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REPORT

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FRANCISCAN SISTERS

KANSAS CITY, MO, has recently seen a flourish of traditional Franciscan activity, beginning with the arrival of the Franciscan Sisters of Christ of King from Portland, Oregon in the winter of last year, who purchased and occupied the former Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, an immense Romanesque style complex that has over 80 cells and a beautiful, spacious chapel.

The Franciscan Sisters are primarily a teaching congregation of sisters who follow the Third Order Rule of Saint Francis and are affiliated with the Society of Saint Pius X. Their foundress, Mother Mary Herlinda, was formerly a member of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, which she was forced to leave due to their Modernist orientation. This congregation was immortalized in *The Wreck of the Deutschland*, a song that commemorated the death of 5 of the congregation's German sisters (who had to leave Germany due to Bismarck's anti-Catholic Kulturkampf policies) who drowned in 1875 when their ship sank off the coast of England. Fortunately for Catholic Tradition though, Mother Herlinda survived the tempests of the Conciliar Church and is now steadily guiding a younger



Rising from the top of a hillside, the massive complex that is now the Convent of Christ the King is an impressive sight. Built in 1948, it was once a thriving center of perpetual adoration for the metropolitan area. The Benedictine sisters sold the property in the early 1980's to a Protestant group, and after several owners, the complex was sold to the Franciscan Sisters.



The gem and spiritual center of the complex is the beautiful Romanesque convent chapel now restored to its proper Catholic use. The original altar steps and predella are still present, though are presently unusable due to plaster damage just above the location for the High Altar; hence for the moment, the sisters are making due with a makeshift altar between the original sisters' choir stalls (unseen in the picture). Hidden under the painted pink walls (done before the sisters' purchase) is original stencil-work which the sisters hope to be able to uncover intact.



Miss Boreta, assisted by one of the sisters, is given the garb of a postulant, which bares resemblance to the habit worn by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.



Mother Herlinda places a crown of roses which simultaneously entwines many symbols: the Crown of Thorns (the roses mask the thorns), a laurel of the victory of the spirit over the flesh (i.e., the crown of chastity) and the crown of the glory to come in Heaven, to name just a few. The ceremonial giving of a crown of roses is a common one in female religious orders and congregations.



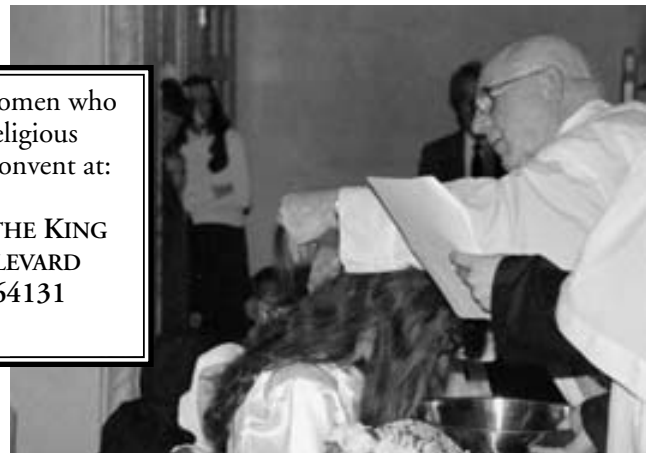
A lighted candle is given to the sisters renewing their vows, which symbolizes: Christ the Light of the world, how one should burn themselves out for Christ, and the connecting bond between the sisters' marriage to Christ as well as to their baptism.

generation in the ways of Saint Francis of Assisi.

On Candlemas Day (February 2nd), a new postulant, Miss Alice Boreta, was received into the congregation, while three new novices, Sisters Mary Bernadette, Mary Clare and Mary Jane were given the habit, and two of the sisters, Gemma Marie and Mary Marcel, renewed their temporary vows for one year (according to their constitution, the sisters take 3 years of temporary vows before they take permanent vows). Performed by Fr. Eugene Heidt (spiritual father for the Franciscan sisters and a long-time friend of the Society), the traditional habit-taking and renewal of vows ceremonies of the sisters were very impressive and were the first seen in the Kansas City area for many a year. In fact, the chapel was at a standing-room-only capacity, as guests came from as far away as Portland, OR and Saint Mary's, KS, as well as from the local parish of Saint Vincent de Paul (which is only minutes away). The ceremonies were followed by a High Mass and concluded with a buffet dinner in the large hall in the basement of the convent.

