

# Regina Coeli

## REPORT

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# PRINCIPALS' MEETING

## MISSOURI



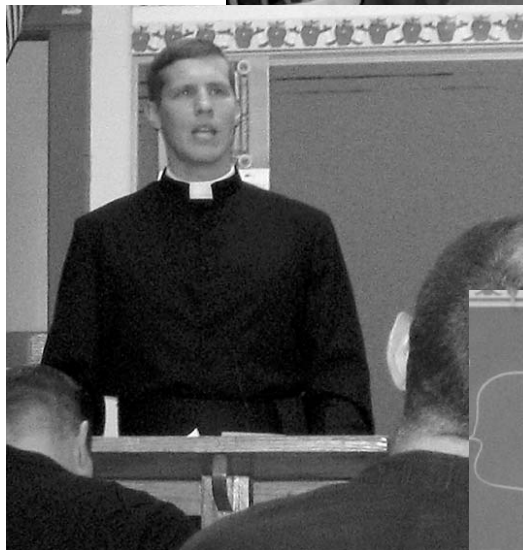
One of the more important apostolates in the restoration of all things in Christ is the education of our youth. It is from today's children that will spring tomorrow's religious vocations as well as our future fathers and mothers. The Society of Saint Pius X currently operates 22 schools in the United States in order to provide the proper intellectual, physical and spiritual training needed for our children to succeed and lead virtuous lives.

To aid the Society priests who are in charge of these schools, the United States District Superior organized a three-day Principals' Meeting from August 12 to 14 in KANSAS CITY, MO. The priests were able to profit from lectures and discussions on education in general and some of the practical challenges of educating today's youth. The meetings were attended by 24 priests from the United States and Canada and featured a series of lectures on such topics as the classical idea of education, the St. John Bosco method of education and the work of the Christian Brothers in teaching youths.

The priests who attended the meetings profited from the insights provided by the lecturers. But the real beneficiaries will be the students in the Society schools who receive a solid education firmly grounded in the unchanging truths of the Catholic Faith. The Principals' Meeting, which is planned to be an annual event, has given the Society principals a better understanding of the importance of their work and given them further means to restore all things in Christ, especially in the minds and hearts of their young students.



Society principals return to the classroom for a series of lectures on education as Fr. Hervé de la Tour prepares one of his talks.



Father Michael McMahon lectures on the Don Bosco method of education which stresses reason, religion and kindness in dealing with one's students, thus winning them through Christ-like charity.



One of the guest lecturers for the Principals' Meeting was Dr. Peter Chojnowski, who teaches at Immaculate Conception Academy in Post Falls, ID. He gave a series of lectures on classical education.



Besides the educational value of the meetings, the priests also enjoyed the opportunity to catch up on old friendships and make new ones. One of the evening meals was a barbecue where the priests enjoyed good food and fun before returning to their busy schedules.



The priests enjoy a lighter moment before one of the lunches prepared by a dedicated group of parishioners. Pictured here are (left to right) Fr. Christopher Leith, Fr. de la Tour, Fr. Vicente Griego, Fr. Helmut Libietis and Fr. Steven Soos (partially hidden).

# REGIONAL REPORT



## WASHINGTON

Corpus Christi Chapel in EDMONDS, WA finished a major renovation of the sanctuary a week before Holy Week services this past April.

The priests of the SSPX have been looking after the faithful at Corpus Christi since 1977. The present buildings, which include the church and a priory, were purchased from the Church of the Open Bible in 1983. Now 20 years later, under the guidance of current pastor Fr. Patrick Crane, the sanctuary has been completely renovated to give it a more Catholic appearance.

The most significant change was cutting the size of the altar down to better fit on the new predella as well as replacing the single step predella with three steps and the faded red carpeting in the sanctuary with hardwood flooring. Lastly, the logo of the SSPX was inlaid in the center of the sanctuary floor.

The remodeled sanctuary now allows the liturgical ceremonies to be executed properly and so the Holy Week ceremonies were carried off flawlessly even though there was minimal time for the altar servers to train with the new sanctuary in place. Three weeks later, Bishop Richard Williamson visited Corpus Christi to administer the sacrament of Confirmation to 25 of the faithful before celebrating a High Mass in the newly renovated church.



