# FATHER'S FAREWELL

technology, against heresy, Modernism and grievances.
This is the plight of the man who has struggled with the flood of Liberalism, insanity and stupidity. We have all seen great epics like the <u>Ten Commandments</u>, <u>The Greatest Story Ever Told</u>, but never has there been told a story as one as we are about to tell, this is the story of the <u>Twelve Years of Peter</u>."

With such Homeric words, the play about Father Peter Scott, which was an adaptation of the Twelve Days of Christmas (In my twelve years as Boss here, the Good Lord gave to me...), was opened by Father Helmuts Libietis in KANSAS CITY. The play portrayed in a humorous light some of the difficult problems that Father Scott was called upon to resolve as District Superior, from "three calls a minute" to "eight angry bishops" (referring to Father's erudite "dialogues" with some diocesan bishops in the United States who probably wished in the end that they had never taken on Father Scott!).



A bird's eye view of the many Society priests and brothers (who came as far away as Arizona, Connecticut and Texas), and faithful that attended Father Scott's farewell banquet.

The remnants of the play can be seen on the stage.



Father Scott et al laugh as Father Libietis reads the Special Edition Regina Coeli Report titled: "Scott Sadly Sends Stateswide Shockwaves." Father Libietis composed the Special Edition, the play and An Ode to Scott, in his typical British-humor and poetic fashion.



A closeup of the Special Edition Regina Coeli Report which was composed of words just using the letter "s".

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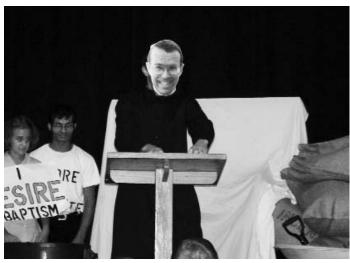
The play also portrayed some of Father Scott's endearing and unforgettable qualities, from "a funny laugh to keep my sanity" to "six bags of incense" (for his well-known habit of smoking out chapels during High Mass). The play was preceded with a passing out and reading of a Special Edition Regina Coeli Report (the United States District's monthly bulletin which Father Scott began publishing in 1991 in order to encourage and unify traditional Roman Catholics in America) which mimicked Father Scott's hallmark Regina Coeli House titles by relating a brief history of Father's District endeavors using only words that began with the letter "s"!



During the play, Father Scott conquers his "too many troubles", symbolized by a pair of dumbbells, while one of the "fiery (instead of the number five) Feeneyites" (along with his captive catechumen who desires baptism) gets ready for a theological correction.

And indeed, the list of Father Scott's accomplishments during his twelve-year tenure as District Superior are Staggering and range from solidifying and stabilizing the United States District, to aggressively building new chapels and schools to ensure the healthy state of the District. Father also made great efforts to ensure the unity and spiritual health of the priests in his District by instituting the yearly Priests' Meeting, the two annual Priests' Retreats and the monthly publication of the *Priests' Bulletin*. And to bring the work of Catholic Tradition to the doorstep of the Conciliar Church, he initiated the apostolate of sending the *SiSiNoNo* publication to the cardinals and bishops of the United States in hopes of them gaining a true understanding of the crisis in the Church.

Father Kenneth Dean presents Father Scott with a beautiful white set of vestments that was made by a parishioner of Saint Vincent's. Father Scott was also presented with many spiritual bouquets from various chapels, some of which will take years to fulfill by the participants! Father will truly be enriched and not forgotten by this District!



A scene from the play, which was an adaptation of the song, The Twelve Days of Christmas, in which Kansas City parishioner, Mr. Charles Binter, skillfully played Father Scott by wearing a life-size mask made from an actual photograph!



Also during the play, Father Scott had to defend the Pope from "nine Sedevacantists" who attempted to vacate his Seat!

Meanwhile, some of the "eight angry bishops" (holding the signs, Pope Haters and Dissenters) await their turn to challenge Father Scott, though they have no idea of what lies in store for them!



