different manifestations, and that it frequently resorts to hazy ideas and equivocations to promote its agenda. However, it does have an agenda, and it was clearly defined by the bishops of Italy in a pastoral letter issued on the eve of Vatican II (March 25, 1960). They defined it as "a purely naturalistic conception of life which either formally rejects religious values or at least relegates them to consciences and the mystic dimness of churches, refusing them entrance to man's public life (his philosophical, juridical, scientific, economic, social, political activity and so on) and denying their right to exercise an influence in these fields" (Ib. p. 130). Furthermore, they pointed out that the most widespread, and hence the most dangerous, form is not atheism but the less radical form that admits God and religion "but refuses to see in the supernatural order a living reality, active in human history" and according to which "religious beliefs are an exclusively private affair".

Secularism is the apostasy of society from God which prompted St. Pius X in his first encyclical to call for the restoration of all things in Christ. "For who can fail to see that society is at the

present time, more than in any past age, suffering from a terrible and deep-rooted malady which, developing every day and eating into its inmost being, is dragging it to destruction?" (*Esupremi apostolatus*, §3) This secularism was also condemned by Pope Pius XI in his first encyclical *Ubi Arcano*, where he defined it as "a kind of moral, juridical and social modernism" and condemned it just as formally as dogmatic modernism. It was likewise because he saw so clearly that the manifold evils of the modern world came from the rejection of Christ and his holy law from daily life, that he instituted the feast of Christ the King and promulgated the encyclical *Quas Primas*, "for as long as individuals and States refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations".

Great is the tragedy to now witness such progress of this secular humanism as to see it daily promoted by the successor of these great Popes. This is how John Paul II began his January 24 discourse to 200 leaders of the world's religions: "We have come to Assisi on a pilgrimage of peace. We are here as representatives of different religions to examine ourselves before God concerning our commitment to peace, to ask him for this gift, to bear witness to our shared longing for a world of greater justice and solidarity." This peace is not the supernatural peace of submission to the reign of Christ the King, but the humanistic peace of "solidarity", getting on together. Forgetting that if St. Francis was an instrument of peace, it was only because he was such a lover of Christ crucified as to bear his stigmata, he dared suggest that St. Francis shared the same humanist ideals as the representatives of these pagan religions: "We are meeting in Assisi, where everything speaks of a singular prophet of peace known as Francis. He is loved not only by Christians, but by many other believers and by people who, though far removed from religion, identify with his ideals of justice, reconciliation and peace" (Ib. §2). What a shameful misrepresentation! The following day, at a luncheon cele-

bration at the Vatican for all these infidels, he proclaimed that this desire for humanistic peace is what God expects of them: *“With all our differences, we sit at this table, united in our commitment to the cause of peace. That commitment, born of sincere religious sentiment, is surely what God expects of us. It is what the world seeks of religious men and women”*. It is indeed what the world seeks, but it is utter nonsense to say that it is what God expects of these unbelievers in the divinity of Christ, let alone of the Vicar of Christ.

My message for Lent is that we must all fight against this secularism. If other generations of Catholics have fought and lost, despite the stern warnings of the pre-Vatican II Popes, we also can lose. We can also slide down the slippery slope of underestimating the supernatural value of the Church’s teaching, rules and sacraments; we also can give priority to earthly means to solve the enormous social and human problems that we see all around us; we also can get so caught up with the material details of work, with family conflicts and problems, with fun and friends, as to put the practice of our Faith on a back burner. We also can, and often do, back down from the audacity of the Cross, stumbling-block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles.

If your Faith is to go beyond the “commitment” of “sincere religious sentiment”, if you are not to be *“conformed to this world; but (to) be reformed in the newness of your mind, that you may prove what is the good, and the acceptable, and the perfect will of God”* (Rm 12:2), your prayers to Christ Crucified must penetrate your daily life. It is not enough to pray on Sunday, or occasionally, or alone. We must pray many times during the day, we must pray with our friends and acquaintances and especially our families, and we must pray with the recollection and devotion that enables our prayers to have a virtual influence on everything that we say and do. Our continual prayers through and with Christ crucified alone can give us the supernatural perspective to fight against secularism, that every breath of ours might echo the words of the great St. Paul: *“With Christ I am nailed to the cross. And I live, now not I, but Christ liveth in me.”* (Gal 2:19,20).

