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REPORT

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SILVER ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK

Father Philippe Pazat, prior of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Church in Syracuse, NY, recently celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. To help him celebrate, the parish organized a special dinner in his honor and presented him with a beautiful white vestment set with an image of the Mother of God on the chasuble.

Father Pazat spent three years in a Benedictine Monastery before becoming a priest of the Society of Saint Pius X. He started the foundation of the Society's apostolate in both Madrid, Spain (1978) and Lisbon, Portugal (1984) and then came to the United States in 1995, being stationed in Post Falls, ID and Ridgefield, CT previous to his assignment as prior in Syracuse.

For the surprise dinner in honor of Fr. Pazat, eight months of secret preparations culminated with parishioners coming from the four upstate New York missions (Binghamton, Nicholville, Hudson Falls and Buffalo) as well as Philadelphia to share in the festivities. Nine priests, including Father's brother, Fr. Jaime Pazat (who is himself celebrating 20 years of priesthood this year) and the District Superior of Canada, Fr. Jean Violette, joined the priests of Syracuse and some 250 people in expressing their gratitude to Fr. Pazat. Father was presented with, in addition to the white vestment set made by a parishioner and Sister Mary John (a teacher at the Academy in Syracuse), a new cassock and a cake with the inscription "*Tu es Sacerdos in Aeternum*" ("*You are a priest forever*").



Newly ordained Fr. Philippe Pazat bestows a first blessing on his ordination day in 1978.



Fr. Philippe Pazat cuts the cake made in his honor as his brother Fr. Jaime Pazat stands by. One of the other cakes was presented to Fr. Jaime Pazat in honor of his 20th Anniversary to the priesthood.



A shot of the priests' table. Sitting from left to right are Sr. Mary John, Fr. Dennis McDonald, Fr. Carl Sulzen, Fr. Steven Soos, Fr. Trevor Burfitt, Fr. Freddy Méry, Fr. Jean Violette, Fr. Philippe Pazat, Fr. Jaime Pazat, Fr. Porfilio Martinez, Fr. Gerardo Zendejas and Fr. Greig Gonzales (not pictured is Fr. Ron Gagnon).



Much effort went into the preparations for the dinner in honor of Fr. Pazat. Here can be seen the hall decorated for the event and part of the crowd in attendance.

REGIONAL REPORT



MISSOURI

The end of the school year saw much activity at St. Vincent de Paul Academy in Kansas City, MO.

In May, 21 young children received their First Holy Communion after careful preparation that included instructions from four Society Sisters who visited St. Vincent's the day before the ceremony.

In June, in addition to the Academy graduations, six young men and women finished a home-school program and received their high school diplomas during a ceremony in St. Vincent's parish hall. The following day the Academy held its annual Field Day in which the children could enjoy some fun and activities after a long year of studies. Finally, in order to raise money so that the Academy can continue to accomplish so much good, the students performed two plays at a dinner theater school auction fund-raiser. Everyone who attended was treated to a delicious meal and plenty of laughs from the entertaining productions.



Fr. Kenneth Dean, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul, instructs the children preparing for their First Holy Communion.



Fr. Dean poses with the six graduates of the high school program.



Fr. Dean invests the children in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel after the First Holy Communion ceremony.



An eighth-grade graduate receives his diploma from his pastor and principal during the graduation ceremonies for St. Vincent de Paul Academy.



Twenty-one young boys and girls beam with joy as they pose for a group photo after receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time.



The children of the Academy say their grace before meals on the annual Field Day.

Two plays were performed during the dinner theater fund-raiser. One of them was an original comedy entitled *A Visit to the Dentist* written by Fr. Dean himself. Here the dentist examines his trusty drill as his patient looks on in horror.



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

This month of August marks an important celebration for the Church and especially for our little Society of St. Pius X. This year we celebrate the centennial anniversary of the election of our patron, Giuseppe Sarto, as Pope Pius X on August 4, 1903.

Many realize the great impact this saintly Pope had upon our modern world and have given expression to these thoughts. Among these we have the allocution at the canonization of St. Pius X, given by Pope Pius XII which briefly lays out the Saint's recipe for holiness and thereby the means to restore all things in Christ. A large part of this allocution is quoted below for your reflection and inspiration to work towards the same.

