

Regina Coeli

REPORT

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25 YEARS IN ST. LOUIS

The evening of Tuesday, June 22nd witnessed the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the SSPX's presence in SAINT LOUIS, MO, with a Solemn High Mass at St. Mary's Assumption Church. The auspicious occasion was joyfully

marked by the attendance of the Society's Frs. John Fullerton (District Superior), Gerard Beck (District Bursar), Stephen Stanich (prior at St. Louis for the past 10 years, and now prior in Dickinson, TX), Vincente Griego (prior in St. Mary's, KS), James Doran (Vice-Rector at the seminary in Winona, MN), John Young (resident in St. Louis), Thomas Scott (resident in St. Louis), Steven Soos (now prior at St. Louis), Scott Gardner (resident in Kansas City, MO), and Br. Gregory (resident in St. Louis), as well as 150 faithful. Following the Mass, a banquet



The simple stone and brick Gothic-Revival exterior of St. Mary's Assumption Church which was built for Ruthenian Rite Catholics between 1903 and 1917.



A historic photo of Archbishop Lefebvre during his visit to Queen of the Holy Rosary Chapel in April 1985 to administer Confirmations. The sanctuary was actually on the auditorium's stage.

was held in the academy's auditorium, which was filled to capacity.

The SSPX's Gateway of the West's chapel had its beginnings in the 1970's with a small group that had Mass occasionally celebrated in their basements and then later every other week at a Holiday Inn.

In 1979, the SSPX purchased the present Queen of the Holy Rosary Academy complex, formerly an elementary school in the Lindburgh School District, whose auditorium served as the chapel from 1979 until 1997. The complex, in addition to acting as the parish's chapel, school and priory, also served a brief stint as the SSPX's District Office in the United States, until the headquarters' move in 1990 to its present location at Regina Coeli House.

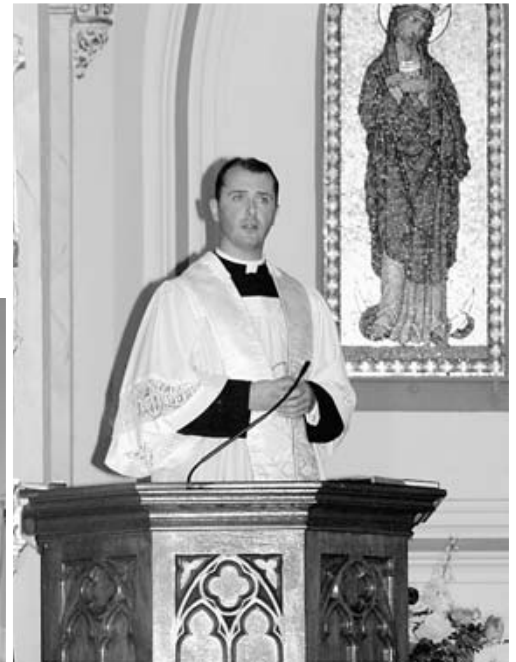
The parish also had the distinct privilege of playing host to the visit of Archbishop Lefebvre twice, once for the dedication of its chapel (when it was in the auditorium) and in 1985 when he came to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Over the years, the parish made several attempts to obtain an actual church building, but due to the high costs of new construction, these were all thwarted. Finally though after nearly 20 years of waiting, it was announced in August, 1997 that the parish had successfully purchased the beautiful church of St. Mary's Assumption, formerly of the Catholic Ruthenian (Ukrainian) Rite in downtown St. Louis, but only 15 minutes away from the academy complex.

To date, the parish numbers approximately 300 parishioners and has 55 students enrolled in its academy.



A shot of the church's beautiful interior during the anniversary Solemn High Mass. Conspicuous is the magnificent gold-leafed and domed ivory, or four-pillared canopy, over the High Altar, which crowns the stone of sacrifice, and focuses the eyes upon the divine action.



Celebrating the anniversary Mass was District Superior, Fr. Fullerton (center), with Fr. Scott as Deacon (left) and Fr. Gardner as Subdeacon (right), while Fr. Doran (above) preached the sermon.





GEORGIA

During the first week of June, 36 boys and 11 adults attended the first of hopefully an annually held camp in the scenic Chattahoochee National Forest, near HELEN, GA, which is situated at the southern tailbone of the Appalachian mountains. Led by Fr. Christopher Danel, friend of the SSPX, and SSPX Fr. Kenneth Novak (for one day) and seminarians, Mr. Matthew Zacharias and Mr. Michael Fortin, as well as the adult camp counselors, the camp was a great success, with activities ranging from hiking and fishing, to pellet gun marksmanship and compass reading. On the supernatural side, catechism classes, examinations of conscience and confessions were held daily, with the camp events concluding with all-night adoration, followed by Benediction in the morning, teaching the energetic young souls the Catholic balance of spiritual and physical activity.



After the camp, with the local mountains providing a beautiful background, the boys, camp counselors and clerics pose happily for a picture.



