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REPORT

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GOLDEN JUBILEE

On Saturday, August 31, Father Carl Pulvermacher, OFMcap celebrated a Solemn High Mass of thanksgiving for his 50 years as a priest of the Roman Catholic Church in the presence of His Excellency, Bishop Williamson, several priests and brothers of the Society of Saint Pius X. Indeed, it was perhaps *the Society* that needed to give thanks to Father Carl (his name in religion) for all of his incredible efforts on the behalf of Catholic Tradition.

Father Carl entered the Capuchin (*i.e.*, Franciscans of strict observance) seminary in 1944 and was received into the Order as a Novice. He attended Saint Anthony's Seminary of the Capuchin Province of Saint Joseph (which the Venerable Father Solanus Casey also belonged to and whom Father Carl had the opportunity to meet once during the 1940's) in Marathon, WI, and was ordained to the priesthood on September 3, 1952 in Saint Mary's Church in Marathon, WI (because the seminary's chapel was too small for such a ceremony).



A portrait of Father Carl as a young priest serving the Indians in Montana from 1953 until 1970.

In 1965, Father Carl was assigned to the mission at the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana (a mission that was started by the Jesuits in the late 1880's), where he worked with the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Indians in the towns of Ashland and Saint Xavier. When the *Novus Ordo Missae* was implemented, Father Carl said it, albeit begrudgingly, as he could not understand why the Mass had to be changed. Nevertheless, he continued to privately say his Mass of Ordination. In 1972, Father Carl was told by his superiors that either he "*will be fired or you will resign*" as he was not making the changes in the new liturgy quick enough.

So in 1970 he was sent back to Saint Anthony's Seminary. He remained there until October of 1972 when he was transferred to Australia. During his tour of duty down-under, Father made the acquaintance of some traditional Catholics who wanted the Tridentine Mass. Father obliged them, and as of 1973, he would sneak out of the Capuchin priory in order



After the Solemn High Mass, the various clergy and servers attending gather for a photo.

to say Mass for these faithful, that is, until he was caught! In the meantime, Father was able to make the acquaintance of Archbishop Lefebvre in Sydney in 1974. In December of 1975, Father Carl was called into the presence of the convened forces of Father Provincial (similar to the District Superior), Father Superior and Father Guardian (both of the priory), as well as the pastor of the parish which he was servicing! During this Modernist Inquisition, Father Carl was served an ultimatum: stop saying the Tridentine Mass or leave. Father chose to leave and kept saying the Tridentine Mass.



During the banquet, Father Fullerton, the new District Superior gives a toast to Father Carl. Father Carl said the banquet was "*pretty ritzy*" and in his usual humor that they were "*trying to ruin*" attachment to Franciscan poverty!



The cover of the first issue of *The Angelus* magazine, published in January 1978. Father Carl also published the valuable Michael Davies' books on the crisis in the Church when no one else would.

It was not a light decision to make considering that the Capuchin Order had been his mother for over 30 years! But leave he did in January of 1976, and while he was at it, he made a trip around the world to his ultimate new destination: Dickinson, TX. From Australia

he went to Singapore, Bombay, Athens, Assisi, Rome, Ecône (where he met the Archbishop again), Lyons, Lourdes, Ars, Paris, London, New York City, and then Wisconsin to visit his parents. There he met the Archbishop a third time, as well as Fr. Hector Bolduc and it was then that he decided to assist Fr. Bolduc with the work of the United States District.

At that time, from Our Lady Queen of Angels in Dickinson, TX, the entire United State was serviced mainly by Fathers Bolduc and Carl. They often spent two weeks on the road servicing the various chapels before returning home. Father said that it could be disheartening during those years, since every time a new priest was ordained, another priest from the District would leave or defect, thereby neutralizing the hopeful additional number of priests to assist with the work, but "you had to keep plugging away."

Late in 1977, Father Carl was instrumental in founding *The Angelus* magazine, which would prelude the Angelus Press; the first issue was published in January 1978. Father served as the managing editor from 1977 until 1990, when the Angelus Press was moved to Kansas City, MO. However, his official title was rather deceiving as he also took care of the typesetting,



The first Solemn High Mass said by a very young-looking and bearded Father Carl on September 7, 1952, at Saint Joseph's Church in Appleton, WI. Father Carl is third from the left and his two older brothers, Frs. Lucian and Pius, also Capuchins, are to the right of him respectively.



A familiar photo of Father Carl during the Solemn High Mass at Dickinson, TX in September of 1990 that commemorated the transfer of the office of District Superior from Father François Laisney to Father Peter Scott. Shortly thereafter, the District Offices were moved from Saint Louis to Kansas City, as were those of the Angelus Press from Dickinson.