While on another level, Father Scott enthusiastically strengthened, expanded and/or implemented such District-wide apostolates as the the Third Order of the Society of Saint Pius X, the Archconfraternity of Saint Stephen, the Holy Name Society, the League of Christ the King, the Eucharistic Crusade, the Joan of Arc Society, the Catholic Mothers' Exchange, the Saint John Bosco Guild and the Prayer Crusade for Priests. Father was also renowned for his literary works such as the Letter to Friends and Benefactors found in each issue of the Regina Coeli Report as well for his concise and timely explanations in the Questions and Answers section of The Angelus magazine.

For the spiritual benefit and strengthening of the faithful, Father Scott regularly invited the traditional Dominicans of Avrille, France and the Trans-Alpine Redemptorists of Papa Stronsey, Scotland to give spiritual missions in the various chapels of the United States District. To encourage the clergy and laity alike in the fight for Catholic Tradition, he asked the two Asian bishops who came to Tradition, Bishops Lazo of the Philippines (RIP) and Manat of Thailand to give conferences in the States on their conversions. Furthermore, banking on our American generosity, Society priests who were stationed in the impoverished overseas missions were often encouraged to come and give compelling conferences on their incredible efforts for the apostolate of Catholic Tradition which thereby raised much-needed

funds for their foreign missions. Thus by giving alms, the United States District was enriched spiritually and even financially as Father Scott himself mentioned recently in a letter to his priests. At the same time, Father vigorously pushed at home for the construction of more retreat centers so that the faithful could easily

make the 5 day Ignatian exercises.

The clergy and faithful of the United States District have much to be grateful for in the exhaustive works of Father Scott. He shall indeed be missed and remembered, and we hope and pray that his work as rector of the Holy Cross Seminary in Goulburn, Australia will equally be profitable for the salvation of souls and for the formation of the Society's priests. Many thanks to you, Father and multos annos (many years)!



Father Peter Scott during a closing speech of gratitude reveals some little known history regarding his past life.



Due to capacity limits of the hall during Father Scott's farewell banquet, children were not able to attend. So the parish of Saint Vincent's held a children's farewell and birthday party for Father, which the Society sisters from Saint Mary's and visiting Father Thomas Blute (who was giving conferences and seeking alms for his apostolic work in India) also attended. Here, Fr. Scott can be seen cutting his cake.



Fr. Scott gives his blessing to Fr. Blute at the children's farewell and birthday party for Fr. Scott.

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

As we look upon the state of the world today it is easy to become terrified at its condition. Pope St. Pius X had expressed this same fear many years ago in his encyclical *E Supremi*. "We were terrified beyond all else by the disastrous state of human society today. For who can fail to see that society is at the present time, more then in any past age, suffering from a terrible and deep-rooted malady which, developing every day and eating into its utmost being, is dragging it to destruction?"

Nor was he alone in seeing this state. Pius XI in *Quas Primas* says "With God and Jesus Christ excluded from political life, with authority derived not from God but from man,...the chief reason of the distinction between ruler and subject has been eliminated. The result is that society is tottering to its ruin because it no longer has a secure and solid foundation."

Also Pius XII in a letter of February 11, 1949 says "we are overwhelmed with sadness and anguish, seeing that the wickedness of perverse men has reached a degree of impiety that is unbelievable and absolutely unknown in other times."

One can only imagine what they might say in regard to the present state of the world which has gone far beyond the "unbelievable and absolutely unknown" degree of impiety of their times, to the point that men today not only exclude God from their economic and political lives but also from their religious life. No doubt, even amidst the fear, these popes would still tell us to have hope. God is still God, for all eternity, and He will not abandon us. The solid foundation that our Lord Jesus Christ has laid, the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, still remains even if many of its leaders have stepped off to play and build in the sand.

Considering the state of human society and the duty which was imposed upon him as Sovereign Pontiff, St. Pius X spoke to the bishops of the world: "You see, then, Venerable Brethren, the duty that has been imposed alike upon Us and upon you of bringing back to the discipline of the Church human society, now estranged from the wisdom of Christ; the Church will then subject it to Christ, and Christ to God... But if our desire to obtain this is to

be fulfilled, we must use every means and exert all our energy to bring about the utter disappearance of the enormous and detestable wickedness, so characteristic of our time – the substitution of man for God."

