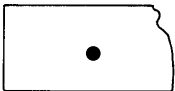


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## REPORT

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# TREADING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE USA'S PROTOMARTYR

 The annual Santa Fe Pilgrimage to LYONS, KS was held from Friday, July 25 (the feast of St. James the Greater, patron of Church Militant, Spain and of the pilgrimage) to July 26, and led by Fr. Thomas Scott. Despite the small attendance (14 men and boys from the Kansas City, St. Louis, and St. Mary's chapels), due to conflicting chapels' events schedules, the spirit was optimistic.

Retracing the Santa Fe Trail which Fr. Juan de Padilla walked before his martyrdom in 1542, the physical object of the 33-mile long pilgrimage in the heart of the United States is the 26' tall, granite "Padilla Cross" situated 3 miles west of Lyons, which marks the spot of the Quivera Indian village where Fr. Padilla planted a wooden cross during an earlier visit (possibly in 1539). The spiritual object however is the restoration of Christ the King as the Sovereign of our country as our Catholic predecessors from Catholic Spain had intended, typified by the pilgrimage's traditionally sung battle-cry of the Cristeros: *Viva Cristo Rey!*

Fr. Padilla was a Spanish Franciscan who arrived in Mexico about 1528, where he was a missionary amongst the various

Mexican Indians, and governed two monasteries at different times. Having made a previous visit to the Lyons area, in 1540 he accompanied Coronado's expedition from Culiacán, Mexico through what are now the regions of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, in search of the "Seven Golden Cities". Though offered a horse, Fr. Padilla refused out of humility and in the spirit of self-abnegation and chose to walk the entire expedition instead. Also during the expedition, Fr. Padilla offered the first recorded Mass in the United States on June 29, 1541,

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Rendezvousing at Cows' Creek park just off Highway 56, Fr. Scott begins the pilgrimage with Mass and a rousing sermon on the reasons for making the pilgrimage. After Mass, the pilgrims were shuttled to the starting point, roughly 34 miles east of the park.

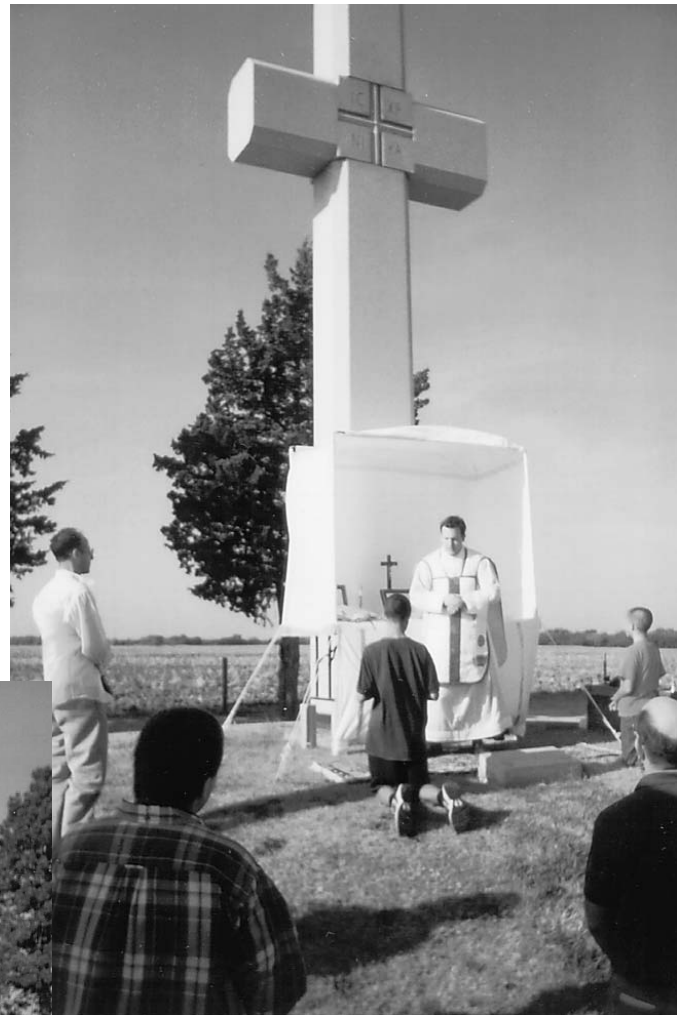


Beginning early evening Friday, the men and boys continued walking (with a short break for dinner and several smaller breaks for water) throughout the night until Saturday morning. Here some of those remaining on their feet can be seen making the last mile to the Padilla Cross after passing "Ralph's Ruts", where the wagon wheel ruts of the Santa Fe Trail are still visible.