"Sanctity which was the inspiration and direction force of the undertakings of Pius X, is still more clearly discernible in his personal life. Before applying it to others, he put into practice in his own life his program of unifying all things in Christ.

First as a humble parish priest then as a Bishop, and finally as Supreme Pontiff he was intimately convinced that the sanctity to which God called him was priestly sanctity. For what sanctity is more pleasing to God in a priest of the New Law than that which belongs to him as representative of Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, Who left to His Church in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass a memorial for all time and a perpetual renovation of His Sacrifice on the Cross, until He shall come for the Last Judgment; and Who in the Sacrament of the Blessed Eucharist has given Himself as the food of the soul: 'He who eats this bread shall live forever'?

A priest above all in the Eucharistic ministry, this is the most faithful portrayal of St. Pius X. To serve the mystery of the Blessed Eucharist as a priest, and to fulfill the command of Our Savior, 'Do this in remembrance of Me', was his goal. From the day of his sacred ordination until his death as Pope, he knew no other faith than this in order to arrive at heroism in his love for God and to make a wholehearted return to that Redeemer of the world, Who by means of the Blessed Eucharist 'poured out the wealth of His Divine Love on men.'

One of the most expressive proofs of his consciousness of his priesthood was the extreme care he took to renew the dignity of divine worship. Overcoming the prejudices springing from an erroneous practice, he resolutely promoted frequent and even daily Communion of the faithful, and unhesitatingly led the children to the banquet of the Lord, and offered them to the embrace of the God hidden on the altars. Then the spouse of Christ experienced a new springtime of the Eucharistic life. In the profound vision which he had of the Church as a society, Pius X recognized that it was the Blessed Eucharist which had the power to nourish its intimate life substantially, and to raise it high above all other human societies. Only the Eucharist, in which God gives Himself to man, is capable of laying the foundations of a social life worthy of those who live it, cemented more by love than by authority, rich in activity and aimed at the perfection of the indi-

vidual, a life that is hidden with Christ in God. What a providential example for the world of today, where earthly society is becoming more and more a mystery to itself, and is feverishly trying to rediscover its soul! Let it look, then, for its model at the Church, gathered around its altars. There in the Sacrament of the Eucharist mankind really discovers and recognizes that his past, present and future are a unity in Christ. Conscious of and strong in his solidarity with Christ and his fellowmen, each member of either society, the earthly and the supernatural one, will be enabled to draw from the altar an interior life of personal worth, such as today is almost lost through insistence on technology and by the excessive organization of existence, of work and even of play.

Only in the Church, the Holy Pontiff seems to repeat, the Universal Church, which is 'life hidden with Christ in God', is to be found the secret and source of renewed social life. Hence follows the grave responsibility of ministers of the altar, whose duty it is to disclose to souls the saving treasure of the Eucharist. Many indeed are the activities which a priest can exercise for the salvation of the modern world. One of them, and undoubtedly one of the most efficacious and the most lasting in its effects, is to act as dispenser of the Holy Eucharist, after first nourishing himself abundantly with It. His work would cease to be sacerdotal if, even through zeal for souls, he were to put his Eucharistic vocation in a secondary place. Let priests conform their outlook to the inspired wisdom of Pius X, and let them confidently exercise their whole apostolate under the sign of the Blessed Eucharist. Similarly, let religious men and women, those who live under the same roof as Jesus Christ and are daily nourished with His Body, take as a safe norm in the pursuit of the sanctity proper to their state what the Holy Pontiff once declared on an important occasion, namely, that the bonds through which their vows and community life link them with God are not to be subordinated to any other activity, however legitimate for the good of their neighbor.

In the Blessed Eucharist the soul should strike the roots for nourishing the interior life, which is not only a fundamental treasure of all souls consecrated to the Lord, but also a necessity for every Christian whom God calls to be saved. Without interior life, any activity, however praiseworthy, is debased and become purely mechanical in action, without any vitalizing effect. The Holy Eucharist and the interior life: this is the supreme and universal lesson which Pius X, from the height of glory, teaches in this hour to all souls. As apostle of the interior life, he becomes, in the age of the machine, of technology and of organization, the saint and guide of men of our time."

