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REPORT

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THANKSGIVING FOR VOCATIONS

On April 24th, a Solemn High Mass and banquet were celebrated at Our Lady of the Angels Church in ARCADIA (LOS ANGELES), CA in thanksgiving to God for the many young Vietnamese religious vocations that have come recently to Catholic Tradition.

The occasion of the celebration was the taking of first vows by Sister Mary Joakim of the SSPX (stationed at the Sacred Heart Novitiate in Browerville, MN), daughter of Mr. Thieu Vu, who is also the father of SSPX seminarian Mr. Dominic Vu (attending the seminary in Winona, MN) and Benedictine postulant Sister Tina (who is in the traditional convent of Notre-Dame de Toute Confiance in Airvault, France).

Organized by Mr. Vu as a means to give thanks to God for His abundant blessings, to inspire further vocations and to familiarize the Vietnamese community in nearby Orange County with Catholic Tradition, the event happily included the presence of three other Vietnamese religious: veteran priest Fr. Vincent (who was jailed by the Communists when a lay-catechist, and as a priest has been a long-time associate with the SSPX in France) and from the Benedictine monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Silver City, NM, Brothers Gabriel (who is studying for the priesthood at Winona) and Imanuel.

Ironically, it appears that the seed planted by the successive missionary efforts of the Portuguese, Spanish and French since 1535 in Indo-China (now modern day Vietnam), is presently bearing fruit in a way completely unexpected. Like the sun's circuit, the former evangelized East (in the form of the recent vocations) is now working to convert the present apostatized West back to the Catholic Faith that it gave to the Orient not so long ago.



Joyfully posing for the camera are from left to right: Br. Imanuel, Br. Gabriel, Sr. Mary Joakim, Fr. Charles Ward (the prior at Arcadia), Fr. Vincent, Fr. Brian Hawker (a priest friend in residence at Arcadia) and Mr. Dominic Vu.



A shot of the parish hall full of guests enjoying the catered Vietnamese food and traditional ethnic music.

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

“The debasement of noblest things is the worst.” This famous apothegm is no more applicable than to matters of purity and impurity.

One of the most wide spread vices of our day and age is that of impurity. It is a vice so easy to fall into yet once it takes hold seems impossible to overcome. Part of the reason for this is that, as St. John Climacus says:

Our relentless enemy, the teacher of fornication, whispers that God is lenient and particularly merciful to this passion, since it is so very natural. Yet if we watch the wiles of the demons we will observe that after we have actually sinned they will affirm that God is a just and inexorable judge. They say one thing to lead us into sin, another thing to overwhelm us in despair.

Another reason why many are not victorious in battling this vice is that they do not value the opposing virtue of purity. They fail to realize that as there is no vice more loathsome and horrible than impurity, so the most charming and beautiful of all virtues is purity. But why is this so?

In the first place, purity is so highly valued because it is the crown of all other virtues. It presupposes the presence of many if not all other virtues. The pure of heart love prayer and have the virtue of piety. They must at all times consider their infirmity and pray for grace and strength thus practicing humility. They also love the virtues of penance, self-denial and charity and they must have the virtues of meekness, patience and zeal for the glory of God. They must also practice the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity, in such a perfect manner that the other virtues find strength and support in them.

Another reason is that there is no virtue which demands greater sacrifice and more care than purity. St. Jerome calls this virtue a living martyrdom since it lasts for one’s entire life. We must guard not only one of our senses or faculties, but all of them. All of our senses and faculties are exposed to temptations against holy purity, and so we must keep them all under careful control. It is this constant watchfulness and self-

denial which the Fathers of the Church regarded as a martyrdom.

Because of this self-denial, which purity demands, some may have the impression that the life of the pure is sad and gloomy; they are mistaken. The Garden of Paradise contained many trees but only one was forbidden to our first parents. The fruit they were allowed to eat was far more choice than that of the one forbidden to them. Because they chose to enjoy the forbidden fruit they were no longer able to enjoy the others. Likewise, the pure of heart know many more joys, pleasures and consolations that are withheld from those who give themselves up to impurity.

Purity is reflected in our bearing and character even though it be too subtle to analyze or explain. The pure young man or young woman will be of a happy mind having a cheerfulness that does not depend on the weather. Their eyes sparkle with a fire not of this world and they see beauty and charm where the sinful see only the commonplace. The mountains, trees and flowers, lawful gratification, labor and rest, all give to the pure a gratification of which the worldly minded have no idea. How much better it is to enjoy such peace and tranquility of mind, than to suffer the tortures of conscience living in fear that hidden sins will become known.

Nothing in all Creation is grander than the sight of a pure boy or girl growing up in all their strength and beauty of health, with an innocent look in their eyes. Purity ennobles and elevates our body, giving it a charm that is the delight of God and His angels. Even the wicked, who are unwilling to be pure themselves, are compelled to admire and respect purity in others.