The boys had the good fortune to be able to attend daily Mass, which included a High Mass for the Feast of the Precious Blood, a rare treat for most, as they came from chapel missions that receive only Mass on the weekends.



Mr. Matthew Zacharias teaches catechism within the campground's rustic lodge, once home to a 14-member Catholic family, and now available for camps. In testament to the camp's discipline, the family remarked favorably on the clean condition that the campers left the lodge in.



With the help of an experienced "bushwhacker" (the taller boy), two younger apprentices learn the secrets of discerning true north with a magnetic compass, a valuable skill to have for trail navigation.



Organized into two groups for line-ups, the boys belonged either to the *Cristeros* or the *Knights of Malta* team. Shown here are the *Cristeros* giving their battle cry of "Viva, Cristo Rey!", while the *Knights* had "For King and Queen!" as theirs.

REGIONAL REPORT



NORTH CAROLINA

The historic and former Pro-Cathedral of St. Thomas the Apostle in WILMINGTON, NC, was graced once again with a Solemn High Mass on Sunday, June 27th. Built in 1847, it is the second oldest Catholic church in the state of North Carolina, though it is now a museum held in trust by a group of Catholic laity in Wilmington. Due to its local historic ties to Catholicism (*Cf.* the October 2003 issue of the *Regina Coeli Report*, available in pdf format at www.sspX.org/reginacoelireport.htm), Fr. Kenneth Novak, the pastor at all three (Charlotte, Raleigh and Goldsboro) of the SSPX chapels in North Carolina, obtained permission last year to celebrate the Mass of All Time at St. Thomas Pro-Cathedral on June 29th.

This act for Tradition was repeated this year, but with the addition of two Low Masses, one celebrated on Saturday, June 26th (attended by 75 faithful) and another on Monday, June 28th (attended by 25 faithful). In addition to the celebrated Masses, the former Pro-Cathedral saw several other liturgical functions restored to her walls for a brief time, from reserving the Blessed Sacrament for three days, to resounding once more with the Latin chant of the Divine continued on p.5



In a scene once common at St. Thomas, Fr. Kenneth Novak says the Canon of the Mass, while the Deacon, Subdeacon and a contingent of altar servers encompass the altar and the nave is occupied to almost its full capacity with faithful.



Earlier in the Mass, the Deacon, Rev. Mr. Issac Moats chants the Gospel, while the Subdeacon, 3rd year seminarian Mr. Matthew Zacharias, assists with the book.



With bagpipe and snare drum striking cadence, the Eucharistic Procession winds its way through the historic neighborhood of Wilmington. One of the tunes played was "O'Donnell Abu!" a song composed in 1843 by Michael McGann about the wars between the Protestant English Elizabethan troops and the Catholic Irish clans, led by Hugh O'Donnell in the 1590's.



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Offices of Compline and of Prime, to the public recitation of the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross.

The turnout of the faithful was again encouraging, with the 240 in attendance coming from as far away as Pittsburgh, PA and Girard, OH. Even more heartening this year, was the marked respect paid by locals as the Blessed Sacrament made Its way during a nearly hour-long procession through the streets of Wilmington. It was commented that people on porch balconies could be seen making the Sign of the Cross as Our Lord passed them by, a sorely missed sight from last year's Eucharistic procession. Perhaps even more remarkable was the fact that the procession could even be held, for since the previous year, the city of Wilmington has enacted an anti-noise ordinance that necessitates the previous permission of every homeowner on the proposed parade route, which incredibly was unanimously given! Upon the return of the procession to St. Thomas, Benediction was held, then followed by a Southern style BBQ banquet.



Strikingly different from last year, was the kneeling reverence paid by some of the faithful of the Novus Ordo St. Mary's Church, where the procession made a brief stop.



ILLINOIS

In connection with the making of First Communions, Our Lady Immaculate Church in OAK PARK (CHICAGO), IL solemnized the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 13th. Seventeen boys and girls had the grace of receiving Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for the first time, and then, adoring Him while in procession afterwards, allowing ample time for reflection on the great mystery and majesty of the Holy Eucharist.

With an escort by the Chicago Police Pipes and Drums, the line of faithful following the Blessed Sacrament make their way through the scenic city suburb of Oak Park.



Fr. Steven McDonald, the pastor, pauses for a break at an outdoor "altar" during the procession. This is actually the reason for such altars during Eucharistic processions, which historically, could last several hours as they wound through the city streets. However, only two additional Benedictions are allowed by law, and the third and last must be performed in the church, where the procession originated.



After the Mass and procession, the First Communicants pose with their pastor in front of the Communion Rail, where they can now receive Our Lord at every future Mass.



