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## REPORT

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# OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE



A view of the exterior of Our Lady of La Salette chapel. The church building resembles the Basilica that stands at La Salette in France at the site of Our Lady's apparition. The cornerstone was dedicated on September 14, 1952 and the church itself was completed the following year.



A view of the beautiful campus of Our Lady of La Salette with the church and the main classroom/dormitory building in the background. There is plenty of green grass to serve as playing fields and walking grounds.



## ILLINOIS

In keeping with its commitment to the education of our youth and in accordance with Archbishop Lefebvre's directions to establish good Catholic schools, the SSPX's United States District recently purchased nearly 18 acres of land with existing buildings in OLIVET, IL with the purpose of establishing a boys' boarding high school.

The property located in the small town of Olivet includes a beautiful church that holds around 250 people, two large, three-storied dormitory buildings for dorm rooms and classrooms, a gymnasium, tennis courts, a rectory house and garage/workshop. The buildings are surrounded by trees and ample grass for playing fields.

The school was originally founded as a Protestant school in 1907, becoming affiliated with the Church of the Nazarene in 1912 and becoming "Olivet University" in 1915. It remained in the

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An outdoor shrine once included a Calvary scene (the crosses still stand) and an altar which still remains.



The exterior of Schlarman Hall (named after the bishop who dedicated La Salette Seminary in 1942) which will serve as the main building for classrooms and dormitory rooms for the boys.



A series of stained-glass windows depicting several of the apparitions of Our Lady adorn the church. Among the representations are Our Lady's appearances at Fatima, Lourdes, Guadalupe and, of course, La Salette.



A close-up shot of one of the windows depicting Our Lady of La Salette, who is weeping for the sins of men and especially for the sins of the clergy.

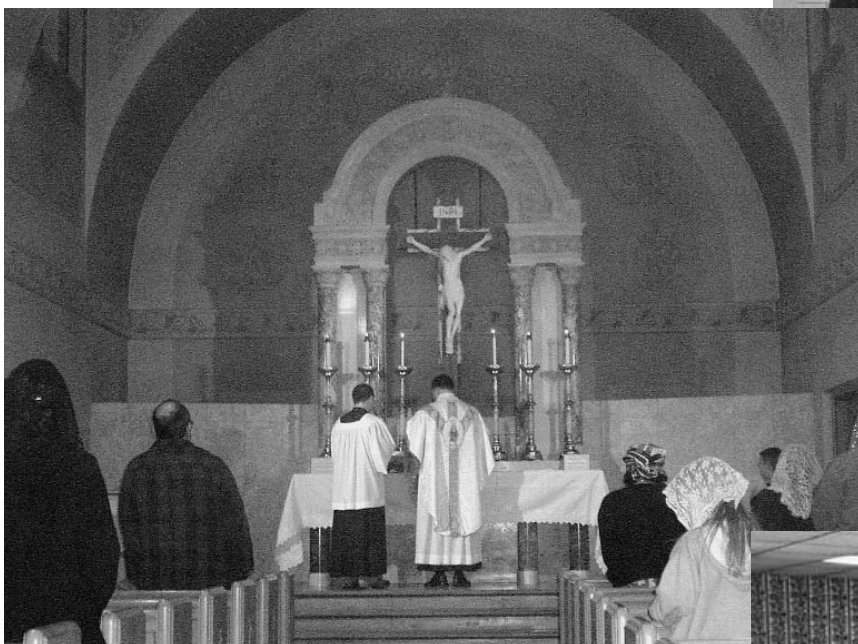
The property also contains a gymnasium equipped with a basketball court, bleachers and a stage. Though the gym needs some repairs, it will eventually meet the sporting needs of our very active boys.





Society parishioners from Chicago clean the church in preparation for a Sung Mass on December 1, 2003. A group of about 25 men, women and children drove down from Chicago (about three hours away) and worked all day to clean the church for the Mass as well as the main kitchen and dining room for a festive dinner afterward.