Nor is it just the body of the pure that God in His infinite generosity adorns but He beautifies the soul far more. They that go to heaven upon the path of purity receive the choicest blessings and graces. Through these graces they receive warning beforehand of impending temptations and danger. Because of the greater and more pure love which purity gives they are able to undergo any sacrifice, even to suffer death, rather than forfeit the priceless jewel of purity.

Many saints were of the opinion that most people lose their salvation through impurity. If so, we may say that the virtue of purity is one of the safest marks of belonging to the elect. Our Savior has told us little about the joys and rewards of the world to come, but He did reveal that the pure will receive a special reward standing nearest to His Throne, where they will sing a song of praise that no one else will be able to sing.

Living in a world steeped in immodesty and impurity it may seem impossible to go unscathed. But we can preserve this precious jewel and pass through life unmarked if we rely on God's grace and put forth the effort, following the example of the saints.

The saints were able to fight off temptation because they constantly lived in the presence of God. They had one thought uppermost in their minds—wherever they were, God was by their side. By constantly keeping God before their mind, they had the strength to suffer anything for love of Him and thus turned suffering into joy and trials into victories. When others were overwhelmed by even the smallest temptations because they had lost sight of God, the saints accepted and conquered even the fiercest assaults as a matter of course. The thought of God's presence gave them strength, consolation, hope and happiness.

The saints were able to keep God before their minds because they lived in a spirit of prayer. They did not make the mistake of thinking prayer to be a merely formal affair; a few minutes set apart in a completely different atmosphere from the rest of their day. Rather they had the constant pious disposition to connect everything they did or saw with God. Every act became prayer for them. Every act of penance, self-denial and charity was nothing else than prayer. Their entire life was transformed into one constant prayer.

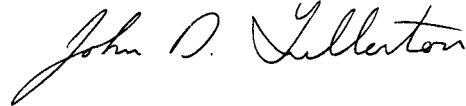
If sinners would go to Confession and Holy Communion as frequently and with the same zealous dispositions as the saints, they, too, would become saints. Generally speaking, however, those that need the Sacraments the most are the most negligent in receiving them.

Besides the presence of God, the saints also are shining examples of devotion to our Blessed Mother. True devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is taken as a guarantee of eternal happiness. She does not fail to obtain favors and blessings for those who honor her. Hence it should not surprise us that her special admirers receive special benefits; as shown in the lives of the saints. Thus Mary can and will obtain for the children that love her

most one of the greatest favors, the jewel and crown of all virtues—purity.

The virtue of purity is, therefore, worth our every effort and its beauty cannot be over-rated. It is something so refined and heavenly that our weak human vision can scarcely grasp the greatness of its grandeur. We shall only fully appreciate it in heaven. But until then we must fight for it, and keep its beauty, as far as we can, before us.

Sincerely yours in the Precious Blood of Jesus,



Fr. John D. Fullerton



SANTA FE PILGRIMAGE (Lyons, KS)

JULY 23-24

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REGIONAL REPORT



CALIFORNIA

On Saturday, May 1st, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Retreat Center of LOS GATOS, CA, held a Rosary Rally in the downtown square of San Jose, adjacent to the diocesan cathedral, the basilica of St. Joseph. During the demonstration for Catholicism, Fr. Daniel

Cooper, prior of Los Gatos, gave the reasons for the rally:

“1. First, and foremost, this rally is a profession of our Catholic Faith. In these days of unbelief and secularism, those who do believe must step forward to defend and promote the one, true Faith: *‘If thou confess with thy mouth that Jesus is the Lord, and believe in thy heart that God has raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart a man believes unto justice, and with the mouth profession of faith is made unto salvation.’* (Rom. 10:9-10)

2. In honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas (May is the month of Mary)

3. In honor of St. Joseph, today’s feast day (after whom our city and the Cathedral are named)

4. In protest against the tragically unfaithful statement by the Most Reverend Patrick J. McGrath [the bishop of San Jose] who said: *‘the four gospels... are not historical accounts.’*”

Afterwards, Fr. David Hewko gave a stirring speech about the Rosary, expounding the importance of using *“this powerful weapon from Heaven”* and citing it as a great means for making reparation for the sins being committed by our country (such as abortion, divorce, and sodomy), and as a great tool for fighting heresy and restoring the Catholic Faith.

While only 100 persons were expected to be present, incredibly 550 persons actually came and joined in the



With banners and a statue of Our Lady triumphantly displayed, the impressive Rosary procession winds its way through the downtown plaza of San Jose.

