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## REPORT

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# MORE CLERICS FOR THE AMERICAN SEMINARY

### MINNESOTA

Candlemas on February 2 is an exceptionally joyful day for St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in WINONA. For on this the day the first year seminarians receive the habit, or cassock, which is the first step on the path to the priesthood.

Our Lady's Feast of the Purification is also the day on which the second year seminarians receive the tonsure, which initiates them into the clerical state, thereby dedicating their service exclusively to Holy Mother Church. The tonsure is given in the second year in order to give the seminarian a full year of spirituality (in his first year), to prepare him for the clerical state and allow him more time to discern his vocation.

The habit actually consists of the black cassock (representing death to the things of this world), the white Roman collar (physically exemplifying the cleric's slavery to Christ) and the black sash (representing holy chastity). While the tonsure



A bird's eye view of one of the second year seminarians receiving the tonsure. One can notice the surplice the seminarian is holding, with which the bishop will shortly clothe him.



The first year seminarians who received the cassock. Front row, left to right: Philip Rhea, Christopher Gross and Joseph Steinmetz. Middle row, left to right: Aanruoi Buckley, Mark Campbell and Robert Morrison. Back row, left to right: Michael Sestak, Aaron Borgerding, Matthew Zacharias, and Michael Kretschner.



Following an annual "ritual", members of St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary pose for the camera in the frigid Minnesota winter after the Pontifical Solemn Mass in honor of Our Lady.

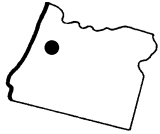
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consists of five small cuts of hair made in the shape of a cross from the crown of the head which symbolically "brands" the cleric as property of the Church. Furthermore, after receiving the tonsure, the new cleric is donned with the surplice, which represents putting on the New Man, that is, Christ. Hence from here forth, the seminarian must conform himself to His Savior's example.

Truly the clerics of the Society of St. Pius X are a "sign of contradiction" to those clerics in the Conciliar Church, who rarely wear a form of clerical dress that visibly sets them apart

for the service of God. Wisely did Archbishop Lefebvre in 1963, as Superior General of the Holy Ghost Fathers, say to his fellow missionary priests in a pastoral letter on the subject of the cassock, "As for lay dress, it does away with all distinction, renders the bearing of witness more difficult and the preservation from evil less effective. This disappearance of any outward witness by means of dress clearly indicates a lack of faith in the priesthood, a failure in respect for the religious attitude of one's neighbour, besides cowardice and a lack of courage in one's convictions." (A Bishop Speaks, Writings and Addresses 1963-1975; Angelus Press).

# REGIONAL REPORT



## OREGON

Fr. Hervé De la Tour preached a girls' retreat in VENETA from March 7 to March 9. The retreat was attended by 25 girls from the Veneta, Silverton and Portland chapels.

The girls ranged from 7th graders to high schoolers.

The men of Veneta have also been staying busy. The members of the Holy Name Society continue to raise money for St. Thomas Becket Church with a firewood business. Last year they raised \$1500 for the church by their regular volunteer service.



Fr. De la Tour speaks to the girls before they go outside to enjoy the beauties of nature.



The girls attend Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the makeshift chapel at the conclusion of the retreat.



Fr. De la Tour poses with the retreatants at the end of the girls' retreat. A local campsite and lodge were used for the retreat.



A view of an Oregon style fundraiser as wood is stacked by the men of the Holy Name Society.



Parishioners generously give their time and energy to stack wood to raise money for St. Thomas Becket Church.

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MAY 1, 2003

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

If there is one thing lacking in the world today, it is certainly the calm of peace. Everything is turmoil and excitement. Individuals seem to constantly need new and exciting things and need them now. Our highways abound with innumerable examples of restlessness, as people hurry to get where they are going so they can hurry and do what they want to do. Conflicts within families and between nations fill our newspapers. Seeing all this one might be tempted to think that peace is not possible.

Yet with all this upheaval around us, we may, if we wish, possess that peace which Christ brought, and which the world cannot give. Let us ask how so that we may strive for it.

How is peace possible? When we consider the requirements of peace, we must acknowledge that it is something not impossible, but only improbable by reason of our resisting it. We really do not want peace, and therefore it cannot come to us. To have peace we must first of all be reconciled to God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Until He came, man was at variance with his creator. Only the "Prince of Peace" could restore the lost friendship. There must also be harmony with our neighbor, through forgiveness of injuries and charity in all things. Also it must be in oneself, through a good conscience giving contentment to the soul.