A shot of the beginning stages of the remodeling process. The single step has been removed in preparation for the addition of the new three stepped predella.



Bishop Richard Williamson celebrates High Mass immediately following Confirmations on May 11.



The completed sanctuary features a new hardwood floor with the two hearts logo of the SSPX inlaid in the sanctuary floor.

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

At this time of year, as the children are filled with the excitement of a new school year, our thoughts are filled with one of the more important aspects of life; the proper education of our children. Indeed down through the ages various Popes have expressed their concern for education and have often reminded parents of the gravity of their obligation to attend to the Christian education of their children not only in Catholic schools but also at home.

A beautiful home may be constructed from without; but a happy home must be built from within. Only the parents' love for their children can create the atmosphere of a true home, and this love must be nurtured by the proper Christian training of the young. Since the young absorb much from their atmosphere, the atmosphere in good Christian homes needs to radiate Christian goodness and peace. Just as a mold into which hot metal is poured determines the shape of the article desired, so does the atmosphere or character of a family, or home, determine the formation of the child's mentality and morals. Their minds become stamped with what strikes their young powers of observation. Exhortations to be good do not remain with young people as long as do actual examples of Catholic living. Living with Mammon speaks louder to them than merely hearing about God.

Consistent Catholic practices in the home go far toward establishing young people in Christian doctrine and morals. Parents must be solicitous to instill in their children from their earliest years a holy fear of God and true Christian piety. They should foster love by true devotion to Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament and the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Good statues and holy pictures make our Lord and His Blessed Mother at home in the hearts and lives of growing boys and girls. Simple daily prayers and religious practices, such as the family rosary, have a profound bearing on the formation of that total Christian environment which is so fruitful in the production of Christ-like character in youth. These practices also help to form the conscience, which is the guiding principle for all morality and good order; without it license takes root and thrives, leading to all sorts of evil doing and disorder.

These practices will also help children to obtain the proper reverence which their state of dependence demands and which is one of the most difficult problems facing parents in raising children. If in the family this reverence is lacking, the effects will spill over into social and public life; as is evident in society today.

Children must also be taught their duties, told about them, and exhorted to them; this is a continual, never ending part of family life. Parents cannot escape this watchfulness; it belongs to the married life and cannot be separated from it. Once again

the example speaks louder than words.

Thoroughness is another point that ought to claim much attention on the part of parents. Children ought to be taught to finish what they begin, to do well what they are supposed to do, to take pains in perfecting as far as they can what duty demands of them. If they do not form good habits of being thorough in small things they will not be so in the big things later in life.

There is also the question of honesty. Parents should not wait till the child has gotten into a habit of dishonesty, but should warn of it beforehand and correct it immediately whenever it occurs, exhorting to honesty, and suggesting both natural and supernatural motives. What is especially required in the sense of honesty is justice, giving to each man and above all to God their due.


This formation by and in the family is so important. Pius XII speaking to parents said:

Those parents merit much from the Church and society, who, conscious of their great responsibilities, exert themselves to become the first educators of their children; by word and example inciting to every Christian doctrine and showing their children how to practice their faith in their ordinary lives. But those parents who do not feel this responsibility and do not regulate their lives by the norms of the gospels, think only of religion as some accessory thing or as something which may easily be tossed aside.

The education and formation of youth may at times seem overwhelming to parents but they must keep in mind that God's assistance to carry on in this most noble task is assured them through the grace of the Sacraments. This grace, which is nothing less than the participation of the divine nature, is what gives man true nobility, as Tobias says to his young wife: "We are the children of saints" (Tob.8:5).

So let us all take courage and continue striving to form our children into truly noble Christian souls so that we can have truly Christian families. This should be our goal. For the truly Christian home is the vestibule, which leads to Christ's heavenly mansion, where families will one-day dwell with the Holy Family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. John D. Fullerton





## TEXAS

From Ascension Thursday, May 29 until Sunday, May 31, Frs. Timothy Pfeiffer and David Hewko held an El Paso-Dickinson, TX *“Joint-Ops mini camp”* in the magnificent hill country of Texas near

Leakey, TX (about a 2-hour drive west of San Antonio).