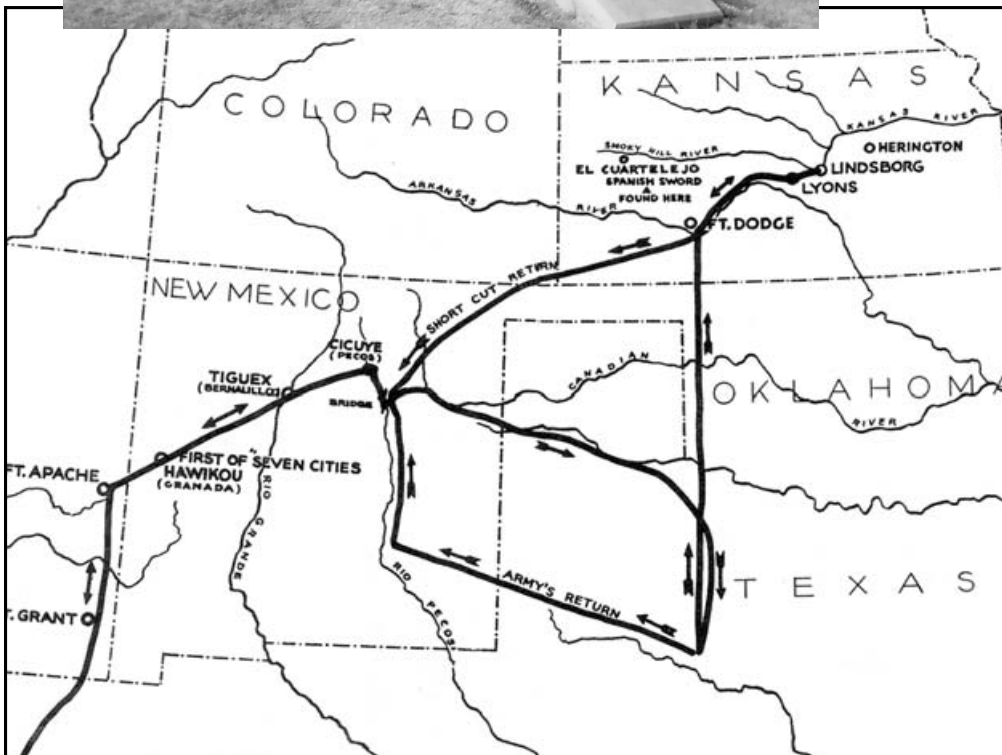
near Ft. Dodge, KS. A 38' tall, concrete cross now commemorates the site of this Mass.

When Coronado decided to return to Mexico, Fr. Padilla and his companions (a priest, brother and several laymen) elected to stay behind in order to continue their missionary work amongst the Quivera Indians. Some time later, Fr. Padilla left the village and traveled northeast to evangelize the nearby Kaw Indians. Out of tribal jealousy (a symptom that the North American Martyrs also had to contend with in later years), the Quiverans gave chase and killed him, making him the Protomartyr of the United States, however, his body has yet to be located, and so he has not been canonized.

The weary, but happy pilgrims pose for the camera at the end of Mass with their American flag emblazoned with the entwined and crowned Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and their red and yellow pilgrimage flag (emblazoned with the cross and colors of St. James of Compostela, Spain). After this shot, the pilgrims will drive into the nearby town of Lyons for a much-needed breakfast and the use of civilized facilities, causing one to wonder: "how did our Catholic predecessors manage to do what they did?"



Designed specifically for protecting the Sacred Species during outdoor Masses, St. Vincent's portable altar has been a welcomed piece of pilgrimage equipment by priests on the wind-swept plains of Kansas! Despite his fatigue, Fr. Scott gave another inspiring sermon during Saturday morning's Mass, this time about the connection of the cross with the Mass.



A map depicting the route of the Coronado expedition, whose path archeologists have been able to plot rather accurately based upon *Relación de la Jornada de Cibola*, a journal written in 1596 by soldier-participant, Pedro de Castañeda and various artifact finds (mainly copper points from crossbow arrows used by the Spanish). The Santa Fe Trail later followed much of the same route.