Fr. John Fullerton and Fr. Steven McDonald complete the final preparations for Mass by spreading the altar cloths on the altar minutes before the Mass. This picture gives a good glimpse of the beautiful altar and crucifix as well as the gold tabernacle whose top is made to resemble the crown of Our Lady of La Salette. Also seen in the background are painted symbols of the seven Sacraments.



Fr. Fullerton celebrates the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Society's newest property.

A statue of Our Lady of La Salette with the two young seers which hangs in the church of Our Lady of La Salette.



The generous parishioners from Our Lady Immaculate Church in OAK PARK (Chicago), IL who volunteered their time to clean the church pose for a photograph in the dining hall of the main building.





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

I pray that you have had a blessed Christmas and that God will grant you the graces necessary to your soul as we enter into the New Year.

Certainly, as we begin this year, our thoughts will occasionally drift into the future. "What does the New Year hold in store?" "How will the world change around me?" For the majority of men, the worldlings, these thoughts will turn to the material side of day to day life. "How can I make more money and add to my material possessions?" "How can I have more fun?" "How can I make life easier and more comfortable for myself?" Sad to say there are few concerned enough with their spiritual welfare to ask: "How will I draw closer to God?"

Yet is not this the only question that really matters and which should govern our present and future lives since it concerns the purpose for which we have been created; knowing, loving and serving God? Of course this question of drawing closer to God presupposes that we already have some knowledge of who God is and who or what we are in relation to Him. He is the Creator. We are the creatures. In Him we live and move and are. Once we have this knowledge, it is then easier to see the answers to our question.

One obvious way to draw closer to Him is through the elevation of our souls, whereby we express our feelings and petitions. This of course is prayer, which may be mental or vocal, public or private. The more fervent prayer is, the more powerful it is and the closer we are drawn to God.

Another way is by repairing the offenses we have committed against God. This we do by penance. Throughout the gospels we read how Jesus went about preaching penance to the people and this not just by words but also by example. He also placed other examples before us. He speaks to the crowd about St. John the Baptist, a man accustomed to hard things – a man full of the spirit of mortification, or self-denial.

According to the dictionary, penance is the voluntary inflicting of some suffering upon ourselves for the purpose of atoning for some wrong done; whereas penitence is defined as the state of being penitent, or of being contrite. Penitence is that spirit which so fills us with sorrow for our past evils or the evils committed by others, that we are moved to offer up to the offended majesty of God works of mortification.

Mortification, or self-denial, is skeptically looked upon by the world. In fact, those with the worldly view of life aim at avoiding all self-denial as a kind of evil, detrimental both to soul and body. Or they accept self-denial as a necessary evil merely for some natural and personal gain. Such do not understand the real reason for denying human nature. This

reason is to be found in the fact that we are sinners, both before Baptism, and usually afterwards. The Bible, from cover to cover, continually reminds us of this fact, and exhorts us to atone for our many failings by sincere contrition or amendment.

All sin, mortal or not, ought to be included in this spiritual rehabilitation. However, how much more imperative is this conversion process when it is a question of mortal sin. If only we realized – or rather stopped to realize – how great and terrible an evil mortal sin really is, then not only would sorrow for it be excited in our hearts, but the future would see us avoid it. Some hurriedly say the prayers that the confessor designates, and then forget all about it. How can we forget so heinous an offense as a mortal sin against our good God? As St. John Eudes says: "Sin is a cruel murder, a frightful act of deicide, a ghastly annihilation of all things."

But venial sin ought to be the object of our sorrow as well. Some do not even think to confess their venial sins; others do not even realize that they have committed any. The chief fault here is once again the lack of contrition or sorrow. How can we hope to please God, if we care not how much or how often we offend Him, even though it be in a smaller matter? This is not the spirit of penitence, but rather the spirit of pride and deception.

Some too avoid contrition thinking it will make them sad. On the contrary, contrition is the only way back to true happiness. It is sin that makes a man sad; the hatred of sin makes him glad – glad in God, which is the only true happiness.

If we would learn more about this holy spirit, let us read in that book which our Savior wrote for us. It is an open book to all desiring to read from it, for it is none other than the Crucifix. There we shall find all the instruction and exhortation we need. It will open our eyes, and draw our hearts to convert.