According to St. Augustine, peace is nothing else than "the tranquillity of order". This order must permeate every aspect of our lives and can be had only if the price of subjection is paid; but, like everything else, it cannot be had if the price is not forthcoming.

The saints show us this plainly. They understood that the obstacles of life are means to payment of this price. If they are accepted they become salutary but if refused they become as poison to the soul. This peace gave them the strength and courage to face all trials, amidst which their measureless confidence in God gave them an unflinching cheerfulness of mind and heart.

Sadly enough, many people seem to do nothing but refuse these trials. They complain about and criticize everything, whether it's the weather, the food, fellow parishioners, family members or even their priest. Unlike the saints their attitude is one of general dissatisfaction. No matter how small the cross is, they refuse to take it up, preferring to throw it on someone else's shoulders. Nor is this dissatisfaction lim-

ited to themselves, for it spreads like wild fire leading others to complain, criticize and lose their peace of soul.

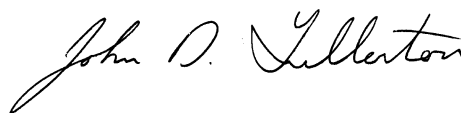
So what makes peace possible? Simply put, it is the fact that Christ brought it. By believing and truly accepting Him as the Redeemer and Teacher, the door is open to peace. This has been proved again and again in both the lives of the saints and in national or international affairs and will prove true also in the future. The promise of Our Lady of Fatima that the world will have peace depends on this belief and acceptance. Our Lord has chosen her Immaculate Heart as the instrument through which He will convert nations and give His peace to the world. Christ's aim was peace – the peace of the individual, which is the fruit of a good conscience, and the peace of the social body, which is the fruit of justice.

That there are great and grave obstacles to this peace no one can doubt. Temptations against the law of God, want of resignation to His Will, disobedience to superiors, pride, anger, envy, avarice and selfishness all prevent this peace from taking root. But, if we strive to live in accordance with God's law we will have peace. "Much peace have they that love thy Law." (Ps. cxvii. 165.)

Holy Writ gives the advice to seek after this peace, and it adds the admonition that we must pursue it. In other words, it is like a bird always escaping us and which we must hunt without ceasing. Perfect and permanent peace can be had only in heaven; to expect such peace on earth is futile, as St. Augustine reminded us with the words: "You seek for happiness? It is not here." Such peace we know is in the heavenly fatherland, and we may have it if we pay the price.

May God grant us the grace to pay that price, and as we rejoice in the Resurrection, may "the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ the King of peace,



Fr. John D. Fullerton



## ILLINOIS

One of the challenges of a parish located in a big city is maintaining a close parish life. This is important because the parish is meant to be a union of the families attending the parish. Our Lady Immaculate Church in OAK PARK (CHICAGO) counts people from all over the

Chicago area as parishioners. So the church has hosted several parish activities the past couple months fostering a true spirit of Catholic unity.

Our Lady Immaculate Academy held its annual "Around the World" fundraiser in February with the children of the Academy preparing food and wearing costumes from various countries around the world. Also in February, the girls of the Academy performed the play "The Restless Heart" about a group of Carmelite nuns who are martyred during the French Revolution.



The fourth-graders chose Australia as their country for the "Around the World" fundraiser in honor of former pastor and District Superior, Fr. Peter Scott.



The junior high boys perform a traditional African dance in what was certainly the most entertaining highlight of the "Around the World" fundraiser.



The cast of "The Restless Heart" pose for a picture.



The Carmelites discuss current events during a recreation period in a scene from "The Restless Heart".

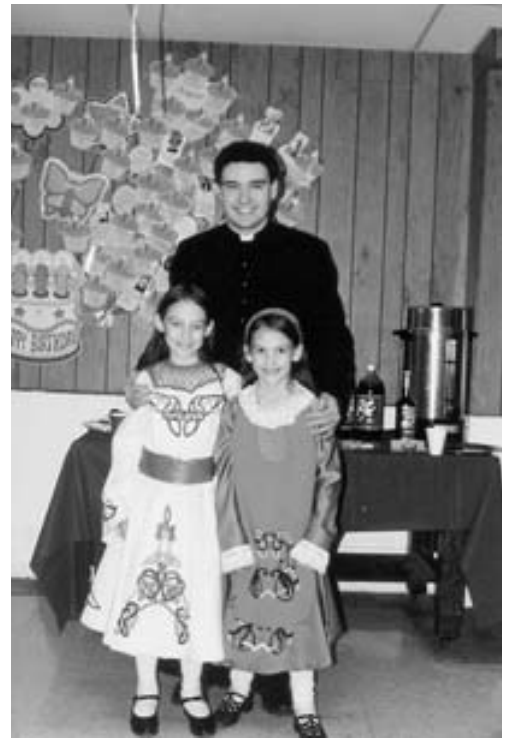
**AURIESVILLE  
PILGRIMAGE**

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

Finally, with Chicago having such a large Irish population, Our Lady Immaculate Church celebrated St. Patrick's Day in grand fashion. After the evening Mass, the young women of the St. James the Greater Youth Group prepared a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner. And everyone joined in the fun with Irish music and sing-a-longs.