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

As we begin this month of November, the celebrations of the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, give us the opportunity to rejoice and join with them in thanking God for the great and manifold blessings He has bestowed upon us, especially that of belonging to His true Church.

Thanksgiving is a homage ever pleasing to God. It is an unceasing homage of the angels and saints in heaven. The Holy Scriptures are full of canticles and acts of thanksgiving. Our Divine Lord Himself, when on earth, frequently gave expression to His thanksgiving to His Eternal Father; and in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, one of the chief ends of that adorable mystery is to thank God for His mercies and blessings. We too as members of the Communion of Saints must be ever grateful to God for the great blessing of belonging to the true Church. The saints regarded this privilege as the greatest happiness here on earth. So great did they esteem it, that it never came into their minds to compare it with the advantages and treasures of this world, except, indeed, to despise them in the contrast. Listen to St. Paul, as he dwells upon this comparison. *“But the things that were gain to me, the same I have counted loss for Christ. Furthermore I count all things to be but loss for the excellent knowledge of Jesus Christ my Lord; for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and count them but as dung, that I may gain Christ”* (Phil III. 7,8). And how and where did he gain Christ? In his conversion to the Church founded by Christ and in being an apostle of that Church, of which we, at this distance of time, have the blessing of being members.

St. Teresa, after having done so much for the glory of God, and so much for the salvation and perfection of her own soul, as also the souls of so many others – when dying, said: *“Well, after all, I die a child of the Church.”* With death comes truth and sincerity and it is then that the secrets of hearts are revealed. Were we at the point of death this moment, what would we say of pleasures, honors and riches? Should we not also regard them as *“dung”* in comparison with the glory awaiting us as members of God’s Church?

But how have we become members of God’s true Church? Was it by ourselves? How vain such a boast! Let us only ask ourselves the question, why were we not born or left in the midst of paganism or idolatry, among generations *“seated in darkness and the shadows of death?”* Or in the midst of heresy or schism, where we should know the true Church only to be blasphemers of it? Surely it did not depend

upon us, in any degree. God alone has pre-ordained the happy circumstance of our baptism and therefore our birth into the bosom of the Catholic Church. It is in view of this great mercy of God, even before we were born, that St. Paul calls upon us to *“give thanks to God the Father, who hath made us worthy to be partakers of the lot of the saints in light; who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love”* (Col. I. 12, 13).

But the privilege of being members of the true Church is a blessing comprising in itself blessings upon blessings, and blessings of the most precious kind. In a word, what do we need for our souls and for our salvation that is not provided for us? How often have we been pardoned our sins? Seven times? Rather seventy times seven; and the fountain is still open to us to be washed yet more from our iniquities, to be cleansed yet more from our sins. Have we not the other Sacraments, all conveying to our souls, as channels from an inexhaustible reservoir, the merits of our Savior’s Passion and Death? Have we not, above all, the mystery of mysteries, the mystery of the Blessed Eucharist, in which our ever Blessed Redeemer presents Himself in sacrifice for us every day, *“from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof”* (Mal. I. 11), and gives Himself to us as the food and nourishment of our souls in this life, and an assured pledge of the glory of the life to come? Have we not the Communion of Saints, whereby we are united with the Church Triumphant in heaven, the Church Suffering, being cleansed in the fires of purgatory, and the Church Militant here upon earth, in a common interchange and enjoyment of all the mercies, blessings, and favors, that descend from the Almighty Giver of all good gifts? What reason has our Blessed Savior to say to us: *“What is there that I ought to do more to my vineyard, that I have not done to it?”* (Isai. V. 4). What more can we desire of God in the way of our salvation, than to possess the privilege of belonging to the true Church?

We then are members of the Catholic Church. Let us thank God. We are members of the Catholic Church without any merit on our part, and through the pure mercy of God. Let us thank God still more. We are members of the Catholic Church by a special mercy and in preference to millions yet *“seated in darkness and the shadows of death.”* What bounds shall we set to our gratitude for such a preference? And these poor souls, had they been called, as we have been, would not many of them serve God with greater

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fidelity and fervor? Truly we should fear and tremble, lest we have a more terrible judgement before us. We have, as members of the true Church, all the advantages we could wish for in the way of salvation. Let us say “*Deo Gratias*” from the bottom of our hearts, and in all sincerity of our souls; and let us continue in this sentiment not only during this month of November but throughout the rest of our lives, in the hope of being associated hereafter with the angels and

saints in eternal thanksgiving in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Sincerely yours in Christ the King,

*John D. Fullerton*  
Fr. John D. Fullerton

# REGIONAL REPORT



## MISSOURI

Fr. John Young formally established a chapter of the Secular Third Order of St. Francis at St. Mary Magdalene Chapel in MEXICO, MO on July 13. Fifteen members were invested with the habit of the Third Order, consisting of the Franciscan Scapular and Cord. Mexico

parishioner, Dr. Taft (aka Br. Theodore, as in the Franciscan Third Order each member receives a name in religion), was appointed prefect (until officers can be elected) and the members will regularly meet for direction in the Franciscan spirit on the third Sundays of each month after Mass.