The sisters invite those women who are contemplating a religious vocation to contact the convent at:

**CONVENT OF CHRIST THE KING
1409 E. MEYER BOULEVARD
KANSAS CITY, MO 64131
816-333-1463**



The tonsure is given to one of the novices, who are garbed in wedding dresses (as they are Brides of Christ), to manifest their consecration to God and in imitation of Saint Francis shearing the locks of Saint Clare. The tonsure is made by snipping portions of hair in the sign of the cross.



After having their habits blessed, the novices recessed out of the church, donned their new garments of sanctification and then with beaming faces processed back into the church to take their places with the other sisters.



The climax of the entire habit-taking ceremony was certainly the solemn prostration of the three novices, during which they were covered with a black pall, symbolizing their death to the world.

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

As we enter Holy Week, we once again have the opportunity to contemplate the infinite Love of God; sending His only begotten Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As we do so we cannot help but be moved to sorrow; for it is our sins that have caused this suffering. Indeed, if we desire the forgiveness of our sins and hope for salvation, we must have this sorrow; also known as contrition.

The Council of Trent declares: "Contrition... is a profound sorrow and detestation for sin committed, with a resolution of sinning no more." So we see that contrition is a deliberate sorrow for sins, which includes the purpose of confessing and of making satisfaction for them.

One can be sorry for sin on several grounds. There may be a natural sorrow or remorse based on some worldly motive, *e.g.*, the disgrace or natural evil effects due to sin. This type of sorrow is not sufficient for the sacrament of penance.

What is necessary for the sacrament of penance is a supernatural sorrow which is based on some motive of faith of which there are two types. The first is perfect *contrition*, which is a sorrow based on the love of God. The second is imperfect contrition or *attrition*—which is a sorrow based on some lesser supernatural motive, *e.g.*, fear of hell.

Theologians generally teach that the contrition or attrition required for penance must have four qualities. The first is that there must be **true and formal** sorrow, not merely external and pretended, imagined or implicit. Next it must be **supernatural**, *i.e.*, motivated by some consideration known by the light of faith as explained above. It must also be **supreme**—in the sense that the penitent must regard sin as the greatest evil, and must be prepared to endure any evil rather than lapse into it again. This does not require an intense *feeling* of sorrow, but rather a *conviction* of the evil of sin. Finally it must be **universal**, extending to all mortal sins without exception which the penitent has committed.

What is implied in all true contrition is the purpose of amendment, which is not merely a wish to avoid sin nor a promise or vow never to sin again but a **firm, efficacious and universal resolve** not to sin again. It must be

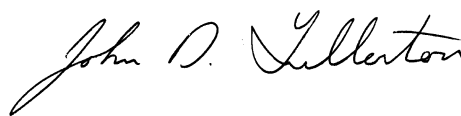
firm regarding the present determination of the will, even though it may be weak regarding the future. It must be efficacious; that is, it must include the sincere will to employ the ordinary safeguards against sin, *e.g.*, prayer and caution. It must also include the will to avoid the free, proximate occasions of sin and the will to repair the damage done by sin, as far as this is possible. Finally it must be universal in its resolve to avoid all mortal sins.

In cases where a penitent confesses only venial sins or even mortal sins previously absolved, the purpose of amendment is as essential for the validity of the sacrament as is true sorrow. In fact there can be no true sorrow without this purpose of amendment. Most often the reason why we are unable to overcome habits of venial sin is because of a lack of due attention to the purpose of amendment. In these cases we should have the resolve to avoid or at least decrease all venial sin or at least to avoid or correct one kind of venial sin.

As we celebrate the mysteries of Christ's passion let us do so with true contrition. Remember that any sin whatsoever can be blotted out in penance if only we are truly sorry in seeking forgiveness. Thus in seeking forgiveness we will be seeking out the Redeemer from sin and finding Him we will have the opportunity to one day enjoy eternal happiness with Him in Heaven.

May you all share in the graces of our Lord during this Passiontide and have a Holy Easter.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,



Fr. John D. Fullerton

AURIESVILLE PILGRIMAGE

The pilgrimage to the Shrine of the North American
Martyrs will take place on June 14, 2003.
For details please contact the St. Ignatius Retreat House
Tel: 203-431-0201 Fax: 203-431-0202

REGIONAL REPORT



TEXAS

The brothers of Jesus and Mary Brothers' Novitiate in EL PASO, TX keep themselves busy with a variety of jobs around the



Brother Matthew works on the stone wall outside Jesus and Mary Brothers' Novitiate.



