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REPORT

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AMERICA'S CATHOLIC HERITAGE REVISITED



FLORIDA

On December 7th, Fr. Hewko led the parishioners of St. Thomas More Chapel in ORLANDO on a pilgrimage to a spot often called "America's Most Sacred Acre", a hallowed and historic site in St. Augustine (the oldest city in the United States, marked by the ★). It was there that the Spanish Catholic explorer and Captain General of the Indies Fleet, Pedro Menendez de Aviles landed on the feast of the Nativity of Our Lady, September 8, 1565 and proclaimed it for Spain and the Church. After landing, Menendez planted a wooden cross on the site. Fr. Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales, chaplain of the expedition recorded this landing at the Indian village of Seloy:

"On Saturday the eighth the General landed with many banners spread, to the sounds of trumpets and the salutes of artillery. As I had gone ashore the evening before, I took a cross and went to meet him, singing the hymn *Te Deum Laudamus*. The General, followed by all who accompanied him, marched up to the cross, knelt and kissed it. A large number of Indians watched these proceedings and imitated all that they saw done."



The Nombre de Dios Mission built in the 17th century out of coquina stone (a mixture of seashells and coral), though the original mission was built from wood. Visible through the doorway is the statue of Our Lady of la Leche.

On the same day Fr. Lopez celebrated the first Mass in St. Augustine near the landing spot. A few years later, a permanent mission named *Nombre de Dios* (Name of God), would be established here. All of this occurred more than 40 years before Jamestown and



Fr. Hewko celebrates Mass on a outdoor Altar (made out palmetto logs, which the first Altar was built from, as stone is generally unavailable in the swampy area) that marks the spot where Fr. Lopez said the first Mass in St. Augustine. Also visible across the lagoon, is the famous stainless steel cross of the city.



After the Mass, a rosary procession was made through the park that surrounds the landing site and Mission Nombre de Dios.

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50 years before Plymouth Rock.

Also on this sacred spot the Spanish settlers erected the first shrine in the United States dedicated to the Blessed Mother which houses the devotion to Our Lady of la Leche (*y buen parto*), or, Our Lady of the Milk (and Good Delivery). The tiny Nombre de Dios Mission chapel enshrines a replica of the beautiful statue of Our Lady nursing the Infant Child, which was brought from Spain in 1598 by the Spanish settlers of St. Augustine. Unfortunately, the original was destroyed in one of the many battles that have besieged St. Augustine.

Fort St. Augustine was also used by the Spanish as a deterrent against the heretical French Huguenots who were reinforcing Fort Carolina (32 miles to the north) and disrupting Spanish trade by piracy in the coastal and Caribbean waters.



The statue of Our Lady of la Leche.



The 208 foot tall stainless steel cross that was erected in 1965 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Mission Nombre de Dios.

REGIONAL REPORT



MISSOURI

The faithful of Queen of All Saints Chapel in **SPRINGFIELD, MO** were fortunate enough to participate in some special events during the closing months of 2002. Many of them joined the faithful of other Midwest chapels for the Starkenburg pilgrimage in late October. The parish also received a special visit from District Superior Fr. John Fullerton for the feast of Christ the King.



The young men of the parish lead the Springfield contingent for the Starkenburg pilgrimage. They proudly carry their banner proclaiming Our Lady the Queen of All Saints.



The Christ the King Procession begins as Fr. Fullerton and the servers leave the main entrance of Queen of All Saints Chapel.



The procession of the Blessed Sacrament passes through the town of Springfield, MO. Here the faithful pass Central High School.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the feast of Christ the King

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

As we progress into the New Year many of our chapels are preparing their young, and some not so young, for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation. This and the lack of understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in Christian life which exists today gives opportunity for some thoughts on this sacrament.