This is what Archbishop Lefebvre had to say 50 years ago: *“In this age of mental blindness and hardness of heart, my dear brethren, we have a duty, a most solemn duty, and that is to pray, to put our hands together and beg Almighty God to save the world. More than ever the situation demands that we raise our hearts and*

minds to God, that we reawaken in ourselves the virtues of piety and devotion which were infused into us by the Blood of Christ at our Baptism.” (Ib. p. 32) He continues to explain in the same letter how it is possible to pray always, in fulfillment of Our Lord’s command, in virtue of the constant influence that our prayers can have on our daily life: *“Let us not forget that our prayer must be the expression of the interior disposition of our soul, of an attitude of devotion and adoration which will render the obligation to pray easy and pleasant and enjoyable. That is why Our Lord tells us to pray at all times”* (Ib. p. 33).

I throw the same gauntlet out to you. Are you regular in the recitation of your morning, night and before and after meal prayers? Do you pray the Holy Ghost for inspiration in your family and work difficulties? Do you renew your consecration to the Holy Mother of God every day? Do you stop to visit the Blessed Sacrament, or make a spiritual Communion, or assist at a weekday Mass when you can? Do you recite the Holy Rosary in family every day? Do you pray the *Angelus* three times a day? Have you kept up with your daily meditations, or have you given up because it is too difficult, which means that you do not love Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother enough? Have you consecrated your family to the Sacred Heart, and if not why not; and if you have, have you done your holy hour as a family on First Fridays and renewed your consecration? Have you removed from your family life the grave obstacles that will prevent recollection and stop you from praying always, such as worldly friends, television, internet, rock music, immodesty, indecent magazines? If our answer is negative on any of these counts, we will be no match for the endemic secularism that surrounds us. We will walk the path of least resistance, and fall into the trap of lukewarm indifference, as so many good Catholics have done before us.

May God grant us the grace to take up this challenge courageously, and to live a life of reparation, that is of true love, and may the Mother of Sorrows help us to understand the blessedness of those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Yours faithfully in the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,

Peter R. Scott

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REGIONAL REPORT



MINNESOTA

ST. JOHN VIANNEY chapel in LONG PRAIRIE celebrated its 10th anniversary on December 8, 2001. It was Father Thomas Scott who celebrated the first Mass on the location, on December 8, 1991. Father Kurtz, the present pastor, celebrated the occasion with a High Mass, followed by a dinner in the parish hall. St. Nicholas visited on the occasion, with treats for the children.

Father Kurtz in front of the Marian shrine especially erected in the parish hall in honor of the occasion. St. Nicholas is seated in the background.





MISSOURI

The month of February saw frantic activity at ANGELUS PRESS in KANSAS CITY. It was the time for the big move, with com-

puters, furnishings, office equipment and files all being moved out of the District Headquarters into the new building. The moving of the stock and shipping and handling department is still to come.



Off loading boxes and equipment at the entrance to the new building.



The main reception area, before order was placed to all the files moved in to the new building.



Mr. Simon Townshend, graphic designer, helps move supplies into the new office of Miss Ann Stinnett, who is responsible for translations and text preparation.



Fallen limbs and trees in the front yard of the Regina Coeli House, after the massive ice storm of the last days of January, which left the Angelus and the District Headquarters paralyzed without electricity for six days.