The newly refurbished sanctuary of Jesus and Mary Church lends itself to the beauty of the Liturgy and helps direct the brothers' thoughts to a spirit of contemplation and meditation.



A view of the excellent German-manufactured host-making machines that the Novitiate owns. These act similar to waffle irons, except only one side has engravings (and these models have very intricate die-cut designs, even for the smaller hosts for the laity). There are two kinds of irons, one for just making the large host used by the celebrant at Mass, and one for making the smaller hosts for the laity. Each iron has several host designs (about 30 for the laity hosts!) on its upper platen, and so a sheet of hosts is made with each pouring of batter (made out of pure flour and water).

Novitiate. A brother's formation must be a complete one forming both mind and body for the glory of God. Thus, the brothers spend time in study (attending conferences given by Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer) and in manual labor (like working on a stone wall on the grounds of the Novitiate). One of the big tasks the brothers have undertaken is to make hosts to be used for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This work is aided by host-making equipment that the brothers and some dedicated parishioners operate in carrying out this important work.



The small hosts for the laity are then cut out from the sheet with this electric cutter which is operated with a foot pedal, whereas, the hosts for the celebrant are cut out by hand with a cookie-cutter like object.

The round sheets of hosts are then individually put on the wire racks in this large humidifier for several hours so that they are not brittle when it is time to cut out the hosts.





TEXAS

Queen of Angels Church in **DICKINSON (HOUSTON), TX**, celebrated its 25th anniversary on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Purchased in 1976 from the diocese of

Galveston-Houston, the complex (now consisting of a church, rectory and school) was the first chapel that the Society owned in the United States and was dedicated by Archbishop Lefebvre on July 10, 1977. In 1978, the Angelus Press was founded at Queen of Angels by the then current pastor, Fr. Carl Pulvermacher and remained there until 1992 when it was moved to Kansas City.

To solemnize the feast, the District Superior, Fr. Fullerton, was present, as were the members of the Dickinson priory, Frs. Huvar (the prior), Post, Haynos, and Hewko and one of the former priors, Fr. Cooper, now the prior at Los Gatos, CA. After the Solemn High Mass, an outdoor procession was held and then a dinner banquet.



Just after the Mass, the Sacred Ministers and servers line up for the outdoor procession in honor of the Immaculate Conception. Seen also is the large painting surrounded by white roses, that was carried during the procession. The painting is a copy of the famous *Virgin of the Immaculate Conception* by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (painted c. 1670), the original of which is in the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, MO.



The long line of faithful make their way during the outdoor procession as it crosses Highway 517 in Dickinson complete with police escort. In addition to the choir, shown here, the Eucharistic Crusaders and Queen of Angels Academy students were also represented along with many banners.



MINNESOTA

Despite some severe weather conditions on the east coast of the United States, over 40 priests of the Society of Saint Pius X gathered at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN for the annual Priests' Meeting. The priests enjoyed returning to the Seminary for a few days of conferences, prayer and sharing stories of the apostolate.

The priests profit from some free time after one of the conferences to renew old acquaintances and update each other on news from the various priories.



A number of the priests pose with Dr. Ross Keiser, one of the guest speakers, for a group photo outside the Seminary chapel.

2003 Confirmation Schedule

H.E. Bishop Richard N. Williamson

Our Lady of Fatima, Pittsburgh, PA	Saturday, May 3
St. Anthony of Padua, Charlotte, NC	Sunday, May 4
St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Cloud, MN	Saturday, May 10
Corpus Christi, Edmonds, WA	Sunday, May 11
Assumption Chapel, St. Mary's, KS	Saturday, May 24
Queen of Angels, Dickinson, TX	Sunday, May 25
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Syracuse, NY	Saturday, May 31
St. Therese, Nicholville, NY	Sunday, June 1
Our Lady of Sorrows, Phoenix, AZ	Saturday, June 14
St. Isidore's, Denver, CO	Sunday, June 15
St. Christopher's, New York, NY	Saturday, August 2
St. Ignatius, Ridgefield, CT	Sunday, August 3

H.E. Bishop Bernard Tissier De Mallerais

St. Philomena, Miami, FL	Thursday, April 10 (p.m.)
Queen of All Saints, Springfield, MO	Friday, April 11 (p.m.)
St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO	Saturday, April 12
Our Lady of Grace, New Orleans, LA	Tuesday, April 29 (p.m.)
Our Lady of Fatima, Sanger, TX	Wednesday, April 30 (p.m.)