(Above and below) Fr. Young invests the new members of the Third Order with the Franciscan Scapular and Cord. One of the unique aspects of each Order in the Church, is that like individual families in a parish, they have their own identity or spirit, which contributes to the Mystical Body as a whole. In the case of the Franciscans, their emphasis is on poverty, penance and humility.

Fr. Young blesses the new members, who are now joined to the family of St. Francis of Assisi, and thereby share in the Order's prayers and merits, which include the benefit of receiving a special absolution and plenary indulgence at the hour of death.



Some of the newly invested members pose for the camera with Fr. Young and Br. Theodore (seated), who has belonged to the Third Order since 1944.



## IDAHO

Once again this year, Immaculate Conception Church in **POST FALLS, ID** sponsored a boys' camp from July 16 to July 24. Fr. Patrick Crane directed the camp for the fourth year in a row with a return to the grounds of St. Joseph Mission in St. Maries, ID (one of the missions serviced by the priests in Post Falls).

The theme for this year's camp was "Nobel Men to Imitate." Fr. Crane, along with a group of seminarians, lectured the boys on the lives and virtues of such men as Cortez, Holy Roman Emperor Karl von Habsburg, Blessed Miguel Pro and Garcia Moreno (Catholic President of Ecuador). In addition to these conferences were the usual activities of daily Mass, prayers, archery, swimming and games.



A shot from the house of parishioner Victor Roman, of the pasture and campsite taken under the rising sun.



The boys proudly stand by their "survival shelter" which they made on their overnight hike south of the main campsite. Upon seeing the shelter, Fr. Crane commended the boys on their work, remarking that it was rather spacious and luxurious to boot!



Archery in beautiful Idaho (even if it was a bit hot this year)



The boys, learning a bit of Idaho history, stand near an old steam locomotive that was used to pull a log train. The locomotive itself can barely be seen in the photo as the boys surround it from all sides.



Fr. Crane and Jack DeBlasi (an expert bowman) stand with one of the boys who had had a fine round of archery.





## CALIFORNIA

The 25th anniversary of another chapel in the United States District was marked on Sunday, August 17, that of the little known, but nevertheless important, Mission Stella Maris in **SAN PEDRO, CA**. Consisting of about 80 parishioners, and located in Angels Gate Park, the former military chapel for Fort McArthur was acquired by Msgr. Charles Donahue (d. 1995) in collaboration with Archbishop Lefebvre, who gave the mission its name.

In honor of the occasion, Mass and Benediction were celebrated by the pastor, Fr. Brian Hawker (stationed in Arcadia, the other church founded by Msgr. Donahue), followed by a potluck breakfast and a children's piñata game in the mission's garden.



The exterior and grounds of the Mission Stella Maris, which is only a few blocks from the Pacific Ocean.



Towards the end of the liturgical ceremonies honoring the mission's anniversary, Fr. Hawker gives benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.



Partaking in the pleasant Los Angeles County weather, some of the parishioners of the mission are seen here enjoying the potluck breakfast in the mission's adjacent garden.



## ILLINOIS

The students and faculty of Our Lady Immaculate Academy in **OAK PARK (CHICAGO), IL** were thrilled to receive a visit from the SSPX's Superior General, Bishop Bernard Fellay, in early September. His Excellency made a special visit to the church and school during a brief layover in Chicago on his way back to Switzerland. He took the time to visit each classroom and speak with the students, who were still excitedly describing His Excellency's visit days after it had occurred.



Each student had the privilege of kissing Bishop Fellay's ring as he visited the classrooms.

Bishop Fellay poses with the fourth and fifth graders of Our Lady Immaculate Academy along with their teacher, Mrs. Cathy Majerczyk, whose voice should be familiar to anyone who calls Our Lady Immaculate as she is also the parish secretary.