Among the activities held was daily Mass, archery, a rope obstacle course in which the boys had to use a rope for traversing all manner of terrain, hiking, swimming and a competition for push ups, wrestling and more rope use.

After the camp, the boys participated in the Mission Trail pilgrimage in San Antonio (*cf.* the San Antonio article) and then went their separate ways, Fr. Pfeiffer’s El Paso boys returning home, while Fr. Hewko’s Dickinson boys traveled further west to spend time with the Benedictines at Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery in Silver City, NM and upon their return to Dickinson, stopping to climb the 8500 ft. of Texas’ highest mountain, Guadalupe Peak (located northeast of El Paso on the border of New Mexico).



High Mass in all its sublime dignity is celebrated under the shade of a plastic tarp “chapel”.



During the rope obstacle course, the boys had to figure out how to cross creek beds just using ropes! Here one of the younger boys fearlessly shows how it is done under the careful supervision of Fr. Pfeiffer!



Taking the lead of the Mission Trail pilgrimage, the boys tread in the footsteps of the Spanish missionaries who evangelized the San Antonio area.

The 3rd annual Mission Trail pilgrimage was held in SAN ANTONIO, TX on May 31<sup>st</sup> during which the pilgrims walked to four of the five ancient missions founded by the Spanish



A view of the many pilgrims that walked the mission trail of our Catholic predecessors.



Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer celebrates High Mass at the Mission Concepcion before the pilgrimage begins.

Franciscan missionaries in the early 18th century. About 100 people made the pilgrimage, coming not only from St. Joseph’s Church in San Antonio, but also the Texas chapels in Houston, Corpus Christi and the Brothers’ Novitiate in El Paso.

The event began with High Mass at the Mission Concepcion (built in 1731) followed by an approximate 9 mile walk to the Missions San Jose (1720), San Juan Capistrano (1731) and San Francisco de la Espada (1731). Unfortunately, the fifth mission, San Antonio de Valero (1718), more commonly known as the Alamo, is inaccessible for a pilgrimage.

Situated along the San Antonio river, these missions were

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built about 2 miles apart from each other, thereby making them easy to service by the Franciscan friars. Such missions were not only centers of the Faith, but also of the culture and technology of Catholic Europe. For example, Mission San Juan Capistrano was once a regional supplier of agricultural and other products including iron, wood, cloth, and leather goods produced by the Indians in its workshops. A few miles southeast of the mission was Rancho Pataguilla, which in 1762 reported 3,500 sheep and nearly as many cattle. Such was the fruitful and cooperative work of the Catholics with the local Indians, compared to the later destructive efforts of the Protestants throughout our country.



In the courtyard of the Mission Concepcion, Fr. Hewko and three SSPX brothers make preparations for beginning the walk.



A shot of the magnificent Spanish colonial-style façade of the church of Mission San Jose. The original geometric-patterned wooden doors display a style that is common to the Spanish mission churches (from Texas to California), whose walls were once brightly painted inside and out with such designs.



A partial view of the still-working stone aqueduct situated not far from the Mission San Jose. The Spanish missionaries built an interconnecting system of *acequias* (a network of gravity-flow ditches whose use originated in Moorish Spain), aqueduct and 5 dams covering 15 miles to provide water for 3,500 acres of farm land.



## OHIO

The parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows in GIRARD, OH hosted the fifth annual Our Lady of Sorrows Volleyball Tournament on July 26. Twenty-two teams from 12 different chapels participated in the tournament, which saw not only intense and spirited play, but also good Catholic camaraderie and sportsmanship.



A scene from an intense semi-final game in which the eventual champions from Pittsburgh show their stuff.



The men's champions from Pittsburgh's Our Lady of Fatima Chapel.



Father Gerard Beck, pastor in Girard, leads the ladies from Redford, MI and Buffalo, NY in prayer after their hard-fought championship match. The Redford team gave the defending champions all they could handle, losing the heartbreaking decisive game 18-16.