MISSOURI

St. Mary Magdalene Chapel in MEXICO, MO has recently seen the installation of some stained glass windows to the interior of the chapel increasing the beauty of this chapel located between Saint Louis and Kansas City.



A shot of the newly installed stained glass windows on the Epistle side of the chapel



A view of the interior of St. Mary Magdalene Chapel.

St. Mary's Assumption Church in SAINT LOUIS once again hosted the annual Society of St. Pius X Basketball Tournament on the first Saturday of March. Ten teams from the various Society chapels of the Midwest competed for the trophy with the team from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Nappanee, IN taking the championship home. The players and fans alike all had a good time with the exciting play and fun in a truly Catholic atmosphere.

TEACHERS WANTED

There are schools of the Society of Saint Pius X that are looking for generous traditional Catholics to fill teaching positions. Any persons interested can contact the District Superior at: Regina Coeli House, 2918 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, MO 64109. Tel: 816-753-0073. Fax: 816-753-3560.



The front entrance of St. Mary Magdalene Chapel. An inlaid Nativity scene graces the entrance.



Located in the vestibule of the chapel is the Baptistry with an impressive collection of relics kept in a glass cabinet.



Fr. Stephen Stanich, the prior in Saint Louis and the tournament organizer, poses with the winning team from Nappanee.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

CANADA

Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta is hosting its 3rd annual Saint Joseph's Pilgrimage from Thursday, May 15th until Sunday, May 18th and all (including Americans!) are welcome to attend. The pilgrimage, starting at the church, consists of a 60-mile walk which is spread over three days (like the famous Chartres pilgrimage) to Sundre, Alberta. Each day begins with Mass at the campsite followed by a hot breakfast and then 4 two-hour walking periods that lead to the next campsite. The morning and afternoon breaks are for a half-hour duration, whilst the midday break is for one hour. Toilet facilities and a bus will be available for the assistance of pilgrims. Two camps will be provided so that mixed camping does not occur, hence there will be a camp for the ladies (and families) and a camp for the men and boys. The first two evening meals will be catered and a bus will be provided to shuttle the ladies and families from their campsite to the location where Mass and breakfast will take place. Pilgrims who wish to camp must bring their own tent and sleeping bag, and those who prefer to stay overnight in a real bed, will be billeted out to the faithful who are willing to accommodate them. On Sunday, May 18th, a Pontifical Solemn High Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Williamson at the new rustic Shrine of Saint Joseph. Following this a pig roast with all the ancillary trappings that accompany a feast of this caliber will be served for all present. Fun-for-all games will then follow the feasting!



Fr. Francis Ockerse, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, says Mass on the second day of the 2000 pilgrimage in the special tent erected at the campsite.

For further information or to make a free registration, please contact Mr. Jack Kramer at 403-844-8452, or fax him at 403-844-8460.



An interior view of the beautiful altar and shrine to Saint Joseph. Fr. Ockerse built the niche that houses the statue of Saint Joseph, as well as assisting with the rest of the construction. One can see in this view the rear entrances on both sides of the sanctuary into the sacristy. Though barely visible, even the floor beams were laid in an attractive pattern. Obviously much thought and devotion went into this worthy project!



A shot of the first pilgrimage made in honor of Saint Joseph in 2000, trekking through the town of Sundre on Saturday afternoon. Though the turnout was small, it was nevertheless fervent! Also visible is the portable statue of Saint Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus, in whose honor the pilgrimage was held.



The new log chapel in honor of Saint Joseph being erected. The floor was laid by the boys of the parish, who camped out and spent two days laying the pallets (seen below the floor), which in turn support massive horizontal logs that support the floor framework. Afterwards, the boys remarked that "it was the best fun we ever had!"



The completed rustic, but prayerful chapel complete with a cross and "M" (for Our Lady) built into the rafters. The chapel is 32 feet by 32 feet, contains a room in the rear for a sacristy as well as enough sanctuary space to accommodate a Pontifical Mass. The land upon which the shrine was built was deeded to the church through the will of a generous benefactor.

EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: April-June

<i>April</i>	For civil and Church authorities, and Christian order in society
<i>May</i>	For the return to the Church of all those who have left her
<i>June</i>	For the Catholic priesthood and vocations

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE - January 2003

Treasure sheets returned	700
Morning offerings	18,385
Masses	9211
Sacramental communions	7467
Spiritual communions	15,240
Sacrifices	45,475
Decades of the Rosary	73,826
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	6883
15 minutes of silent meditation	7305
Good examples	21,378

The 32 active chapters for December were, in order of the greatest number of treasure sheets returned, down to the least:

St. Mary's Academy, St. Mary's, KS (179)	Jesus and Mary, El Paso, TX (9)
Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID (92)	St. Thomas, Carson City, NV (8)
St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO (37)	St. John Vianney, Long Prairie, MN (8)
St. Thomas Becket, Veneta, OR (35)	St. Peter Chanel, Hilo, HI (7)
Our Lady Immaculate, Oak Park, IL (27)	Our Lady of the Rosary, Buffalo, NY (7)
Our Lady of Fatima, Sanger, TX (21)	St. Michael's, Mandan, ND (6)
St. Therese, Nicholville, NY (21)	St. Robert Bellarmine, Saint Cloud, MN (6)
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Syracuse, NY (16)	St. Ignatius, Ridgefield, CT (6)
St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH (13)	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Nappanee, IN (5)
St. Joseph's, Armada, MI (12)	Our Lady of Sorrows, Baton Rouge, LA (4)
St. Jude's, Philadelphia, PA (12)	Our Lady of Lourdes, Honolulu, HI (4)
St. Therese, Madison, WI (10)	Our Lady of Fatima, Salt Lake City, UT (4)
St. John Fisher, Fort Wayne, IN (10)	St. Lawrence, Harford, CT (4)
Our Lady of Sorrows, Girard, OH (10)	St. Michael's, Bakersfield, CA (3)
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Ft. Worth, TX (9)	St. Michael the Archangel, Farmingville, NY (3)
	St. Mary's Assumption, Saint Louis, MO (2)
	Corpus Christi, Edmonds, WA (1)

Saint Pius X Pilgrimage Co. is organizing the following pilgrimages for the upcoming year, 2003 (accompanied by a SSPX priest)

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 Loreto – 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.

All is included in the price (airfare from NY, other gateways available for a supplement, 3 meals a day, double occupancy, transportation, admissions) for \$2,680.00. Just bring your souvenir money.

For itinerary brochure, reservations contact: **Saint Pius X Pilgrimage Co.**, Robert & Christine de Cecco, 38 Ten Coat Lane, Shelton, CT 06484; telephone 203-922-0096; fax 203-922-0097; or e-mail: cdicecco@adelphia.net (Please note the change of address and new phone numbers)

RETREAT SCHEDULE

April-June

ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT HOUSE

209 Tackora Trail, Ridgefield, CT 06877

(203) 431 0201

Men's 5 day Ignatian:	June 23 - 28
Women's 5 day Ignatian:	April 7 - 12
Men's Marian Retreat:	May 19 - 24

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

19101 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos, CA 95033

(408) 354 7703

Men's 5 day Ignatian:	May 26 - 31
Women's 5 day Ignatian:	June 9 - 14
Men's Lenten:	April 7 - 12
Women's Marian Retreat:	May 12 - 17

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

RETREAT CENTER

750 E. Baseline Road, Phoenix, AZ 85042

(602) 268 7673

Men's 5 day Ignatian:	March 30 - April 4 in Denver, CO
Women's 5 day Ignatian:	April 6 - 11 in Denver, CO
Women's 5 day Virtues:	May 12 - 17
Men's & Women's 4 day Teachers retreat:	April 23 - 27
Men's Vocation Retreat:	June 9 - 21

Confraternity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

This organization, centered in Albuquerque, was established to promote the total consecration as slaves to Jesus and Mary, as taught by St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort. In particular, it encourages the faithful to renew their consecration every year, with the 33 day preparation described by St. Louis de Montfort. This year's **preparation** is due to start on **Monday, May 26** and the **consecration** will be done on **June 28**. There will be a public ceremony and Mass for the consecration at **Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel in Albuquerque**. The confraternity members invite other traditional Catholics to ask their priests to organize similar ceremonies in their own churches. Additional information can be obtained by calling (505) 292-6291 or (505) 897-3435 or by writing to the **Confraternity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**, 12540 Elyse Pl. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.

Orbis Vacations is organizing the following two Heritage Tours for the upcoming year 2003

(accompanied by a SSPX priest)

Catholic Treasures of Central Europe

June 12-28, 2003

Visiting Austria, Hungary, Poland,
the Czech Republic, Germany, and Switzerland.

Majestic Italy

June 25-July 9, 2003

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