The young ladies of the St. James the Greater Youth Group and some generous volunteers prepare the St. Patrick's Day dinner in the kitchen adjacent to the parish hall in the basement of Our Lady Immaculate Church.



Fr. Steven McDonald, pastor of Our Lady Immaculate and proud Irishman, poses for a picture with a couple of the young girls of the parish. The girls are wearing traditional Celtic dance costumes.

Fr. McDonald and parishioner Nick Chapello (dressed in a traditional kilt) lead the chorus in a rousing rendition of "Brennon on the Moor" during a St. Patrick's Day sing-a-long.



The parishioners of Our Lady Immaculate enjoy the festivities of the St. Patrick's Day celebration.

**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.



## MISSOURI

St. Vincent de Paul Church in KANSAS CITY saw once again on Sunday, March 16, the annual St. Joseph's Table whose proceeds from the lively auction go towards having Masses said for priests. This year enough money was raised to have 600 Masses said, bringing the total since 1979 to 4908 Masses said for priests.

Set up in the basement parish hall of the academy, the St. Joseph Table is an imposing sight laden with statues, pastries, flowers and other goodies ready to be auctioned off. With the likes of the District Superior, Fr. Fullerton, and the pastor, Fr. Dean, auctioning off the goods, and the frequent reminder, "it's for the priests!" there were few refusals for the "asking price"!



# INTERNATIONAL NEWS



## AUSTRALIA

Under the direction of Fr. Peter Scott, Holy Cross Seminary in GOULBURN has seen an energetic resurgence during the past few months in the form of a high school/minor seminary whose students are composed of young men hailing from all over the world. In addition to the four priests, four brothers and twelve seminarians, these 15 young men in the minor seminary follow the seminary schedule. While the boys in the minor seminary do not necessarily have a vocation to the priesthood, it is nevertheless a good and solid preparation for those who might indeed have one as well as a good formation for those who are called to the lay state.



Under their rector's watchful eye, the young men now attending the minor seminary pose for a group shot in the Sacred Heart courtyard of the seminary, whose building complex was once a secular college.



One of the various new tasks that the boys learn is how to slaughter a sheep (a common affair in Australia). Here, Br. Bernardine, who has charge over the boys when they are not in class, teaches them how it is done.



As part of their formation, the students learn to pray with the other members of the seminary the Church's way, that is, the Choral Office (Prime, Sext, Compline and sometimes Lauds and Vespers), as well as learn the necessity of mental prayer.

# SSPX SUMMER CAMPS (2003)

The proper priory must be contacted to obtain the necessary forms and other essential information.

## POST FALLS, ID

Fr. Crane will be hosting  
a boys camp in July.

*(For further inquiries, please contact the priory.)*

Immaculate Conception Church

PO Box 206

Post Falls, ID 83877-0206

208-773-2231 tel

208-777-8891 fax

## VENETA, OR

Camp Wilani (girls camp):

Sunday, June 22-Saturday, July 5, 2003

Saint Thomas Becket Church

PO Box 847

Veneta, OR 97487-0847

541-935-8608 tel

541-935-4120 fax

## BROWERVILLE, MN

Flandrau State Park, New Ulm, MN

Boys camp: June 30-July 8, 2003

St. Peter's Priory

820 St. John's Avenue N.

Browerville, MN 56438-0000

320-594-2221 tel

320-594-7168 fax

## LOS GATOS, CA

Boys summer camp: July 6-July 19, 2003

Girls summer camp: No camp this year

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Camp & Retreat Center

19101 Bear Creek Road

Los Gatos, CA 95033-9546

408-354-7703 tel

408-354-7369 fax

## RIDGEFIELD, CT

Camps for boys and girls: July, August 2003

*(For more information, please contact  
the Ridgefield priory.)*

Saint Ignatius Retreat House

209 Tackora Trail

Ridgefield, CT 06877-2499

203-431-0201 tel

203-431-0202 fax

## RETREAT SCHEDULE

May-December

### ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT HOUSE

209 Tackora Trail, Ridgefield, CT 06877

(203) 431 0201

Men's 5 day Ignatian: June 23 - 28, July 21 - 26,  
Aug 25 - 30, Oct 13 - 18,  
Nov 17 - 22