Thus it is no surprise that the enemies of the Church seek to destroy Her by attacking the Holy Eucharist. If they can but do away with the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament of Sacraments, a great source of nourishment will be cut off and souls will wither. To this purpose they seek to destroy the means God has given to bring the Holy Eucharist to men: the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Christ's sacred Priesthood. The former they

try to destroy by changing the Mass into merely a memorial meal; putting aside its sacrificial nature and the substantial presence of Christ in the Eucharistic species. The latter is no longer viewed in terms of the power the priest alone possesses to consecrate *in persona Christi* the real Body of Christ and thus make the sacrificial offering. Instead the priest is seen merely as the head of the People of God who themselves bring about the spiritual presence of the Lord by virtue of their coming together.

Recent statistics seem to indicate that the Church's enemies are winning this battle. Consider some statistics recently compiled.

In 1965 there were 58,000 priests in the U.S. This number had dropped to 45,000 in 2002 and the majority of these were over the age of 80.

The number of ordinations has declined 350%, from 1,575 in 1965 to 450 in 2002. If we consider ordinations, deaths and departures, in 1965 we had a net gain of 725 priests. In 1998 there was a net loss of 810.

A recent study done at Fordham University reported that 65% of Catholics regularly attended Sunday Mass in 1965, while the rate dropped to 25% in 2000.

According to a recent New York Times/CBS poll 70% of Catholics age 18-44 believe the Eucharist is merely a "symbolic reminder" of Jesus.

To restore all things in Christ by restoring the priesthood and all that concerns it is just the continuation of St. Pius X's work into our own times. It is no accident that Archbishop Lefebvre chose St. Pius X as the heavenly patron to guide this work of our little society.

Thus in honor of this centennial of our patron and to seek his intercession for the Church and our own nation I propose

that the following prayer, taken from the same allocution of Pope Pius XII, be recited for one month beginning August 4 and ending on the feast of St. Pius X— September 3.

"St. Pius X, glory of the priesthood; light and honor of the Christian people – you in whom lowliness seemed blended with greatness, severity with mildness; simple piety with profound learning, you, Pope of the Holy Eucharist and of the Catechism, of unsullied faith and fearless strength, turn your gaze on Holy Church, which you so loved and to which you consecrated the choicest of those treasures with which the lavish hand of the Divine Bounty had enriched your soul. Obtain for her safety and steadfastness amid the difficulties and persecutions of our times; sustain this poor human race, whose sufferings you shared in so largely – those sufferings which at the end stilled the beating of your great heart; bring it about that this troubled world may witness the triumph of that peace which should mean harmony among nations, brotherly accord and sincere collaboration among individual men, so that thus those ardent desires which consumed your apostolic life may become by your intercession a blessed reality, to the glory of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen."

Sincerely yours in the Precious Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

John D. Fullerton

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AURIESVILLE PILGRIMAGE



Saturday, June 14 saw the annual 10-mile pilgrimage to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in AURIESVILLE, NY, made this year in reparation for the recent desecration of the Society's Long Island Chapel. While the shrine is dedicated to all of the martyrs of North America, it marks the spot on which Saints Isaac Jogues (†1646), Rene Goupil (†1642) and John Lalande (†1646) were martyred by the Iroquois, as well the site of Ossernenon, the birthplace of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha (The Lily of the Mohawks), who was born in 1656. The Shrine is also a center of devotion to Our Lady as it was on these same grounds that the first recorded recitation of the Rosary of what is now the state of New York took place on September 29, 1642.

Among the chapters of the East Coast chapels were also present chapters from the Girard, OH and Armada, MI chapels.

A group shot of the cast of the enthusiastically received play, which was followed by a 1½ hour talk by Fr. Zendejas on the conditions of martyrdom. Unfortunately due to the late hour of the production, the ingenious costumes are not clearly visible in the picture.



On Friday evening, members of the Girard chapel gave a play recounting the martyrdom of Sts. Isaac Jogues, Rene Goupil and John Lalande. The play was in the form of a narration of the events by Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha who appeared to a young girl in a vision. Here St. Isaac Jogues is rowed downstream for last time by the Huron Indians to the Iroquois camp, where he will ultimately be martyred.