Among the means St. Pius X gave to form Christ in all men and thereby "heal the wounds of the world," several seem most relevant for our age:

- faithful obedience to the Commandments and counsels of the Gospel
- formation of a learned, zealous and devout Priesthood
- proper respect and frequent use of the Sacraments
- respect of lawful authority
- education and discipline of youth
- earnest prayer allowing us to once again show our dependence on God.

Especially as we enter into the month of October let us turn to earnest prayer through the devout recitation of the Holy Rosary. It is a means available to all of us. If we are not in the habit of praying at least five decades daily let us begin. If we already pray five decades perhaps we could increase to ten or, better still, all fifteen decades. The athlete who realizes that his opponent is getting tougher must train harder to defeat him. Likewise we must use the means available to strengthen our souls for the most important battle, which rages every second around us, against a very strong opponent who is conquering very many souls. In the end our Lord Jesus Christ is still the Victor, but let us do all we can to ensure we are on His side. May our Lady of the Rosary obtain for us the necessary graces to be faithful.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. John D. Fullerton

## REGIONAL REPORT

### **MICHIGAN**

With continued growth in both the parish and school of St. Joseph's in ARMADA, MI (including the addition of a boys' boarding high school in 1996) the old septic system became insufficient. Hence the parish was looking at the need to raise \$100,000 quickly for a new system. A fund-

raising drive raised \$40,000 still the parish needed another \$60,000. But St. Joseph came through. A generous parishioner donated his time and equipment which covered the \$60,000 lacking.



Parishioners work on leech field for new septic system.



Three new septic tanks are installed as part of the new system.

The high school boys of St. Joseph's boarding school performed William Shakespeare's play *Henry IV, Part I* for parents and parishioners after the graduation ceremonies. The play revolves around Prince Hal's coming of age as a military leader and his abandonment of his previous life of dissipation. This

central issue is not fully resolved until the end of *Henry IV, Part II*, when Hal rejects Falstaff, a dissolute friend, but *Part I* presents an initial phase of Hal's development, his acceptance of his role as princely hero.



The high school boys enact a scene from Henry IV, Part I after the graduation ceremonies.



The Prince comes of age when he embraces his role as leader in a scene from Henry IV, Part I.

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### **COLORADO**

The Society's Young Adult Gathering (YAG for short) was held for the fifth time in **DEN-VER**, between Thursday, August 29 and Mon-

day, September 2, and was once again a great success as 100 young adults arrived from all over the States in order to spend time with old friends and to make new traditional ones. The YAG comprised of various activities such as conferences, which included a newly segregated conference for the men and for the women, basketball, volleyball, a "Big Slide" race, a golf tournament, square dancing, and a wilderness tour in open air trucks that went straight up mountain goat trails and into deep forest followed by a mountain top steak dinner. Fathers Kenneth Novak and Joseph Pfeiffer led the YAG and provided the spiritual necessities which not only included the enthusiastic talks, but also daily morning Mass and evening Compline.



One of the open-air trucks that ultimately took the YAG participants to a mountain top restaurant where they were well fed and enjoyed a spectacular view.



Fathers Novak and Pfeiffer jointly give a conference in their typical engaging fashion.

### **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.



A group shot of the 100 participants of the YAG as they prepare to board the double-deck bus for Estes Park, CO. We are assured that all 100 people did manage to fit into the bus!

A group shot of the participants after the Sunday High Mass.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### **NEW ZEALAND**

The second enrollment ceremony for Altar servers in the Archconfraternity of Saint Stephen took place on August 3 in Wanganui.

Fr. Delsorte, the Prior, originally enrolled 37 Altar servers in the Guild last December. Since then there have been some changes and arrivals of new servers, so amid a flurry of activity the second enrollment ceremony took place.

It was a beautiful day for the occasion as Fr. Carlile, the Guild Chaplain for New Zealand, celebrated the Sung Mass and officiated at the Ceremony. Two new MCs were appointed as were three new Thurifers, eight new Senior Acolytes and



Reception of the new Junior Acolytes in Wanganui.