2002 CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

H.E. BISHOP RICHARD N. WILLIAMSON

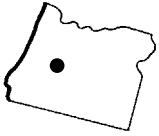
St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary, Winona, MN	Sunday March 10
St. Michael's, Atlanta, GA	Sunday April 21
St. John Vianney, Long Prairie, MN	Saturday May 4 (a.m.)
St. Michael's, Mandan, ND	Sunday May 5
St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH	Sunday May 12
Assumption chapel, St. Mary's, KS	Friday May 24
St. Pius V, Mukwonago, WI	Sunday May 26
Our Lady, Queen of Angels, Ft. Myers, FL	Saturday June 1 (a.m.)
St. Mary's Assumption, St. Louis, MO	Sunday June 2
St. Botolph's, Norwood, MA	Sunday June 9
Immaculate Conception, Kalispell, MT	Sunday June 16

H.E. BISHOP ALFONSO DE GALARRETA

Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID	Date to be determined
Jesus and Mary, El Paso, TX	Date to be determined

H.E. BISHOP BERNARD TISSIER DE MALLERAI

St. Anne's, Redford, MI	Friday June 14 (p.m.)
St. Joseph's, Armada, MI	Saturday June 15 (a.m.)
St. Jude's, Eddystone, PA	Sunday June 16 (a.m.)
Our Lady of the Rosary, Albuquerque, NM	Tuesday June 18 (p.m.)
Our Lady of Fatima, Portland, OR	Wednesday June 19 (p.m.)
St. Aloysius Gonzaga Retreat Center, Los Gatos, CA	Thursday June 20 (p.m.)
I.H.M. and St. Joseph, Colton, CA	Saturday June 22 (a.m.)
Our Lady of the Angels, Arcadia, CA	Sunday June 23 (a.m.)



OREGON

The opening of the Priory in Veneta, last August, has permitted the Society to respond to a long standing request for priests to come to the area of **KLAMMATH FALLS** in south-

ern Oregon. Father Hunter makes the drive on the first Sunday of the month to celebrate Mass for the 40 parishioners, in a chapel in a community building owned by one of the faithful in the town of Kino. The chapel has taken the name of St. Theresa, after the great Carmelite reformer.



The interior of the chapel with the coordinator, Frank Cornelius, accompanied by the dynamic duo, twin sisters Diane and Diana, who make it all happen.



Father Lawrence Novak celebrates the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.



Pot luck after Mass in the hall for those who have the joy of attending Mass once a month.



An outdoor view of the community center placed at the disposition of St. Theresa's chapel.



Faithful from the chapels in Veneta, Portland and Silverton gather together on the steps of the state capitol in Salem in protest abortion in the state, on Sunday January 20.

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

CATALDO pilgrimage in the steps of Father De Smedt. The Fathers of Immaculate Conception Priory in Post Falls, Idaho are organizing this three pilgrimage, starting from Immaculate Conception church on Friday July 26 and walking on foot the 60 miles to the Cataldo mission, where Mass will be celebrated on Sunday July 28.

Globus Travel is planning a pilgrimage to Ireland *In the footsteps of St. Patrick*: **May 30-June 11**. It is a 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 for more information.

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

1) **Italy: June 30-July 12**. The theme is "Eucharistic Miracles in Italy", and it will include Loretto, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo and Rome. \$2,495 all included.

2) **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.



TEXAS

The great event in the year for **ST. JOSEPH'S** in **SAN ANTONIO** is the feast of Christ the King. Father Timothy Pfeiffer, the pastor, uses this feast to make a public proclamation of Christ as King. Last year he reserved Mission County Park for the occasion. After an outdoor Mass in the park, he led a procession with the Blessed

Sacrament to a neighboring park for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and the consecration of the human race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All returned to the main park for good and other activities, including a catechism contest. The children presented a short pantomime of their saint, and the audience had to guess which saint it was. The day ended with a procession to San Jose mission, and with volleyball and basketball games.



Father Pfeiffer together with the First Communicants at St. Joseph's in June 2001, in front of the church.



H.E. Bishop Tissier de Mallerai together with Father Pfeiffer and the Confirmands in front of the school building, also in June 2001.



Father Pfeiffer celebrates Mass on the feast of Christ the King on the altar splendidly erected in the park for the occasion.



The children who presented their saints on the feast of Christ the King.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

FRANCE

Former District Secretary, Guido Stumpel, now Brother Marcel, sends the following news from the monastery of **OUR LADY OF BELLAIGUE**. It was founded just two years ago by monks from the monastery of the Holy Cross in Brazil, together with Father Matthew from the U.S. The monks were able to purchase a 12th century monastery, thanks to generous donations from benefactors world wide, including the U.S. Abandoned after the French revolution, it had become a barn. The structure and roofs were nevertheless in good condition, although a great deal of interior work remains to be done.