A 1985 photograph of retreatants, which included Father Carl (in his Capuchin habit), in Armada, MI. The retreat was given by Father Urban Synder (second right from the Archbishop), during which Archbishop Lefebvre arrived for a visit. Unfortunately, many of those who are shown in this photo are no longer with the Society, an ironic tribute to Father Carl's fidelity to Catholic Tradition.

printing, collating and mailing of *The Angelus* as well as the various other books that the infant Angelus Press "made from scratch".

In 1991, Father Carl was asked by Father Peter Scott, the new District Superior to take over the Society's work in the state of Florida. While Father Carl was quite happy and content in Dickinson, he nevertheless went as requested, since Father Scott did not know who else to send to "fill this corner of the United States." So, Father moved to Davies, FL where in the meantime he has not only continued to weather the storm of Modernism but also that of Hurricane Andrew in 1992. Since then, all of the Society's chapels in Florida pray every day after Mass for temperate weather, and year after year, have avoided catastrophe by storm. Unfortunately, the Florida "weathermen get mad at us because they have nothing to rave about!"

When we asked such a veteran of the holy fight for advice in dealing with the crisis in the Church, Father replied in his usual simplistic Franciscan manner: "Learn your faith and hold on to it. For priests and brothers: be faithful to your recitation of the Divine Office ... where Mass is not available, keep Sunday holy as best as you can... hold on to your Rosary and be faithful to your devotion to Mary."

We would like to take the opportunity to express our gratitude to Father Carl for his incredible efforts for Catholic Tradition and his undiminishing support for the Society of Saint Pius X.

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

The Church ends Her liturgical year with several great feasts: Christ the King, All Saints day and All Souls day. From these She wants us to draw great profit for our spiritual lives. Indeed it is for this very purpose that the Church has instituted feasts. Pope Pius XI in the encyclical *Quas Primas* tells us that “*people are instructed in the truths of faith, and brought to appreciate the inner joys of religion far more effectually by the annual celebration of our sacred mysteries than by any official pronouncement of the teaching of the Church. Such pronouncements usually reach only a few and the more learned among the faithful; feasts reach them all; the former speak but once, the latter speak every year – in fact, forever. The Church’s teaching affects the mind primarily; her feasts affect both mind and heart, and have a salutary effect upon the whole of man’s nature. Man is composed of body and soul, and he needs these externals festivities so that the sacred rites, in all their beauty and variety, may stimulate him to drink more deeply of the fountain of God’s teaching, that he may make it a part of himself, and use it with profit for his spiritual life.*”

So let us profit by considering the greatest of these three feasts, the feast of Christ the King. This feast was placed at the end of the liturgical year and just before the feast of All Saints, by Pius XI, to set the “*crowning glory upon the mysteries of the life of Christ*” and to “*proclaim and extol the glory of Him Who triumphs in all the Saints and in all the Elect.*”

If we consider the three holy kings who sought out the King of kings we are struck by a great contrast. For while they made great sacrifices to undertake and complete a long journey filled with many dangers, the world around them was fleeing from that King and even seeking to put him to death. The guiding star, which they followed, to the world was nothing but a star; whose light men continue to turn away from, refusing its leadership.

What is the real significance of the three holy kings, as they follow the star, and at last fall down on their knees before the Infant in the crib? Can it be anything else but true, sincere submission to the divine authority, and to all other authority representing it?

Today many claim to fight for freedom. They claim we must especially be liberated from the old ideas of religion and revelation. But how incongruous it all is! As if good order and success are at any time dependent on anything else than submission to some guidance or authority! Can an automobile, for instance, be expected to be safe on the highway, if it is started and no one guides the wheel? Such freedom always leads to disaster, because it is no freedom at all, but rather slavery to falsehood. God’s Law is supreme and must be obeyed by all.

Now, if God’s law is not respected, how can it be brought about that man’s law will be observed? Christ was consistent; for He taught that we owe temporal allegiance to temporal rulers, as we owe spiritual allegiance to spiritual rulers. No one has the right

to despise the laws of his country, if they are not openly unjust; for they are joined to and support the divine laws. If he doubts their justice, he must have a valid reason, before he can resist them.

The Catholic Church, more than any other institution on earth, was founded to uphold and enforce the divine laws. She is therefore the most potent factor in civil liberty, and the greatest safety of the individual citizen, protecting him against tyranny.

But the skeptic outside the Church will say: “*The Catholic Church destroys all liberty; her children must bow down like slaves to whatever she ordains.*” On the contrary, the Church champions individual liberty. This becomes plain when we consider Her idea of liberty, which is this: Each man may think or do what he **has a right** to think or do, but not what he **wishes** to do. For a man can wish the greatest wrong or injustice.