The widespread ignorance of, and indifference to, the sacrament of Confirmation is itself an indictment of the vitality of Catholicism in our day. Confirmation, being the sacrament of the soldier of Christ, is tailored to produce apostolic fighters against the spirit of worldliness which Christ condemned so severely. Perhaps it is because Catholics have come to terms with worldliness that they have forgotten Christ's promise of enmity with the world, and have thus ceased to fight; perhaps this explains why there are relatively few apostolic souls in our day. The last thing a slacker wants is a uniform. The last thing many Catholics seem to want is a summons to battle. Yet this is precisely what Confirmation is, and what our age needs.

Like the other sacraments, Confirmation belongs to the general class of things we know as signs. It is a symbol of our reception of spiritual strength, actually accomplished at the moment when the symbol is present. Confirmation is specifically different from the other sacraments in that it produces a special mode of sanctifying grace. These special sacramental graces are designed to enable the recipient to attain the end for which the sacrament was instituted. By the sacrament of Confirmation, spiritual infants become mature, and the simple citizens of Christ's kingdom are marked as his soldiers. Thus this sacramental grace produces certain effects:

- 1) In recipients who place no obstacle to the reception of grace, there is a substantial and notable increase of sanctifying grace, of the infused moral and theological virtues, and of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- 2) The recipient is strengthened, by the special sacramental grace, to firmly and bravely live his faith in public before all men and to defend and fight for it when circumstances demand.

- 3) The recipient has the right throughout life to the actual graces necessary for this conflict, whenever occasions arise.

We see, through these effects, the divine intention to perfect the body of the Church by bringing its members to spiritual maturity, capable and ready to shoulder the responsibility of being a soldier of Christ in the world.

Too often the sacrament of Confirmation is viewed as a child's toy; a present to be played with during childhood and then set aside and forgotten at the approach of maturity. But it is Confirmation that makes us spiritually mature. Thus the confirmed should have an awareness of the common good of the Mystical Body and not be self-centered like children. They should show signs of maturity by striving to bring to perfection the sacramental graces and by the willingness to accept responsibility for themselves and others. Apostolic action, which struggles to extend the work of Redemption into the world, and which is proportioned to their mature outlook and sense of responsibility, should characterize those confirmed.

Pope Pius XII once stated "Today more than ever and as in the first days of its existence, the Church's need is above all for witnesses, even more than apologists; witnesses who, by the whole of their life, will make the true face of Christ and of the Church shine out in splendor in the eyes of a paganized world."

If true then more so now! How badly the Church today needs Catholics willing to stand up for their Faith, to fight for Our Lord and for souls! Let us be resolved to live as true soldiers of Our Lord Jesus Christ, asking for and taking advantage of the graces that are ours by the sacrament of Confirmation which we have received.

Sincerely yours in our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Mother,



Fr. John D. Fullerton



MISSOURI

The feast of St. Nicholas often brings with it some special treats for Catholic children. The custom of handing out candy to youngsters is a common one. But St. Vincent's Academy in **KANSAS CITY, MO** made the day even more celebratory by organizing a pancake breakfast for the school children. Teachers and volunteers served the school children a delicious breakfast, and the children even received a surprise visit from St. Nicholas himself who also visited the individual classrooms later in the day.



A view of the parish hall during the pancake breakfast. Fr. Kenneth Dean, the principal of the Academy, was joined by Fr. Fullerton for the breakfast; and all listened attentively to St. Nicholas' words of wisdom.



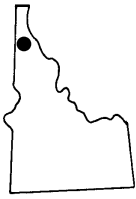
The students and teachers of St. Vincent's Academy enjoy the pancake breakfast on the feast of St. Nicholas.

St. Nicholas, portrayed by a familiar guest at Saint Vincent's, entertains and instructs the students during the breakfast.



Later in the day, St. Nicholas visited the individual classrooms for further fun much to the delight of the Academy students.





IDAHO

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission in **BOISE, ID** had its first Christ the King Procession. Despite the darkness due to the evening Mass time, the procession went well thanks to some outside building lights and candles carried by the faithful. After the ceremonies, Fr. Patrick Crane, the pastor, and the rest of the faithful were treated to a pot luck supper with live musical entertainment provided by children of the parish.



Fr. Crane gives the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the feast of Christ the King.



The Ballester "Classic Review" perform a medley of songs on their Recorders during the pot luck supper after Mass.

A final treat of the evening was a violin duet by two more from the Ballester Family.



The Zach Boys' Jug Band provided some backwoods musical comedy during their song "Barbecue". The instruments for the group are a jug, washboard, tub base and coffee can!



TEXAS

This year for the feast of Christ the King, St. Joseph's in **SAN ANTONIO, TX** erected a tent-sized tarpaulin over the grounds in front of the chapel in order to have an outdoor Mass. A procession with the Blessed Sacrament followed the Mass. And when the ceremonies were over, everyone enjoyed a parish meal followed by an adult catechism contest, games and other activities.



The Christ the King Procession leaves the Church grounds. In the background can be seen the tarpaulin under which the Mass took place.



The pastor Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer preaches on the feast of Christ the King during the outdoor Mass.



Fr. Pfeiffer oversees the adult catechism contest.



MINNESOTA

Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel in CROOKSTON has recently seen many “modern” renovations and additions, though these are *in favor* of Catholic Tradition.

The most visible addition to the exterior is the magnificent outdoor altar, which is made out of split field stone and polished black granite and was blessed on the feast of Christ the King. The black granite, which weighs

1300lbs, was acquired from a “bone yard,” (a scrape yard for stone) near St. Cloud. This quarry also furnished the black and white stone pavers which cover the cement slab in front of the altar. The ninety-year-old Crucifixion scene originated from Pennsylvania and was shipped for free by a Protestant truck firm in the area. Spotlights (under the awning) illuminate the altar at night, which makes it



Cemented into altar reredos (the back wall) is this 11 x 12 inches bronze plaque containing an image of the Agnus Dei.

visible on the main highway that leads into Crookston.

Meanwhile, much work has been accomplished inside the chapel, such as the installation of a statue of the Pieta at the entrance of the chapel, new stain glass windows over the doors depicting the Sorrowful Heart of Our Lady, a small shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux, a new confessional, new flooring in the sanctuary and a new communion rail.



The outdoor altar which shows the real connection between the altar of the Mass on which the Lamb of God is daily slain in an unbloody manner and the altar of Calvary on which He was slain in a bloody manner. The frontal piece of the altar is a Last Supper Scene made out of resin which connects the altar and the Cross by being the first Mass offered by Our Lord Himself.



The remodeled sanctuary. A green dossal curtain (that which hangs behind the altar) and canopy have been added to the altar. Liturgical law prescribes the use of a canopy over the altar and predella (the altar platform) so that the dignity of the Blessed Sacrament, the altar and the Sacred Ministers are acknowledged.



The beautiful new confessional constructed and carved out of oak.



This painting, made a parishioner, is inserted into the top of the confessional and demonstrates (for those waiting in line!) the difference between a good confession and a bad confession.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



INDIA

In December, this largely pagan country saw quite a bit of Catholic activity. On the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, also called the “Apostle of the Indies” as he worked and died there (in Mylapore), the new priory and hostel in PALAYAMKOTTAI was finally dedicated by Bishop Tissier de Mallerais. He also preached a priestly retreat, which six native priest friends attended in addition to Fr. Blute, the prior. The bishop also conferred the sacrament of Confirmation on approximately sixty children. All of these events were of great encouragement to the Catholic faithful who must struggle in this difficult mission country.



This beautiful building is the the new priory.

Inside the “banana basilica”, Bishop Tissier de Mallerais preaches to the confirmands, while Fr. Pancras, a native Indian priest, translates.



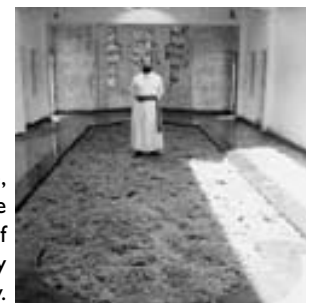
The recently completed “banana basilica” on the grounds of the Society’s complex.



From left to right, the attendees at the priests’ retreat: Frs. Sequeira, Albuquerque, Pancras, Blute, the bishop, Frs. Xavier Ignatius, Matthias and Sebastian. Two of the priests are from the Goa Diocese, two are from the Kottar Diocese, two are from the Tuticorin Diocese and one (Fr. Blute) is from the Society!



Fr. Sequeira, of the Goa Diocese, says his first Tridentine Mass in 35 years!



Fr. Blute, beaming in the courtyard of his newly finished priory.

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 Econe 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 Sienna – 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)

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MONTHLY INTENTIONS: February-April

- February* For the religious life, the life of the counsels
- March* For Christian family and Catholic education
- April* For civil and Church authorities, and Christian order in society

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE - November 2002

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| Treasure sheets returned | 581 |
| Morning offerings | 14,693 |
| Masses | 7275 |
| Sacramental communions | 6159 |
| Spiritual communions | 11,006 |
| Sacrifices | 48,337 |
| Decades of the Rosary | 62,628 |
| Visits to the Blessed Sacrament | 7174 |
| 15 minutes of silent meditation | 5843 |
| Good examples | 20,350 |

The 30 active chapters for November were, in order of the greatest number of treasure sheets returned, down to the least:

St. Mary's Academy, St. Mary's, KS (163)
Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID (79)
St. Thomas Becket, Veneta, OR (42)
St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO (36)
Our Lady Immaculate, Oak Park, IL (31)
Our Lady of Fatima, Sanger, TX (27)
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Syracuse, NY (15)
St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH (14)
St. Joseph's, Armada, MI (14)
St. Jude's, Philadelphia, PA (12)
Our Lady of Sorrows, Girard, OH (11)
St. Therese, Nicholville, NY (11)
St. John Fisher, Fort Wayne, IN (9)
St. Therese, Madison, WI (9)
St. Peter Chanel, Hilo, HI (7)
Our Lady of the Rosary, Buffalo, NY (7)
St. Joseph's and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Colton, CA (7)
St. Ignatius, Ridgefield, CT (7)
Our Lady of the Snows, Sioux Falls, SD (6)
St. Michael's, Mandan, ND (5)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Nappanee, IN (5)
Our Lady of Sorrows, Baton Rouge, LA (5)
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Boise, ID (5)
Our Lady of Fatima, Salt Lake City, UT (4)
Jesus and Mary, El Paso, TX (4)
Our Lady of Lourdes, Honolulu, HI (4)
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Ft. Worth, TX (3)
St. Lawrence, Hartford, CT (3)
St. Thomas, Carson City, NV (3)
Corpus Christi, Edmonds, WA (1)

RETREAT SCHEDULE

February - April

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

- Men's 5 day Ignatian: February 24-March 1
Women's 5 day Ignatian: February 10-15;
March 10-15; April 7-12
Men's Marian Retreat: March 24-29

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
Men's Lenten: April 7-12
Women's Lenten: March 24-29

OUR LADY OF SORROWS RETREAT CENTER 750 E. Baseline Road, Phoenix, AZ 85042 (602) 268 7673

- Men's 5 day Ignatian: March 10-15;
March 30 - April 4 in Denver, CO
Women's 5 day Ignatian: February 10-15;
April 6-11 in Denver, CO
Men's & Women's 4 day Matrimony retreat:
February 26-March 1
Men's & Women's 4 day Teachers retreat: April 23-27

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

- Men's 5 day Ignatian retreat: July 7-12; July 14-19
Doctrinal Session: July 30-August 3

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.