The ladies from Our Lady of the Rosary in Buffalo are all smiles as they take home the trophy for the third straight year.





## MINNESOTA

A boys' camp was recently held in **NEW ULM, MN** from June 29 to July 8 by Fr. Frank Kurtz with 7 seminarians assisting him with the 76 boys who attended from all over the United States.



A glimpse of the camp ritual of line up and the large number of boys that attended.



Fr. Kurtz preaches to the boys about the dangers to their immortal souls...

...while later on during one of the nightly skits, a boy pretends to be of the world, thereby effectively demonstrating to the boys what Father just warned them to avoid.



The camp's Mess Hall (wherein the boys hungrily devoured their meals) doubled for the chapel, where the boys were able to participate in the Divine Banquet of the Holy Eucharist during High Mass.



## CALIFORNIA

The Society's work for the restoration of Tradition continues to prosper in sunny California. Two recent events at Our Lady of the Angels in **ARCADIA, CA** help showcase this successful work. In May, Fr. Brian Hawker celebrated his 25th anniversary of ordination with a High Mass and a banquet that followed. Father Hawker, who was ordained in the Archdiocese of Chicago, has been assisting the SSPX since 1996. Later in the summer, two of Our Lady of the Angels Academy teachers developed a two-week girls' summer program for 1st to 5th grade girls to aid them in developing and loving their feminine nature. The girls learned some of the basics of sewing, cooking, candle and rosary making.



Father Hawker (left) sits with Fr. Charles Ward (center) and Fr. Joseph Melito (right) during the banquet. Fr. Melito, who resides in Glendale, CA, is another good friend of the SSPX. Fr. David Nichols (not pictured) was also present for the celebration.



Father Brian Hawker thanks the faithful for their support and prayers during the banquet in his honor.

A group of happy girls proudly show off their progress in candle making during the girls' camp.



# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Two American SSPX pilgrimages were recently made in Europe, the first being the Catholic Treasures of Central Europe tour, accompanied by Fr. Roland de Merode, from June 12 to June 28, and the second, the Majestic Italy tour, accompanied by Fr. Ramón Anglés, from June 25 to July 9.

During the **CATHOLIC TREASURES OF CENTRAL EUROPE** tour, Fr. de Merode was able to celebrate Mass at the altars of Our Lady of Gyor in Hungary (which displays the miraculous 17th century image from Ireland, which wept for the Irish during their persecution from the English in 1697 on St. Patrick's Day) and of the Holy Infant of Prague. The group also had the opportunity to visit the SSPX chapels in Vienna, Krakow, Czestochowa, and Salzburg. Other major shrines visited included the basilica of Mariazell (wherein is kept the famous statue of *Magna Mater Austriae*, or, the Great Mother of Austria), the weeping Madonna of Mariapocs in the Cathedral of St. Stephen in Vienna, Our Lady of Maria Taferl, the Black Madonna of Czestochowa, Our Lady of Maria Plain, and the shrine of

Kalwaria Zebrzydowska in Poland (often called the "Polish Jerusalem" for its many small chapels depicting the life of Christ and His Mother).



The Central Europe group poses in front of the classic Germanic baroque building (complete with yellow exterior walls, white trim and red tile roof) that is home to the SSPX's Austrian District Headquarters in Jaidhof.

During the **MAJESTIC ITALY** tour, the pilgrims were able to have Mass said at the altars of St. Dominic in Bologna, St. Antoninus in Florence, and St. Philip Neri in Rome. Other highlights of the trip included an unexpected visit to the little-known shrine of La Madonna del Sangue in the town of Valle Vigezzo, as well as the planned visits to St. Anthony's tomb in

Padua, St. Lucy's incorrupt body in Venice, St. Catherine of Siena's home and the church which houses her skull, the tomb of St. Mary Magdalene of Pazzi, St. Francis of Assisi's Basilica, and Our Lady of Good Counsel in Genazzano of which the entire town was splendidly decorated "as if for *Corpus Christi*" for the feast day of its own saint, Maria Goretti.