A shot after Mass (there was also a first Holy Communion made during the Mass) as Father poses with the two new members of the Guild and the First Holy Communicant in Fiji.



The interior of the Fiji chapel on the feast of Pentecost

seven new Junior Acolytes. After the Sung Mass a "Fish & Chips" lunch was provided for the boys and this was followed by an impromptu Soccer Match which occupied the majority of the afternoon.

The St. Stephen's Guild continues to grow also in Fiji. Two members were enrolled on Pentecost Sunday and a further one on the feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist.



Wanganui Group photo of those who were enrolled or promoted

## Fourth Annual Pilgrimage of Tradition to the

# SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Starkenburg, Missouri Saturday, October 26, 2002



This 13 mile pilgrimage starts at Portland, in central Missouri, not far from the capital of Jefferson City. It follows the Katy trail along the Missouri River, and then climbs up the shrine itself. Departure is at 9:00 a.m. and the pilgrimage will terminate with an outdoor Mass on the shrine steps.

For additional information or a copy of the flyer, call or write the District Office. Flyers should be available at your chapel.

### RETREA T SCHEDULE

October-December

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

Men's 5 day Ignatian: Nov.11-16

Women's 5 day Ignatian: Oct. 14-19 & Dec. 9-14

Men's 3 day Seminar: Dec. 26-28

### ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

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

Men's 5 day Ignatian: Oct. 21-26 & Feb. 24-Mar. 1

Women's 5 day Ignatian: Nov. 4-9 Women's 5 day Marian retreat: Oct. 7-12

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS RETREAT CENTER

750 E. Baseline Road Phoenix, AZ 85042 (602) 268 7673

Men's 5 day Ignatian: Oct. 21-26

Men's 5 day Virtue retreat: Dec. 9-14

Women's 5 day Ignatian: Oct.r 7-12 & Nov. 4-9

Men's & Women's 4 day Matrimony retreat: Nov. 13-17 Men's & Women's 4 day Marian retreat: Dec. 28-Jan. 1

### 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

### THE TREASURES OF FAITH IN HOLLAND, BELGIUM AND FRANCE PII GRIMAGE

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 gate-ways available for a supplement, 3 meals a day, double occupancy, transportation, admissions) for \$2,345.00. Just bring your souvenir money.

For itinerary brochure, reservations 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: <a href="mailto:st-pius-x-pilgrimage@snet.net">st-pius-x-pilgrimage@snet.net</a>

### **EUCHARISTIC CRUSADE**

### MONTHLY INTENTIONS: October-December

*October* For the conversion of pagans and for

the missions

*November* For the souls in purgatory

December For the restoration of Christian society

#### U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE-July 2002

Treasure sheets returned	395
Morning offerings	10,526
Masses	4447
Sacramental communions	4049
Spiritual communions	8631
Sacrifices	20,441
Decades of the Rosary	50,757
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	2858
15 minutes of silent meditation	5638
Good examples	16,074

The 24 active chapters for July were, in order of the greatest number of treasure sheets returned, down to the least:

St. Mary's Academy, St. Mary's, KS (81)

Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID (71)

Our Lady Immaculate, Oak Park, IL (29)

Our Lady of Fatima, Sanger, TX (24)

St. Therese, Nicholville, NY (15)

St. Thomas More, Orlando, FL (13)

St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH (12)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Ft. Worth, TX (12)

St. John Vianney, Long Praire, MN (9)

St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO (8)

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Syracuse, NY (6)

St. John Fisher, Fort Wayne, IN (6)

St. Peter Chanel, Hilo, HI (6)

Our Lady of the Rosary, Buffalo, NY (5)

Our Lady of Sorrows, Baton Rouge, LA (4)

Our Lady of Fatima, Salt Lake City, UT (4)

St. Thomas, Carson City, NV (3)

St. Michael's, Bakersfield, CA (3)

Our Lady of the Bitter Root, Victor, MT (3)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Nappanee, IN (3)

Jesus and Mary, El Paso, TX (3)

Our Lady of Lourdes, Honolulu, HI (2)

St. Jude's, Eddystone, PA (1)

Corpus Christi, Edmonds, WA (1)