In addition, Christ has also left us his Blessed Mother Mary. She has, at various times down through the ages, appeared to remind us of the need for prayer and penance. Her messages at La Salette, Lourdes and Fatima all warn us of the urgency for prayer and penance, not only for ourselves but also for others, and of her importance as the Mediatrix of all grace.

*"If my people will not submit, I shall be forced to let go the hand of my Son. It is so strong, so heavy, that I can no longer withhold it. For how long a time do I suffer for you and you make no account of it! If I would not have my Son abandon you, I am compelled to pray to Him without ceasing. And as to you, you take no heed of it. However much you pray, however*

*much you do, you shall never recompense the pains I have taken for you.” (La Salette – 1846)*

*“The righteous will suffer greatly. Their prayers, their penances and their tears will rise up to heaven and all of God’s people will beg for forgiveness and mercy and will plead for my help and intercession.” (La Salette - 1846)*

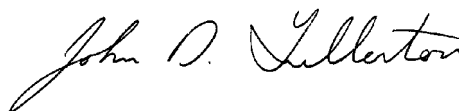
*“Penance, penance, penance, pray for sinners.” (Lourdes – 1858)*

*“Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there are none to sacrifice themselves and to pray for them.” (Fatima - 1917)*

Certainly, to those who claim to adore Jesus Christ as the Son of God and honor His Mother the Blessed Virgin Mary, prayer and penance should be the staple of our spiritual lives. But at times each of us may need to be reminded to partake of this spiritual food and to ask “am I doing what I need to do to draw closer to God?”

In this report you will find pictures of our newly purchased property in Olivet, Illinois, which we plan to open as a boarding school for high school boys in the Fall of 2005. The beautiful church and buildings sit on nearly eighteen acres and are in surprisingly good condition. However some of the buildings are in need of more major repairs. Thus I recommend to your prayers and generosity this new property under the patronage of Our Lady of La Salette.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Infant King and His Virgin Mother Mary,



Fr. John D. Fullerton

## REGIONAL REPORT



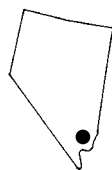
### NEW YORK

St. Athanasius Church in BINGHAMTON, NY, celebrated the Feast of Christ the King with much vigor, having after Mass and Benediction, a pasta supper followed by a dessert table “filled with the best of treats made by the ladies”, and games, such as Pin the Jewels on the Crown and two piñatas packed with candy.

However, the highlight of the events held after the liturgical ceremonies, was the installation and blessing of a new picture of Christ the King, which was hung in a place of honor in the parish hall.



Having blessed the elegantly enshrined picture, the pastor, Fr. Philippe Pazat, leads the faithful in a prayer to Christ the King.



### NEVADA

Our Lady of Victory Church in LAS VEGAS, NV recently completed their rectory, where their pastor, Fr. Peter Otto (a former diocesan priest now working with the SSPX) resides allowing the faithful of Las Vegas to attend daily Mass. Fr. Otto also celebrated the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination on June 8, for which the parish hosted a potluck in his honor.



A picturesque view of the combination rectory and parish office located behind the church.



Fr. Otto with some of his parishioners on his anniversary.





## MISSOURI

Saturday, October 18 saw the return of almost 500 pilgrims to the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in **STARKENBURG, MO.** Pilgrims came from the Society's Midwestern chapels of Kansas City, Saint Louis, Springfield (MO) and Mexico (MO), St. Mary's, Chicago, Madison (WI) and Nappanee, (IN).



Joining the pilgrimage this year were the Franciscan sisters from Kansas City (above), as well as the SSPX sisters from St. Mary's, who here are seen leading the young girls of St. Mary's Academy and those belonging to the Eucharistic Crusade.



Complete with their parish banner, the members of the ever-growing Queen of All Saints Chapel in Springfield, MO make their prayerful presence known along the Katy Trail.



After taking a brief lunch at the campgrounds of the "Steamboat Junction", Fr. Gerard Beck spoke on waging war, paralleling it to the making of a pilgrimage: "we are going to war... working for the restoration of the Kingship of Christ... this pilgrimage is for Christ the King... everyone has a uniform when they go into battle, ours is how we live for Christ".