The Majestic Italy group poses on the steps of the Franciscan church of Santa Maria in Ara Coeli. This basilica is located on top of Capitol Hill in Rome, and in addition to housing the miraculous statue of the Holy Bambino, it is also where Emperor Augustus had a vision of a woman carrying a child, which was interpreted by a sybil to be a sign of a new era, one in which the "King of the Ages" would reign. The altar that Octavian Augustus had erected there is still visible under the basilica's chapel of St. Helen which bears the inscription: *Struxit Octavianus hanc aram caeli sacra proles dum patet ei* ("Octavian built this altar when the Offspring of Heaven appeared to him").



The pilgrims were also able to enjoy the privilege of Mass celebrated by Fr. Anglés at the altar of the statue of the Holy Bambino at Santa Maria in Ara Coeli in Rome followed by the removal of the Infant from its shrine to be kissed by the pilgrims and a blessing by a Franciscan friar with the statue, an event that is usually only done at Christmas and Easter!



The pilgrims had the opportunity to view the incorrupt body of Saint Catherine of Bologna, a Poor Clare nun who died in 1463. Her body was found incorrupt, but when the nuns attempted to place her body sitting in a chair, the body suddenly stiffened. Finally, the Mother Superior commanded her under obedience to sit in the chair, which she did!

The Sisters of the Society of Saint Pius X are offering

***CATECHISM CLASSES BY CORRESPONDENCE***

For more information, please contact them at:

**Our Lady of Fatima Correspondence Catechism**  
**Sisters of the Society of Saint Pius X**  
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## RETREAT SCHEDULE

September-December

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

Men's 5 day Ignatian: Oct 13 - 18, Nov 17 - 22  
Women's 5 day Ignatian: 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: Sept 22 - 27, Oct 20 - 25  
Women's 5 day Ignatian: Sept 8 - 13, Nov 10 - 15  
Women's Marian Retreat: 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

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

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

Coming soon...under the spiritual direction of Fr. Zendejas,  
this pilgrimage is being made in connection  
with the Feast of Christ the King.

Visits will be made to: Mexico City, Puebla, Guadalajara, San  
Miguel Allente, Jalisco.

● Space is limited to 40  
and there are only a few seats left, so hurry to join!

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE THROUGH FRANCE  
(May 2004)

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

FATIMA, SPAIN AND LOURDES  
(August 2004)

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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: [christine.dicecco@sbcglobal.net](mailto:christine.dicecco@sbcglobal.net) (Please note the change of address and new phone numbers)

## **EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE**

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: September-November

*September* Defense of the Faith and Christians  
persecuted for the Faith

*October* Triumph of Mary, of the Rosary &  
Peace in the world

*November* The souls in Purgatory

### **U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE - June 2003**

Treasure sheets returned	303
Morning offerings	8244
Masses	3385
Sacramental communions	3267
Spiritual communions	7057
Sacrifices	23,329
Decades of the Rosary	37,945
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	2255
15 minutes of silent meditation	3551
Good examples	11,308

The 21 active chapters for March were, in order of  
the greatest number of treasure sheets returned, down to  
the least:

St. Mary's Academy, St. Marys, KS (66)	St. Peter Chanel, Hilo, HI (7)
Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID (51)	Our Lady of the Rosary, Buffalo, NY (5)
Our Lady Immaculate, Oak Park, IL (21)	St. Joseph & IMH, Colton, CA (5)
Our Lady of Fatima, Sanger, TX (19)	St. John Vianney, Long Prairie, MN (5)
St. Thomas Becket, Veneta, OR (15)	St. Robert Bellermino, St. Cloud, MN (5)
St. Therese Chapel, Nicholville, NY (12)	St. Michael the Archangel, Farmingville, NY (4)
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Syracuse, NY (10)	Our Lady of Lourdes, Honolulu, HI (4)
St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH (10)	St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO (3)
St. Jude's, Philadelphia, PA (9)	Jesus and Mary, El Paso, TX (2)
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Fort Worth, TX (7)	St. Michael's, Bakersfield, CA (2)
	Corpus Christi Church, Edmonds, WA (1)

**Orbis Vacations is organizing the following  
Heritage Tour for 2004**  
(accompanied by a SSPX priest)

*Catholic Jewels of Moorish Spain*

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