CALIFORNIA

The Archangel Gabriel Chapel in GLENDALE [LOS ANGELES], CA, serviced by Fr. Joseph Melito, a friend of the SSPX, had the honor of hosting the visit of Bishop Tissier de Mallerais to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. In an

overcrowded chapel, more than 350 persons assisted at the Mass, before which 60 souls were confirmed and made Soldiers of Christ. This is the fifth such confirmation visit made by one of the bishops of the Society to the Archangel Gabriel Chapel, for which Fr. Melito and his faithful are quite grateful. In return, it is due to priest friends such as Fr. Melito, that the overwhelming burden of the apostolate of Catholic Tradition is lessened slightly, and the SSPX is grateful for his fidelity in his priestly duties.



With Fr. Joseph Melito nearest to the left of Bishop Tissier de Mallerais, Fr. Charles Ward (to Fr. Melito's left), SSPX prior of nearby Arcadia and Fr. Brian Hawker (to the bishop's right), resident at Arcadia, pose after the Mass with some of the altar servers at Archangel Gabriel Chapel.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

GREAT BRITAIN

The District of Great Britain recently has had great cause for rejoicing, for the first ordination to the priesthood to be performed by the SSPX in Merry Olde England took place on July 17th, when Bishop Fellay ordained Fr. Gary Holden at Our Lady of Victories Church in Preston (in the county of Lancashire).

Those present at the ceremony included Fr. Paul Morgan (District Superior of Great Britain and former prior in Post Falls, ID), Fr. James Doran (vice rector in Winona), Fr. Robert MacPherson (stationed at the Wimbledon Park priory in London), Fr. Anthony Mary, CSsR (of the traditional Transalpine Redemptorists at Golgotha Monastery in Papa Stronsay, Scotland), and the recently ordained (in Ecône) Englishman, Fr. Robert Brucciani.

After the ordination, a luncheon buffet was held in the grounds of St. Mary's House, Preston (the SSPX's priory located a short distance from Our Lady of Victories), while on the following day, Fr. Holden celebrated one of his First Masses at Our Lady of Victories Church.

Since completing his studies in 2003 at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN, as a deacon, Rev. Mr. Gary Holden was teaching in England at St. Michael's School in Burghclere (in the county of Berkshire), and in fact, the now Fr. Holden, along with Fr. Brucciani, have been recently appointed to St. Michael's School. However, before undertaking his newly assigned task, Fr. Holden will be returning briefly to the United States where amongst other things, he will celebrate another First Mass at St. Vincent De Paul Church in Kansas City, MO, where he would often stay during his vacations from the seminary in Winona.



On his way to the altar to be ordained, the now Fr. Gary Holden processes through the lovely Romanesque interior of Our Lady of Victories Church in Preston. Just behind him is Fr. Robert MacPherson.



With newly ordained Fr. Holden accepting congratulations in the background, the other clerics enjoy the banquet, sitting from right to left are, Fr. Anthony Mary, Bishop Fellay, Fr. Morgan and Fr. Brucciani.



On July 28th, Fr. Holden celebrated one of his First Masses, and here he can be seen performing the *Asperges* just before the High Mass.

The devastating effects of false ecumenism continue to flourish in the various parts of Asia, as Fr. Daniel Couture, the SSPX District Superior in that area relates.

SRI LANKA



Here one can see the reality of the false religion of Buddhism. Notice the large cobra encompassing Buddha, while next to the idol a sign reads: "Welcome to the month of the dragon. To deposit your offerings, please step down in the belly of the devil..." Fr. Couture comments, "I have seen many like these in Sri Lanka, where you literally enter the dragon's mouth... in order to enter the temple."

Religious harmony in the air



A RARE occasion: the chief incumbent of the Bellanvila Raja Maha Viharaya, Ven. Bellanvila Wimalaratne thero took a historical step on to the lectern at St. Mary's church, Dehiwala when he was invited to be the chief guest at a celebration to mark the new year. The event, organised by the church, drew light to the deep sense of religious harmony that exists in Dehiwala. The mass was officiated by Rev. Fr. Ernest Paruthota

A Buddhist "monk" is allowed to preach during Mass at St. Mary's Church in Dehiwala while the Catholic priest simply sits by and does... nothing! In fact, like at the basilica in Grand Rapids, MI, the church had invited the Buddhist to come, unfortunately in the case at hand, no one present protested this blasphemy.

HONG KONG



Pictured in Hong Kong, Fr. Couture leads 18 Filipinos in making their consecration to Our Lady according to the method of St. Louis de Montfort after 33 days of preparation.



Meanwhile, following suit with the recent scandalous action of the curators of the ancient Spanish pilgrimage shrine of St. James the Greater in Santiago de Compostella, statues of "St. James the Moorslayer" are being modified all over the world in order to placate the Muslims. This statue is outside the historical church of St. James in Colombo, and the Moor being trampled under the horse hooves has been covered due to ecumenical sensitivity.

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EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: August-September

August For an end to abortion

September Priestly perseverance

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE—May 2004

Treasure sheets returned	310
Morning offerings	8,715
Masses	3,194
Sacramental communions	2,764
Spiritual communions	7,900
Sacrifices	33,007
Decades of the Rosary	37,240
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	2,181
15 minutes of silent meditation	3,032
Good examples	13,566