Penance is one of the essential parts of any pilgrimage and Starkenburg is no exception. Here a pilgrim takes the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance from Fr. Damien Fox.



The pilgrimage climaxed with High Mass celebrated by Fr. Fox of St. Mary's and served by Kansas City's chapter of the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen, while the choir (complete with harmonium) was led by Fr. Stephen Stanich of St. Louis: truly a co-op of the SSPX's Midwestern priories!

## COOK WANTED

Full-time cook sought for **ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT HOUSE IN RIDGEFIELD, CT.** Must be a serious Catholic seeking the opportunity to assist at daily Mass and community prayer while working in a spiritual environment. Salary and benefits negotiable. Contact Fr. Gerardo Zendejas at St. Ignatius Retreat House, 209 Tackora Trail, Ridgefield, CT 06877. Phone: 203-431-0201.



## FLORIDA

On Saturday, November 8, the faithful of St. Thomas More Mission in **SANFORD (ORLANDO)**, FL had cause to rejoice, for it was finally the day of the ground-breaking ceremony for their new church building.

After Mass, the pastor, Fr. Gregory Post, along with a large group of parishioners, drove to the new chapel property for the ground-breaking ceremony. With Fr. Post in the lead, the parishioners made a procession around the grounds singing hymns and then the ground on which the church will be built was blessed with holy water. Fr. Post, then broke ground with a gold-plated ceremonial shovel.

On Monday, November 10, the contractor began work preparing the grounds for the foundation of the church, parking lot and the 1 ½ acre "lake" that the St. John's Water Management enforced upon their property. Purchased in 1997, the property lies just north of Route 46, the main highway in Sanford, though it is surrounded by a residential area and five acres, which gives ample room for possible future expansion. The church has been designed in the Spanish Mission style and will have a seating capacity of at least 200 people. At present St. Thomas More's attendance is about 95 people.



A sketch of the new church.



The pastor takes the helm in the construction of the new church in Sanford!



Fr. Post, shovel in hand, prepares to break ground.

### 2004 CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

#### **BISHOP BERNARD FELLAY**

February 7 Saturday Long Prairie, MN

#### **BISHOP TISSIER DE MALLERAI**

February 7 Saturday Madison, WI  
 April 3 Saturday Chicago, IL  
 April 4 Sunday Richmond, MI  
 April 17 Saturday Veneta, OR  
 April 18 Sunday Los Gatos, CA  
 April 25 Sunday Post Falls, ID  
 April 30 Friday Colton, CA  
 May 1 Saturday Glendale, CA,  
 May 2 Sunday Arcadia, CA  
 May 8 Saturday St. Mary's, KS

#### **BISHOP RICHARD WILLIAMSON**

March 25 Thursday Cincinnati, OH  
 March 28 Sunday Winona, MN  
 March 29 Monday Tulsa, OK  
 March 30 Tuesday El Paso, TX  
 June 12 Saturday Las Vegas, NV  
 June 13 Sunday St. Louis, MO  
 June 15 Tuesday Philadelphia, PA

## EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: January - March

*January* For the work of the propagation of the Faith and missions  
*February* For the fight against heresy.  
*March* For the return of fallen away Catholics to the true Church

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

Treasure sheets returned	506
Morning offerings	13,748
Masses	6,748
Sacramental communions	5,718
Spiritual communions	9,971
Sacrifices	35,901
Decades of the Rosary	60,621
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	5,779
15 minutes of silent meditation	5,530
Good examples	15,252

The 24 active chapters for July were, in order of the greatest number of treasure sheets returned, down to the least:

St. Mary's Academy, St. Mary's, KS (165)	St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Cloud, MN (7)
Immaculate Conception, Post Falls, ID (54)	St. Michael's, Mandan, ND (6)
Our Lady Immaculate, Oak Park, IL (30)	St. John Fisher, Tulsa, OK (5)
St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO (30)	St. Michael the Archangel, Farmingville, NY (5)
Our Lady of Fatima, Sanger, TX (25)	Our Lady of Sorrows, Baton Rouge, LA (5)
St. Thomas Becket, Veneta, OR (16)	Our Lady of the Rosary, Buffalo, NY (4)
Immaculate Conception, Kalispell, MT (13)	St. Pius X, Cincinnati, OH (4)
St. Therese, Nicholville, NY (13)	Jesus and Mary, El Paso, TX (4)
St. Joseph's, Armada, MI (12)	Sacred Heart, Orlando, FL (3)
St. Therese, Madison, WI (12)	Our Lady of Lourdes, Honolulu, HI (2)
St. John Fisher, Ft. Wayne, IN (11)	St. Michael's, Bakersfield, CA (2)
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Fort Worth, TX (10)	St. Michael's, Atlanta, GA (2)
St. Jude's, Philadelphia, PA (10)	Our Lady of the Snows, Sioux Falls, SD (2)
Our Lady of Sorrows, Girard, OH (7)	Corpus Christi, Edmonds, WA (1)



# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

From October 11-14, Fr. Daniel Couture, District Superior of the Asian District (which geographically, is the largest in the SSPX), made the Society's first mission to **INDONESIA**, a country that is comprised of the world's largest archipelago, spanning an area that is roughly three times the size of Texas and as can be seen from the map, separated by large bodies of water.

Visiting the capital city of Jakarta, Father had the opportunity to visit with various groups, from a Catholic youth group that is unwanted by their local diocese to a Franciscan Novitiate.

Recently during the Indonesian bishops' conference's *ad limina* visit to the Pope, their spokesman, Bishop Situmorang, made this shocking statement about the work of the dioceses in Indonesia:

*'Our Catholic communities are dynamic, anxious to share the faith although there is a long way to go and many, many people who are waiting to hear the Good News of the Gospel,' he added. 'However there is nothing of proselytism in our religious services and social and educational work, which are highly appreciated by the local people,' he said. 'Our only aim is to give tangible signs of Christian charity.'* (reported by Zenit)

How diametrically opposed to this false ecumenism of Vatican II is Fr. Couture's missionary activities to bring the light of the Catholic Faith to souls, who otherwise would dwell in darkness.



After saying Mass, Fr. Couture meets with the youth group, and shows them a DVD of High Mass at St. Nicholas du Chardonnet (in Paris), as they had no idea what the traditional Roman Mass was like.

## **RETREAT SCHEDULE**

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

**Men:** Jan. 12-17, Mar. 22-27, May 10-15, July 12-17,  
Sept. 13-18, Oct. 11-16 (Marian), Nov. 15-20

**Women:** Feb. 9-14, Apr. 12-17, June 14-19, July 19-24,  
Sept. 20-25 (Marian), Oct. 18-23 (Third Order), Dec. 13-18

### **ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CAMP & RETREAT CENTER 19101 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos, CA 95033 (408) 354-7703**

**Men:** Mar. 8-13 (Lenten), April 26-May 1, June 7-12, Aug. 9-14,  
Sept. 6-11, Oct. 4-9, Nov. 4-7 (weekend)

**Women:** Feb. 23-28, Mar. 22-27 (Lenten), May 10-15 (Marian),  
June 21-26, Aug. 23-28, Sept. 20-25, Oct. 18-23,  
Nov. 18-21 (weekend)

### **OUR LADY OF SORROWS RETREAT CENTER 750 E. Baseline Road, Phoenix, AZ 85042 (602) 268-7673**

**Men:** Jan. 12-17, Mar. 8-13, Oct. 18-23,  
Nov. 15-20 (Virtues)

**Women:** Feb. 9-14, Mar. 22-27, May 10-15 (Virtues), Oct. 4-9,  
Nov. 8-13

**Men's & Women's:** Jan. 22-25 (Marian),  
Feb. 25-29 (Matrimony), April 14-18 (Teachers),  
Oct. 27-31 (Matrimony), Dec. 28-January 1 (Marian)



On Sunday, Fr. Couture was allowed to celebrate the traditional Mass in a Franciscan Novitiate—quite a breakthrough for Catholic Tradition!



The beautiful cathedral of Jakarta, a testament of how the pure Catholic Faith was once taught and practiced in Indonesia.