The pilgrimage's events actually began on Friday evening at the campsite adjacent to the Shrine's grounds with an outdoor Mass and Stations of the Cross. Here Fr. Zendejas prays at one of the beautiful outdoor Stations on the shrine's grounds.



On Saturday morning, the pilgrims were transported to Lock Ten (situated along an old canal), where we see Fr. Michael McMahon giving a stirring "kick-off sermon" on the necessity of Catholics standing out among the world, as we are marked with the Blood of Christ, hence the reason for making a pilgrimage.



Treading upwards through the hilly terrain of New York State, various chapters continue along the path to the shrine.



Having stopped for lunch and a short rest, the pilgrims give their ear to Fr. Kenneth Novak's sermon on how the saints defined the reality of their times, and that today's Catholics must live in contradiction to "virtual reality".



For several years now, the local bishop has not allowed the Society's pilgrims to use the Shrine's Coliseum Chapel to celebrate Mass, so in protest for this ironic unecumenical "lock-out", the 800 or so pilgrims process around it chanting the *Litany of Saints* and then proceed to the campsite where Mass will be said.



The District Superior, Fr. John Fullerton, celebrates the climax of the pilgrimage, Solemn High Mass, assisted by Fr. Dennis McDonald (as Deacon) and Fr. Trevor Burfitt (as Subdeacon). During the Mass, Fr. Fullerton gave a sermon on the four qualities of a pilgrim (cf. his letter in the July *Regina Coeli* Report).



INDIANA

The town of Nappanee, IN is located in the heart of Amish country. Yet it is the site of a Society chapel – Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Rightly proud of their Catholic Faith and heritage, the faithful of Our Lady of Perpetual Help recently took part in two processions through the streets of Nappanee thus manifesting their adherence to the One, True Faith. In May, a statue of Our Lady was crowned and lavishly decorated in order to be carried during a Rosary procession after Mass. Then in June the faithful participated in a procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the feast of Corpus Christi making it clear to the little town of Nappanee just Who is their King and Lord.



The crowned statue of Our Lady is carried by four men of the parish while the Rosary is recited over a loud speaker through the streets of Nappanee, IN.



The procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the feast of Corpus Christi. Immediately following the Celebrant are three young children who had just received their First Holy Communion during the Mass.



The procession of the Blessed Sacrament pauses at an outdoor altar where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament takes place.

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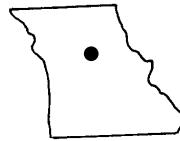
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MISSOURI

A popular devotion during the month of May is the May Crowning of a statue of Our Lady. The faithful of St. Mary Magdalene Church in Mexico, MO, honored the Blessed Virgin by crowning Her image on May 25 and also choosing one of Her feast days, the Queenship of Mary (May 31), as a workday to increase the beauty of the church property and maintain the upkeep of the property as well.



One of the girls of the parish crowns the statue of Our Lady outside St. Mary Magdalene Church.



The men and boys of the parish hard at work on the grounds of the church.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The students and faculty of St. Therese's Academy in Nicholville, NY recently made a pilgrimage to Montreal to visit churches and experience the rich Catholic history of this historic city. Fr. Dennis McDonald led the students on the day of pilgrimage. Mass was celebrated in the morning and then the pilgrims embarked on their journey. They met with Fr. Carl Sulzen (stationed in Toronto) and two visitors from Ottawa for a tour of various churches.

The first stop was the Chapel of Our Lady of *Bon Secours* (named by a group of sailors because of Our Lady's help in getting them safely to shore). The chapel is noteworthy for a relic of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys as well as a number of miniature boats which hang from the ceiling of the church in honor of the "Star of the Sea".



The pilgrims approach the Cathedrale de Marie Reine du Monde giving the viewer a good look at the impressive exterior of the basilica.

saints selected by benefactors to the church grace the exterior of the Cathedrale de Marie Reine du Monde. The church, which was named a minor basilica in 1910, contains a replica of Bernini's baldacino in St. Peter's, as well as historical paintings of the foundation and colonization of Montreal.