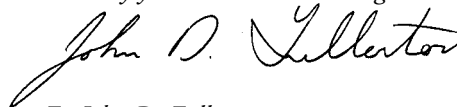
The Holy Mass, which we Catholics see enacted before us, represents this true idea of liberty in a most clear manner; for it is a sacrifice and it therefore teaches us sacrifice. If we **wish** to do something God does not want, we must **sacrifice** our desire – that is the only true liberty; otherwise we become slaves to our own desires.

It is this Sacrifice that has truly set us free and has won for Him the title of King of the human race. As Saint Thomas explains to us, Christ’s claim to kingship rests upon three titles. Two of these are natural rights, and the third is an acquired right. Christ’s first title comes by virtue of the Hypostatic Union, where as man he transcends every creature, even the highest angels who must adore and serve him. The second, by virtue of his fulness of grace, Christ enjoys the highest degree of glory and of charity thus excelling all creatures and is the head of the Church. Finally, by virtue of the Redemption, he has acquired the right of Kingship.

Nor is this Kingship limited, covering every aspect of our lives, as Pius XI tells us: “*Not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to Him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls.*”

So let us meditate upon the mysteries of our Lord Jesus Christ in the feasts that the Church, throughout the year, places before us and drink deeply so that we become worthy and obedient subjects of the Divine King.

Sincerely yours in Christ the King,



Fr. John D. Fullerton

REGIONAL REPORT

NORTH CAROLINA



Father Kenneth Novak, pastor of the Society's missions in North Carolina, organized a Gregorian Chant camp for boys from August 5-10. Rev. Mr. Thomas Hufford, a deacon at St.



Rev. Mr. Thomas Hufford directs the young men and boys of North Carolina during the Chant camp. Rev. Mr. Hufford, a director of the schola at the Seminary, shared his expertise with the enthusiastic young parishioners.



Fr. Kenneth Novak and his parishioners enjoy the music and food at a campfire get-together.



Rev. Mr. Hufford, also an accomplished violinist and fiddler, joins Carolina parishioners John Steila and Mike McMahon for some songs around the campfire.

Thomas Aquinas Seminary, and Mr. Greg Sick directed the well-attended camp.

The boys also made a visit to Belmont Abbey, a Benedictine stronghold in the South. The abbey is located near the Society's chapel in Mt. Holly, NC.



Mr. Greg Sick and the boys pose in front of Belmont Abbey.

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 - 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 Siena – Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto – visit of the Seven Basilicas in Rome and more.

For itinerary brochure and reservations for either pilgrimage contact:

Saint Pius X Pilgrimage Co., Robert & Christine de Cecco, 114 Paugusett Circle, Trumbull, CT 06611 – Tel: (203) 261-1133 or Fax: (203) 261-3355 or e-mail: st-pius-x-pilgrimage@snet.net



NORTH DAKOTA

May 4 was the date of the blessing of St. Michael's Church in MANDAN, ND. His Excellency Bishop Richard Williamson performed the ceremony for this brick church which had formerly served as a Lutheran church. Now the building is the site of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the dedicated faithful of St. Michael's which has been a Society mission since 1990.



Bishop Williamson prays outside the church entrance at the beginning of the blessing ceremony of St. Michael's Church.



His Excellency and Father Gallagher, the pastor, enter the church for the interior's blessing.



Blessing of the outside walls of the church with holy water



Blessing of the interior walls of the church



After the blessing of the church, Bishop Williamson confirmed 11 faithful from St. Michael's Church and Guardian Angel Mission in Dickinson, ND.



MISSOURI

Not content with trophies in Basketball and Soccer, Fr. Stephen Stanich formed a softball team from parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene Chapel in Mexico, MO and St. Mary's Assumption in St. Louis in order to compete in the annual softball tournament held in Minnesota this summer. Not only did the team from Missouri compete, but they won the tournament.



Father Stanich gets what he wanted as he happily displays the trophy of his victorious softball team.



The winning team poses with the trophy at home plate at the conclusion of the tournament.



CALIFORNIA

LOS GATOS hosted a girls' camp from August 4-17. Fr. Lawrence Novak and a group of counselors mainly from Post Falls, ID oversaw the camp which had 44 girls from the Society's western chapels attend. The largest contingent came from the Society's mission in Colton, CA.



Camp director Miss Julia Rose gives a lecture to the girls on the topics of modesty and decency.



Campers try out the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco.