Men's Marian Retreat: May 24 - 29

Men's Seminar: July 7 - 11

Women's 5 day Ignatian: July 14 - 19, Aug 4 - 9,  
Nov 10 - 15, Dec 15 - 20

Women's Third Order: Sept. 15 - 20

### 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, Aug 18 - 23,  
Sept 22 - 27, Oct 20 - 25

Women's 5 day Ignatian: June 9 - 14, Sept 8 - 13,  
Nov 10 - 15

Women's Marian Retreat: May 12 - 17, Oct 6 - 11

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS RETREAT CENTER

750 E. Baseline Road, Phoenix, AZ 85042

(602) 268 7673

Men's 5-day Ignatian: Oct 20 - 25

Men's Seminar (virtues): Nov 17 - 22

Women's 5 day Ignatian: Oct 6 - 11, Nov 10 - 15

Women's Seminar (virtues): May 12 - 17

### ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SEMINARY

R.R. 1, Box 97 A-1, Winona, MN 55987

(507) 454 8000

Men's 5 day Ignatian: July 7 - 12; July 14 - 19

Doctrinal Session: July 30 - Aug. 3

## 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.

## YAG 2003

The 2003 Society of St. Pius X **YOUNG ADULT GATHERING**, sponsored by St. Isidore Catholic Church (Denver, CO), will be **Thursday, August 21 through Monday, August 25** 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.

**Saint Pius X Pilgrimage Co.**  
is organizing the following pilgrimages  
(accompanied by a SSPX priest)

### THE ROOTS OF OUR TRADITION PILGRIMAGE (June 26-July 9, 2003)

Ordinations at Econe, and visiting Milan, Florence, San Giovanni Rotunda, Pompeii, Monte Cassino, Orvieto, Rome and more.

### CHRIST THE KING PILGRIMAGE IN MEXICO (October 20-27, 2003)

Visiting Mexico City, Puebla, Guadalajara, San Miguel Allente, Jalisco.

### MARIAN PILGRIMAGE THROUGH FRANCE (May 2004)

Visiting La Sallette, Lourdes, Mont Saint Michel, Lisieux, Paris and more.

### FATIMA, SPAIN AND LOURDES (August 2004)

Visiting Fatima, Santiago, Zaragosa, Lourdes and more.

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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: [st-pius-x-pilgrimage@adelphia.net](mailto:st-pius-x-pilgrimage@adelphia.net) (Please note the change of address and new phone numbers)

## EUCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: May-July

- May* For the return to the Church of all those who have left her
- June* For the Catholic priesthood and vocations
- July* Renewal of spiritual life by the spiritual Exercises

### U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE - February 2003

Treasure sheets returned	570
Morning offerings	14,444
Masses	6768
Sacramental communions	5492
Spiritual communions	12,779
Sacrifices	30,123
Decades of the Rosary	61,365
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	6030
15 minutes of silent meditation	5805
Good examples	14,196

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. Marys, KS (158)	St. Thomas, Carson City, NV (8)
Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID (73)	St. Michael's, Mandan, ND (8)
St. Thomas Becket, Veneta, OR (38)	Jesus and Mary, El Paso, TX (7)
St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO (37)	St. Peter Chanel, Hilo, HI (7)
Our Lady Immaculate, Oak Park, IL (32)	St. John Vianney, Long Prairie, MN (7)
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Syracuse, NY (22)	Queen of Angels, Dickinson, TX (6)
Our Lady of Fatima, Sanger, TX (21)	St. Robert Bellermine, St. Cloud, MN (6)
St. Jude's, Philadelphia, PA (14)	Our Lady of Sorrows, Baton Rouge, LA (5)
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Fort Worth, TX (12)	Our Lady of the Rosary, Buffalo, NY (5)
St. Therese, Madison, WI (12)	Our Lady of Fatima, Salt Lake City, UT (4)
Our Lady of Sorrows, Girard, OH (11)	Our Lady of Lourdes, Honolulu, HI (4)
St. Thomas More, Orlando, FL (11)	St. Ignatius, Ridgefield, CT (4)
St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH (10)	St. Michael's, Bakersfield, CA (3)
St. Thomas More, Fort Wayne, IN (9)	St. Lawrence, Hartford, CT (3)
St. Joseph's & Immaculate Heart of Mary, Colton, CA (8)	St. Michael the Archangel, Farmingville, NY (3)
	Corpus Christi, Edmonds, WA (1)

**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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