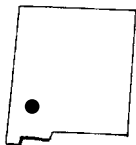
procession while praying all 15 decades of the Rosary (with one set of the Mysteries being said in English, then Spanish, and finally in our Church’s Mother tongue, Latin). Hymns were also sung after each decade, and it was said that it was the first time 40 years that such a procession had been held in downtown San Jose.



With the aid of a sound system that could be “heard all over the plaza”, and a backdrop of banners of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Fr. Cooper explains the reasons for the Rosary Rally.



With the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the foreground, Fr. Hewko extols the virtues of praying the Rosary.



NEW MEXICO

From May 30th to June 5th, the traditional Benedictine Monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe in SILVER CITY, NM was inundated with 79 visitors, young and old alike. Traveling from St. Mary's, KS, 10 fathers and 69 young men (ranging from ages 12 to 22) came to observe and participate in the monastic life of the Benedictine monks, as well as to lend assistance in the ongoing construction projects at the monastery.

The monastery was founded in 1991 by Fr. Cyprian, an American, originally from the monastery of St. Madeleine's Abbey in Le Barroux, France. He was forced to leave there in 1988 due to Dom Gerard's compromise with the Ecclesia Dei Commission after the SSPX's Episcopal Consecrations. Encouraged by Archbishop Lefebvre, Fr. Cyprian came to the United States, and subsequently established Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery. There are now 21 monks from 7 different countries who range in age from 20 to 49, with most of the monks in their 20's. Thankfully, the numbers continue to steadily grow which necessitates expansion of the monastery, which is why the community welcomes the additional assistance of the laity.

The visitors joined the monks in their monastic schedule of *ora et labora* (prayer and work), which, regulated by the Rule of St. Benedict, is punctuated at specific times during the day with the Liturgy (Divine Office and Mass), study, and manual labor. Some of the work performed by the men and boys included wood stacking, fence building, KP duty, working in the woodshop and laying the large, red clay tiles found on all of the monastery's floors.

In addition to observing the monastic schedule, the visitors were also given several conferences by the monks on the Benedictine life (ranging from explanations of the Rule to monastic sign language) and on the spiritual warfare that Soldiers of Christ must wage.

It was a great consolation for the visitors to hear that a few of the young men expressed an interest in either staying longer to explore the idea of a religious vocation (which at least one did), or that they would like to give more serious thought to the matter. It should be remembered in our hyperactive society, that the hidden life of the monastery is, in the words of Archbishop Lefebvre, a "*dynamo*" of spiritual power, without which the active apostolate of secular clerics (such as the SSPX priests) cannot be effective. So in this great crisis in the Church, let us pray ever more fervently that more souls will be generous in heeding a call to a religious vocation.



Rising over 7000 feet above sea level in the southern Rocky Mountains, the monastery's bell tower gives hope to monks and visitors alike for the ongoing expansion in Silver City. The building extending to the right contains the monastic cells that are already full.



The monastery chapel: the heart of monastic life.



The monks quickly erect shower facilities for their visitors on the campground.



Thursday was for recreation, and so here we find the monks organizing the men and boys for a "*strenuous*" mountain trek, during which it was "*hard to keep up physically with the monks*".



MICHIGAN

On June 6th, St. Joseph's Academy in RICHMOND (ARMADA), MI held its 8th annual High School Shakespeare Play in

conjunction with graduations, with this year's performance by the boys' high school featuring *The Merchant of Venice*.



To allow his friend Bassanio to woo Portia for a wife, Antonio works out a loan with Shylock, the Jewish money lender for three thousand ducats to be paid within three months, or else he must forfeit a pound of flesh.



The Prince of Morocco contemplates which of the three caskets he should open (the gold, silver or lead) in order to gain Portia's hand in marriage. In the end, he greedily opens the gold casket that contains the famous poem written by Portia, "All that glisters is not gold..." and loses her hand.



In the court of the Duke of Venice, Portia, disguised as a young lawyer, tells Shylock to take his bond, but... "Tarry a little; there is something else. This bond doth give thee here no jot of blood, the words expressly are, 'a pound of flesh': Take then thy bond, take thou thy pound of flesh; but, in the cutting it, if thou dost shed one drop of Christian blood, thy lands and goods are, by the laws of Venice, confiscate unto the state of Venice."



Bassanio desperately attempts to atone for giving away the ring his wife, Portia, told him to keep under all circumstances.

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JULY 23-25, 2004



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MONTHLY INTENTIONS: July-September

July For Christian Families.
August For an end to abortion
September Priestly perseverance

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE—April 2004

Treasure sheets returned	678
Morning offerings	16,717
Masses	6,997
Sacramental communions	5,637
Spiritual communions	16,155
Sacrifices	41,153
Decades of the Rosary	71,817
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	6112
15 minutes of silent meditation	6110
Good examples	20,203