On the feast of the Assumption the campers visited the San Juan Bautista Mission and prayed the Rosary at the Mission chapel.



The girls examine a giant cactus outside the Mission chapel.



Fr. Novak and the counselors pose with the girls on the closing day of the camp.



The girls were given a Day of Recollection during the camp. Here they make the outdoor Way of the Cross around the Los Gatos Retreat grounds.

YAG 2003

The 2003 Society of St. Pius X **YOUNG ADULT GATHERING**, sponsored by St. Isidore Catholic Church (Denver, CO), will be Thursday, August 14 through Monday, August 18 inclusive. **The event is for men and women 18 years of age and up. Attendance for the 2003 Gathering will be limited to 125.** Please make a reservation by phone, fax, or letter with Mrs. Alicia Gomez, 22282 E. Ridge Tr. Dr., Avora, CO 80016; phone: (303) 617-1653; fax: (303) 766-0950. Please give your full name, current address and phone number when reserving.



HAWAII

St. Peter Chanel Mission in Hilo, HAWAII was blessed with the visits recently of Fr. Wolfgang Goettler and Fr. Peter Scott. Fr. Goettler, a professor at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary, said Mass for the faithful on Easter Sunday and Monday. While he was at the mission, he baptized the newest parishioner, increasing the parish's numbers to 27 children and 25 adults as regular attendants.

Former District Superior, Fr. Peter Scott, visited the Hilo mission in August on his way to Australia to begin his new assignment at Holy Cross Seminary. While there, Father enrolled one of the children into the Eucharistic Crusade, and he upgraded 5 other children to the next rank of Crusaders.



Fr Goettler poses with some of the children of the parish.



Fr. Scott enjoys a pot-luck dinner with the parishioners of St. Peter Chanel in Hilo, Hawaii.



Fr. Scott enrolls a young boy into the Eucharistic Crusade.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

CANADA

On July 27th, the 19th annual pilgrimage to the Basilica shrine of Saint Anne de Beaupre in QUEBEC, Canada took place. Despite the rain, the early morning pilgrims first processed with their statue of Saint Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to the Marist Brothers chapel at Chateau-Richer, where a Solemn High Mass was celebrated. After a picnic lunch the pilgrims then continued their trek to the basilica, finally reaching it in the evening. There the pilgrims recited the Litany of Saint Anne, and revered her relics, as well as her famous statue located in the Basilica.



A group shot of the pilgrims on the steps of the basilica of the "Good Sainte-Anne" (the Canadian-Frenches' term of affection). Due to the Jesuit missionaries, the devotion to Saint Anne was an integral part of the French colonization in the Canadian regions of North America.

Saint Anne de Beaupre Basilica in Quebec. The third church was constructed in 1676, but was completely annihilated by fire in 1922. The only thing that survived was the statue of Saint Anne, whom the local Huron Indians called, "Good Grandmother".



EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: November-December

November For the souls in purgatory
December For the restoration of Christian society

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE - August 2002

Treasure sheets returned	420
Morning offerings	9260
Masses	3993
Sacramental communions	3741
Spiritual communions	6797
Sacrifices	18,689
Decades of the Rosary	50,368
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	4589
15 minutes of silent meditation	3632
Good examples	12,473

The 25 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 (122)
Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID (60)
Our Lady Immaculate, Oak Park, IL (27)
Our Lady of Fatima, Sanger, TX (23)
St. Therese, Nicholville, NY (16)
St. Thomas More, Orlando, FL (15)
St. John Vianney, Long Prairie, MN (13)
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Ft. Worth, TX (12)
St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH (8)
St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO (8)
St. John Fisher, Fort Wayne, IN (8)
St. Joseph's, Armada, MI (8)
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Syracuse, NY (7)
Our Lady of Lourdes, Honolulu, HI (7)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Nappanee, IN (7)
Our Lady of the Snows, Sioux Falls, SD (7)
St. Peter Chanel, Hilo, HI (6)
Our Lady of Sorrows, Baton Rouge, LA (6)
Our Lady of the Rosary, Buffalo, NY (5)
St. Thomas, Carson City, NV (4)
St. Botolph's, Boston, MA (4)
Jesus and Mary, El Paso, TX (3)
St. Michael's, Mandan, ND (3)
St. Michael's, Bakersfield, CA (2)
Our Lady of the Bitter Root, Victor, MT (1)

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 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.

RETREAT SCHEDULE

November 2002-January 2003

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

Men's 5 day Ignatian: November 11-16
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, 2003
Women's 5 day Ignatian: November 4 - 9

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: November 4 - 9
Men's & Women's 4 day Matrimony retreat: November 13 - 17
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

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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.

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