The main entrance to the monastery church in 1912, when it was still functioning as a barn.



An aerial view of the buildings in the French countryside, with the church left-center, and the monastery building to the right.



As it looks now, with 15 monks from 11 different nationalities in the rapidly growing community. The only common language being Latin, it is the language of conversation at recreation time.

The picturesque rear end of the monastery, by which a creek flows.



The "station" or prayer before the Divine Office, in the cloister.



The first Mass in the church after the driving out of the cattle.

The refectory set up for the noon meal.



Sunday morning High Mass. A few faithful from the surrounding areas have started to come to assist at the true Mass.



Planting 100 apple trees, to become a Golden Delicious orchard.

TEACHERS NEEDED

The following schools of the Society of Saint Pius X are looking for generous traditional Catholics to fill teaching positions. Any persons interested can contact the school principal concerned, or the District Superior.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Academy,
Syracuse, NY
St. Therese's Academy, Nicholville, NY
Our Lady Immaculate, Oak Park, IL
St. Joseph's Academy, Saint Maries, ID

SOCIETY SISTERS GIRLS' CAMP

The Sisters of Sacred Heart Novitiate in Browerville, MN, will be holding a Girls' camp for girls aged 7-17 years from July 5-13 at Whitewater State Park, near St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona. The cost is \$90 for one girl in a family and \$60 each for several girls in family.

To register, please write to Sacred Heart Novitiate, 540 W. 8th Street, Browerville, MN 56438-9802, enclosing a deposit of \$15 per girl. The Sisters will then send out all the necessary papers to be filled in.

CANADA

Father Todd Angele, pastor of IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY in CALGARY, ALBERTA, completed an ambitious altar restoration project for the church for Christmas midnight Mass. The altar was obtained from a church closed last June, St. Anthony's in Mendham, Saskatchewan. Brother Marcel came up from St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona for three weeks to teach several of the parishioners the arts involved in such a restoration project, including rebuilding many pieces, applying gold and silver leaf and marbleizing. Brother Marcel also carved a monogram of the Blessed Mother for the center of the altar.



The altar in the shop, ready for a base coat of paint.



There is a job for everybody. Seven year old Matthew Whyburd sands the supports that surround the tabernacle.

Father Todd Angele learning how to do gold leafing from Brother Marcel.



Father Francis Ockerse applies silver leading to the monogram of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Some of the ladies from the parish also learned how to do gold leafing.

RETREAT SCHEDULE

March-July

ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT HOUSE
209 Tackora Trail, Ridgefield, CT 06877
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Men's 5 day Ignatian: March 11-16, May 20-25 & July 22-27
Women's 5 day Ignatian: April 22-27 & June 24-29
Women's 5 day Third Order retreat: July 8-13
Auriesville pilgrimage of Tradition: Saturday June 8

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS
RETREAT HOUSE**

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

Men's 5 day Ignatian: May 13-18
Men's Vocations' retreat: June 10-20
Women's 5 day Ignatian: March 4- 9, April 22-27 & May 20-25
Men's & Women's Marian Retreat: March 14-17
Men's & Women's Society teacher's retreat: April 3-7
Men's & Women's Matrimony retreat: May 1-5

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

19101 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos, CA 95033
(408) 354 7703

Men's 5 day Ignatian: April 22-27, May 27-June 1, June 17-22
Men's 5 day Lenten retreat: March 4-9
Women's 5 day Ignatian: June 10-15 & July 22-27
Women's 5 day Lenten retreat: March 18-23
Women's 5 day Marian retreat: May 13-18

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SEMINARY

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

Men's 5 day Ignatian retreats: July 1- 6 & 8-13
Literature Session for men: July 15-26
Doctrinal Session for me: July 30- August 3



The end result. The altar finished with typically Brother Marcelian spectacular colors, installed in the sanctuary for midnight Mass.