A shot of the interior of the Cathedrale de Marie Reine du Monde featuring the replica of Bernini's baldacino.

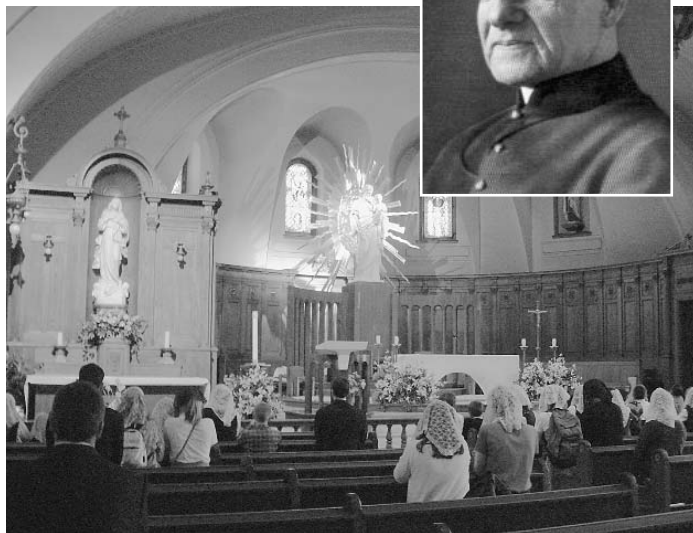


Fr. McDonald poses with his students and faculty on the day of their pilgrimage to Montreal.

The next step entailed a walk of a mere quarter of a mile to the Basilica of Our Lady of Montreal (founded in 1642). The students were struck by the beauty of the interior, especially by the images depicting the roots of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Calvary and its foreshadowing in the Old Testament with the sacrifices of Abraham, Melchisedech, Moses and Aaron being featured.

The group broke for lunch and then in the afternoon they visited the Cathedrale de Marie Reine du Monde (Mary, Queen of the World), a replica of St. Peter's in Rome – only it is half the size of St. Peter's. While statues of Christ and His 12 Apostles grace the top of the exterior of St. Peter's, 13 statues of various

The final stop on the tour was a visit to St. Joseph's Oratory where the students and faculty prayed to the Patron of the Universal Church and visited the tomb of Blessed Brother André Bessette, CSC (1845-1937; he was a member of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, a porter and janitor at the College of Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Coeur in Côte-des-Neiges, worked many miracles during his lifetime and due to his great devotion to St. Joseph, caused the aforementioned Oratory to be built). It was a fitting end to an enjoyable and edifying day for all.



The pilgrims from Nicholville pray in St. Joseph's Oratory.

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EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: July-September

August Defense of life; against abortion
September Defense of the Faith and Christians
persecuted for the Faith
October Triumph of Mary, of the Rosary &
Peace in the world

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE - May 2003

Treasure sheets returned	340
Morning offerings	9246
Masses	4091
Sacramental communions	3398
Spiritual communions	7576
Sacrifices	32,807
Decades of the Rosary	41,290
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	3536
15 minutes of silent meditation	3501
Good examples	13,198

The 23 active chapters for March were, in order of
the greatest number of treasure sheets returned, down to
the least:

Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID (50)	St. Therese Chapel, Nicholville, NY (9)
St. Thomas Becket, Veneta, OR (40)	St. John Vianney, Long Prairie, MN (9)
Our Lady Immaculate, Oak Park, IL (32)	St. Peter Chanel, Hilo, HI (7)
St. Mary's Academy, St. Marys, KS (25)	St. Jude's, Philadelphia, PA (7)
St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO (25)	Our Lady of the Rosary, Buffalo, NY (5)
Our Lady of Fatima, Sanger, TX (19)	Our Lady of Fatima, Salt Lake City, UT (4)
St. Therese, Madison, WI (14)	Our Lady of Lourdes, Honolulu, HI (4)
St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH (14)	Our Lady of Sorrows, Baton Rouge, LA (3)
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Fort Worth, TX (10)	Jesus and Mary, El Paso, TX (3)
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Syracuse, NY (10)	Saint Michael's, Mandan, ND (3)
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