## NORTH CAROLINA

On Sunday, September 7, St. Anthony of Padua Chapel in MOUNT HOLLY (CHARLOTTE), NC saw the solemn blessing of its "Catechism Schoolhouse" situated in the former parish-house. Following the *Roman Ritual's* blessing for a school, Fr. Kenneth Novak blessed the exterior and interior with Holy Water and incense, and then installed a crucifix in each classroom.

Out of a parish of almost 200 souls, there are 61 students in the catechism classes, ranging from pre-1st Communion to High School, with the two upper levels being properly segregated into boys-only and girls-only classes.



Fr. Novak blesses the front entrance of the schoolhouse while the parishioners eagerly follow along with their handouts containing the prayers of the ceremony.



Processing from the chapel after the Sunday Mass which solemnized the feast of St. Pius X (September 3), the impressive-looking line of altar servers and parishioners make their way to the nearby schoolhouse.



Seen here are some of the boys in the High School level class, wherein they are learning about defending the Catholic Faith through apologetics.

## EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: November-December

*November* The souls in Purgatory

*December* For the sick and the dying

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

Treasure sheets returned	371
Morning offerings	10,426
Masses	3784
Sacramental communions	3494
Spiritual communions	8399
Sacrifices	25,907
Decades of the Rosary	44,548
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	3483
15 minutes of silent meditation	3966
Good examples	12,518

The 22 active chapters for July were, in order of the greatest number of treasure sheets returned, down to the least:

St. Mary's Academy, St. Marys, KS (166)	St. Thomas Becket, Veneta, OR (6)
Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID (56)	St. Peter Chanel, Hilo, HI (6)
Our Lady Immaculate, Oak Park, IL (28)	St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO (6)
St. Therese Chapel, Nicholville, NY (20)	St. Michael the Archangel, Farmingville, NY (6)
Our Lady of Fatima, Sanger, TX (20)	Our Lady of the Rosary, Buffalo, NY (4)
St. Therese Chapel, Madison, WI (15)	St. Michael's Church, Mandan, ND (4)
St. Joseph's Armada, MI (13)	St. Jude's, Philadelphia, PA (3)
Immaculate Conception, Kalispell, MT (12)	Our Lady of Sorrows, Baton Rouge, LA (3)
St. John Fisher, Ft. Wayne, IN (11)	Our Lady of the Snows, Sioux Falls, SD (2)
St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH (10)	
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Fort Worth, TX (10)	
St. John Vianney, Long Prairie, MN (7)	
Jesus and Mary, El Paso, TX (6)	

## RETREAT SCHEDULE

November-December

### **ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT HOUSE**

209 Tackora Trail,  
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(203) 431 0201

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Women's 5 day Ignatian: Nov 10 - 15, Dec 15 - 20

### **ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CAMP & RETREAT CENTER**

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Los Gatos, CA 95033  
(408) 354 7703

Women's 5 day Ignatian: Nov 10 - 15

### **OUR LADY OF SORROWS RETREAT CENTER**

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Phoenix, AZ 85042  
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Marian: Dec 27, 2003 - Jan 1, 2004

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#### CATHOLIC JEWELS OF MOORISH SPAIN *Touring Andalucia and the South of Portugal* (April 12-24, 2004)

Toledo • Jaen • Ubuda • Granada  
Cordoba • Seville • Evora • Fatima

Main visits include Fatima, Our Lady of the Macarena,  
Our Lady of the Rocio; Nossa Senhora de Aires,  
Santarem, St. Ferdinand, St. Hermenegildo,  
St. John of the Cross, and St. John of God.

#### IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL *Touring Greece and its Islands* (October 20 - November 1-5, 2004)

Thessaloniki • Delphi • Mystras • Nafplio • Athens  
Optional 4 day cruise includes Mykonos, Kusadasi, Ephesus, Patmos,  
Rhodes, Lindos, Heraclion, and Santorini

Religious highlights are St. Paul's apostolic sites, St. Demetrius, Our  
Lady's house in Ephesus, and St. John the Apostle.

#### SAINTS AND SHRINES OF CENTRAL ITALY (November 4 - 17, 2004)

Rome • Orvieto • Cascia • Loreto  
San Giovanni Rotondo • Naples • Pompeii

Main visits include Our Lady's House in Loreto, St. Rita of Cascia, St.  
Philomena, St. Padre Pio, Monte San Angelo, St. Nicholas, St.  
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