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REPORT

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ANNUAL CLIMAX FOR THE SSPX BROTHERS



The yearly highlight for the SSPX brothers in the USA District recently took place at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center in PHOENIX, AZ. From September 23rd until the 29th, 11 brothers, 1 postulant and

4 postulants attended the annual brothers' retreat and then witnessed a postulant take the habit and become a novice, as well as the renewal of vows by some of their fellow brothers.

Because religious through their vows of religion (poverty, chastity and obedience) have an obligation to tend towards spiritual perfection, Archbishop Lefebvre envisioned the SSPX brothers as being the "angels of our communities" (i.e.,



Fr. Lawrence Novak gives one of the conferences to the 4 new postulants of the Novitiate's 2005 class.



During a Low Mass celebrated on September 28th, Mr. Zachary Reiser, now Br. Andre, makes his promise before the District Superior, Fr. John Fullerton, to adhere to the brothers' Statutes and to observe the three vows of religion for a year.

priorities), through whose example, both the clergy and laity alike would be greatly edified into leading a more perfect spiritual life.

Following upon this supernatural nature of the religious life, the retreat given from September 23rd to 28th by former Novice Master, Fr. Lawrence Novak, centered upon the religious life of the brothers, namely on the importance of their vocation and state as religious and thereby the practical implementation of the vows of religion.

Following the retreat on September 28th, was the taking of the habit by postulant, Mr. Zachary Reiser, formerly of Queen of All Saints Church in Springfield, MO, who upon becoming a novice took his name in religion, Br. Andre.

Finally, on the patronal feast day of the brothers, St. Michael the Archangel, a Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the District Superior, Fr. John Fullerton, during which Brs. Henry Mary

[stationed at Davie, FL], Augustine [Dickinson, TX], Mathieu [Toronto, Canada], Benedict [Winona, MN] and Gabriel, Rene and Louis [all of El Paso, TX] renewed their vows for various periods of time according to the Statutes of the Society. Also present, though they did not renew their vows, were Brs. Alphonsus [stationed at Phoenix, AZ], Gregory [St. Louis, MO], and Anthony [Winona, MN].

When all of the events came to a conclusion, truly the brothers could repeat the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 132: *“Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity.”*

During the Solemn High Mass on the feast of Michaelmas, before the Blessed Sacrament exposed, some of the brothers renew their vows. Standin the right is Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer, the current Novice Master.



With the feast of Michaelmas having concluded the retreat, the brothers and new postulants jubilantly pose with the retreat master, the ministers of the Mass and some of the priests stationed at the retreat house.



Following the prescriptions of Canon Law, the brothers who renewed their vows are required to sign attestations which the District Superior, Fr. Fullerton (sitting) will sign and seal, and the Novice Master, Fr. Pfeiffer (standing on the right), will countersign. Br. Rene in the meantime carefully reads over the paperwork before applying his signature.

MISSOURI



On September 5th, 12 members of St. Mary Magdalene Chapel in MEXICO, MO were received into the Franciscan Third Order. Fr. John Young, the SSPX’s

chaplain for the Franciscan Third Order, celebrated Mass for the faithful in Mexico and then received the new members after Mass.



Fr. Young imposes the habit of the Franciscan Third Order on the new members in St. Mary Magdalene Chapel.



The newly professed Tertiaries of St. Francis pose with Fr. Young and their president and long-time Franciscan Tertiary, Dr. James Taft, (seated), aka, Br. Theodore.

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

I wish to thank all of you for your continued material and spiritual support for the work of the SSPX especially here in the United States. This support enables us to continue the work of Our Lord Jesus Christ sanctifying souls through the means He Himself has given (*e.g.*, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacraments.)

On the material side, faced with the wonderful problem of crowded churches and schools, we continue to expand and build. In Sanford, FL and Albuquerque, NM the faithful anxiously await the opening of their new churches, the beauty of which has already attracted many and even encouraged some to attend the heavenly celebration of Mass held nearby and soon to be held inside.

In Olivet, IL, much progress has been made in getting the old school, purchased just over a year ago, ready for next September when it will become the new home for the presently overcrowded boys' boarding high school in Richmond, MI.

And here in Kansas City we have begun construction on a new District Headquarters, which should be completed by next fall. The present Regina Coeli House will become the priory for St. Vincent's and also a sort of "halfway" house for priests who have been "bruised and battered" since Vatican II. Priests will be able to spend time here learning to say the Tridentine Mass which will heal their wounds as it has for so many others over the past 2000 years.

I also wish to thank you for your prayers and sacrifices offered for vocations. God has, once again, rewarded these with new recruits seeking to do His will.

In Winona, our Seminary has seen yet another large group of young men, twenty to be exact, wishing to try their vocation. This leaves the seminary Rector, Fr. Leroux, the happy problem of overcrowding and the not so pleasant problem of raising funds to solve it.

This year has also brought us a relatively large number of men who will be trying their vocation at our Brothers' Novitiate in El Paso, TX. