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REPORT

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LONG PRAIRIE'S NEW SANCTUARY



MINNESOTA

While last month we spotlighted the "renovation" of the sanctuary of the Crookston chapel, this month we feature another sanctuary renovation in the state of Minnesota *in favor* of Catholic

Tradition at Saint John Vianney Chapel in **LONG PRAIRIE (ROUND PRAIRIE)**.

An addition was made to the rear of the original chapel that now accommodates the new spacious sanctuary and side sacristies, and which allowed the nave to be enlarged, thereby increasing the attendance capacity of the chapel. The construction was concluded with a Solemn High Mass on December 21.

The interior of the sanctuary under construction. From this view, one can see that the sanctuary will have plenty of room, allowing the liturgical ceremonies to be executed properly.



An exterior view showing the addition which contains the new sanctuary and sacristies to the rear of the chapel, with the school building to the right.



The nearly completed sanctuary, complete with a tiled floor and predella, and the logo of the Society of Saint Pius X inlaid on the nave floor (the Communion rail has yet to be installed).



Father Frank Kurtz, the pastor of Saint John Vianney, oversees the completion of one of the two matching shrines that unobtrusively grace the side extremities of the sanctuary.



Father Kurtz celebrates the Solemn High Mass, while Fathers Kimball and Diaz act respectively as Deacon and Subdeacon. All three priests reside at the nearby Saint Peter's Priory in Browerville.



The completed sanctuary with its simple yet elegant lines correctly focuses the view of the faithful upon the altar, the center of every Catholic church.

REGIONAL REPORT



Father Christy D'Cruz says Mass in the leased room of the mission named in honor of Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini.



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini Mission in SALEM is a relative newcomer to the list of chapels and missions that are under the auspices of the Society. The parishioners have recently leased a room for the mission, which allows them to have their altar permanently set up. Though the mission is operated by the Society, the chapel is mainly serviced by a priest-friend, Father Christy D'Cruz, who is originally from India, and is one of those priestly "warriors" of Catholic Tradition. It is with the assistance of such friends (like Father Terry Marks, RIP) that the Society is able to bear the burden of its extensive work of preservation and restoration of Catholic Tradition in the United States District.



A famous portrait of Mother Cabrini, the first American citizen to be canonized and the Patroness of Immigrants, whose feast day in the United States is on November 13, the day on which she was beatified by Pope Pius XI in 1938. Born on July 15, 1850 near Milan, Italy, she originally wanted to be a missionary in China, but was instead urged by Pope Leo XIII to administer to the flood of Italian immigrants in America. Amongst the American cities that she graced with her presence were New York, Newark, Scranton, New Orleans, Seattle, Denver, Los Angeles, and finally Chicago where she died on December 22, 1917 (though her body was subsequently moved back to New York, where it still remains under the High Altar of Mother Cabrini High School in the Bronx). Mother Cabrini was canonized on July 7, 1946 by Pope Pius XII.

Society Sisters Girl's Camp

The Sisters of Sacred Heart Novitiate will be holding a Girls' camp for girls aged 8-17 years from July 11th to July 19th at Whitewater State Park (near Winona). The cost is \$95 for one girl in a family and \$65 for several girls in a family.

To register, please write to Sacred Heart Novitiate, 540 W 8th Street, Browerville, MN 56438, enclosing a deposit of \$15 (not refundable) per girl. The Sisters will later send out the necessary papers to be filled in.

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

Lent is for all generous souls an acceptable time, a holy time, a kind of long retreat which with its fasts and penitential exercises will enable us to associate ourselves more closely with the redeeming work of Christ.

To help us enter into the spirit of this season, consider how one day Christ called St. Peter's attention to a condition making religion just the opposite of what it should be. His words were strong ones: "Thou savorest not the things that are of God, but the things that are of men." These words are like the ones in the Gospel of the Mass for the first Sunday of Lent where the same divine lips tell us: "Man liveth not by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God." Both of these texts show us the spirit of Lent; the Church says to us, as it were: "Not everything is food and pleasure; the spirit must also be fed."

A man who nourishes himself consistently, and is careful not to take in anything injurious, has hope of remaining healthy. Such is a firm Catholic faith; only the belief in the unchanging truths handed to the Apostles by our Lord Jesus Christ Himself can keep us spiritually healthy.

By comparing the firmness of our holy Catholic Faith with the unfirmness of other faiths, we shall more readily see its value. Those outside the Church are tossed about on a sea of doubt; faith is demanded of them, but in such a general and slipshod way that they are often not very sure of what they do believe, and are often very restless in soul. But the Catholic has in his catechism a full and thorough exposition of the truths Christ taught – nothing is doubtful; hence he is not restless, but peaceful in his possession.

In the world many run after religious fads, trying now this, now that. All sorts of "isms" are offered for their selection, and they purchase what pleases them the best, at little expense, as people do in a five-and-ten store. The next day they purchase something else, until they have a whole collection of whimsical novelties. They are as unstable as the wind. But a Catholic knows he has no fad, he has the unchanging truth. His holy Faith is a most valuable jewel, which becomes more and more beautiful the closer it is examined. How sad it is when Catholics themselves no longer treasure this jewel; they prefer to cast it to the swine and to go running through the muck after these same fads.

Protestants lay much stress on reading the Bible, and like to criticize Catholics for not reading it. But we know

that Holy Mother Church wants us to read God's holy words; they are the words of eternal life. But she demands firmness of faith in doing so, and warns us of reading anything into the sacred text by private interpretation. It is the Word of God, the food for our soul; but it must be guarded against poisons and unhealthy substances which may creep in.

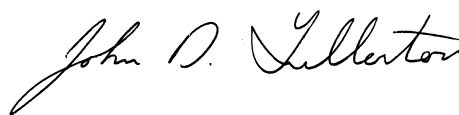
Lack of firmness in Faith leads to crime. To lose confidence in the eternal truths is bound to make the soul yield to mere human motives, such as the heathen had; who deemed stealing not so evil, as long as the culprit was not caught. The weaker the Faith becomes the greater this crime becomes. How great will this crime become before we wake up and turn back to these eternal truths?

We must convince ourselves that there is nothing better in life, nor will there ever be, than the principles which Christ gave us. We need no new religion; He gave us the best possible one. It is up to us to savor it.

During this Lent let us strive to strengthen our faith by immersing ourselves in His doctrine. "Let us" also, as St. Leo the Great said, "cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit; that in the struggles which go on between our two natures, the soul which under the guidance of God should govern the body, may uphold the dignity of its rule. Thus giving offense to no one, we will not be exposed to the reproaches of those who revile us. For we shall be justly blamed by unbelievers, whose wicked tongues will find in our misdeeds a weapon of attack against religion, if the conduct of those who keep the fast is not in accordance with the spirit of perfect continence. For our fasting does not consist merely in abstinence from food; it will do us no good to deprive the body of food if the mind be not recalled from wickedness."

By so doing we will associate ourselves more closely to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who alone is the Redeemer of the human race.

Sincerely yours in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,



Fr. John D. Fullerton



ILLINOIS

Our Lady Immaculate Church in **CHICAGO (OAK PARK)** has had quite a bit of youthful activity in the past month or so. The academy hosted its Christmas play, with the Pre-Kindergarten to 3rd grades enacting the Nativity of Our Lord and the subsequent visit of the Magi.

On the Sunday following the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a festival was held in her honor, with a delicious Mexican meal prepared by the ladies and a play by the 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders on the events surrounding the miraculous *tilma* of Juan Diego, which portrays the sacred image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Moving up in years, the recently formed Saint James the Greater Youth Group made an excursion in the middle of January to frigid downtown Chicago. It gave them the chance to practice the virtue of charity not only amongst themselves, but to a complete stranger as well.



During the Nativity play, the richly dressed Magi and shepherds (complete with sheep) kneel before the Christ Child to sing his praise, while the ever-present parentally-held video camera takes it all in.



The members of the Guadalupe cast pose with some more of their ingenious stage-props, a replica of the *tilma* on which is imprinted the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and in the foreground a cardboard cactus. One can also tell that much work went into the costumes used for both plays.



The shepherds wearing burlap and Mexican-style vests approach the manger, flanked by Mary and Joseph, to adore the newly born Christ Child.



During the play on Our Lady of Guadalupe, Juan Diego kneels before Our Lady as she instructs him on what he is to say to the bishop, while the agave plant (albeit a clever stage-prop) reminds us that the location of the story is in the desert-like region of Mexico.

EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: March-May

- March** For Christian family and Catholic education
- April** For civil and Church authorities, and Christian order in society
- May** For the return to the Church of all those who have left her

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE - December 2002

Treasure sheets returned	551
Morning offerings	14,193
Masses	5905
Sacramental communions	4935
Spiritual communions	10,036
Sacrifices	856,556
Decades of the Rosary	58,058
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	5682
15 minutes of silent meditation	5531
Good examples	16,477

The 31 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 (157)
- Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID (58)
- St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO (34)
- Our Lady Immaculate, Oak Park, IL (27)
- St. Thomas Becket, Veneta, OR (26)
- Our Lady of Fatima, Sanger, TX (25)
- Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Syracuse, NY (16)
- St. Therese, Nicholville, NY (16)
- St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH (14)
- St. Jude's, Philadelphia, PA (10)
- St. Therese, Madison, WI (10)
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Nappanee, IN (9)
- Jesus and Mary, El Paso, TX (8)
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Ft. Worth, TX (8)
- St. Thomas, Carson City, NV (8)
- St. John Fisher, Fort Wayne, IN (8)
- St. Peter Chanel, Hilo, HI (7)
- St. Joseph's and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Colton, CA (7)
- St. Michael's, Mandan, ND (7)
- Our Lady of the Snows, Sioux Falls, SD (6)
- St. Robert Bellarmine, Saint Cloud, MN (6)
- Our Lady of Sorrows, Baton Rouge, LA (5)
- Our Lady of the Rosary, Buffalo, NY (5)
- St. Ignatius, Ridgefield, CT (5)
- Our Lady of Fatima, Salt Lake City, UT (4)
- Our Lady of Lourdes, Honolulu, HI (4)
- St. Michael's, Bakersfield, CA (4)
- St. Lawrence, Hartford, CT (3)
- St. Michael the Archangel, Farmingville, NY (3)
- St. Mary's Assumption, Saint Louis, MO (2)
- St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Los Gatos, CA (1)



Members of the Saint James the Greater Youth Group pose in front of one of Chicago's famous "To Serve and Protect" police cars during their trip downtown. Just minutes before, these young Catholics acted as Good Samaritans after assisting a man whom they witnessed being struck by a taxi until the police and ambulance could arrive.



After paying heed to Our Lord's precept to "love thy neighbor", the youth group then continued to their intended destination, Millennium Park, for some fun on the ice.



OHIO

CLEVELAND (RICHFIELD) has recently seen the completion of St. Peregrine's Academy, which hosts grades Kindergarten

through High School. The well-constructed building would have cost the parish almost \$500,000, but through the abilities and efforts of parishioners, it was constructed for less than half that amount.



St. Peregrine's Academy, the exterior of which is two-tone stone-concrete facing.



An inlaid pattern on the floor of the school's entrance containing St. Pius X's and Archbishop Lefebvre's coats of arms, an image of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and a logo of the Society of Saint Pius X. The words "Bene omnia facere" means in Latin, "To do all things well" echoing Scripture's description of Our Lord which all students should imitate.



This room serves as a combination 1st grade, lunchroom and school chapel (notice the altar to the rear).



A shot of the High School orchestra practicing. Is that Mozart or Haydn?



The "Knights of Mary Hallway" which connects the classrooms. The shield on the wall (flanked by the swords) contains the same emblems as the aforementioned inlaid floor pattern.

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.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



LITHUANIA

Father Eric Jacqmin has been very active in this small Baltic, but very Catholic country which once was under Soviet oversight and whose Catholics endured many hardships under the Communists. Now traditional Catholics of this

valiant country must face an even more difficult burden: persecution from their own brethren in the Conciliar Church. Nevertheless, there are still reasons for rejoicing, the most significant being the following: Father Jacqmin has recently been approached by a little congregation of Sisters, founded in 1998 by the late and famous Cardinal Vincentas Sladkevicius of Vilnius,



A familiar face to some Americans, Father Karl Stehlin (on the left), the superior of the autonomous house in Poland (which is also responsible for Lithuania) gives a conference from a rustic farm cart, while Father Edmundas Naujlkaitis, the first Lithuanian priest ordained for the Society, listens attentively.



The simple chapel of the Society's Mass center in Vilnius, the beautiful capital of Lithuania. In the bottom corner is the official emblem of the city of Vilnius showing Saint Christopher carrying the Christ Child across a river, appropriate for the city as the Vilnia River runs through the middle of it.

former Archbishop Emeritus of Kaunas. Before he died on May 28, 2000, he left this injunction with the Sisters: "When the Society of Saint Pius X comes, you must join them. They will restore the Church in Lithuania". These sisters waited for several years for the arrival of the Society, living alone in separate houses because they lacked the financial means for a common house. Ironically, it is this same cardinal who favored the Society so highly, that the liberal Church hierarchy in Lithuania is now trying to have canonised!



Fr. Jacqmin and some of his Lithuanian faithful recently made a pilgrimage to the famed "Hill of Crosses" near the city of Siauliai, which serves as an implacable sign of the vibrant Catholic Faith which the Communists could not extinguish. Several times throughout the history of the hill, the Communist government tore down the crosses only to have them secretly replenished during the night by local Catholics. Coincidentally, the man who was most recently in charge of this Catholic "covert" operation now attends the Siauliai Mass center of the Society. Unfortunately, someone recently placed a Shintoist (Buddhist) and the Jewish Star of David on the hill, which cannot be removed due to the new Lithuanian law on religious liberty. A Catholic however found a "solution" by placing the Cross of Christ on top of the symbols of false religions.



In the neighboring country of Estonia, Father Ivo Öunpuu says his first Mass in the city of Tallinn. Father Öunpuu is the first Estonian priest to be ordained for the Society, an event that occurred this November at the Society's German-speaking seminary in Zaitzkofen.

Tour Itinerary of Fr. Camargo

Fr. Gustavo Adolfo de Toledo Camargo from the Society's District of Mexico will be touring the United States in March to present the Society's work in Mexico and to raise funds for this work. He will be visiting the following Society chapels.

Our Lady Immaculate, Oak Park, IL	March 7 - 9
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Nappanee, IN	March 9
Our Lady of Sorrows, Phoenix, AZ	March 10 - 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery, Silver City, NM	March 13 - 14
Assumption Chapel, St Mary's, KS	March 15 - 17
Our Lady of the Angels, Arcadia, CA	March 18 - 19
Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID	March 20 - 22
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Saint Paul, MN	March 23
St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary, Winona, MN	March 24 - 26
St. Michael the Archangel, Farmingville, NY	March 27 - 28
St. Ignatius Retreat House, Ridgefield, CT	March 29 - 31

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
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	Wed., April 30 (p.m.)

To be announced

Queen of Angels, Dickinson, TX

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 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.

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

March-May

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

Men's 5 day Ignatian:

Women's 5 day Ignatian: March 10 - 15; April 7 - 12

Men's Marian Retreat: March 24 - 29; 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

Men's Lenten: April 7 - 12

Women's Lenten: March 24 - 29

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 10 - 15; 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

Church Items Available

There are 50 used pews and a set of Stations of the Cross (approximately 3.5 feet tall) available. Any chapels interested in these items may contact the District Office at:

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**Globus Travel is organizing the following two
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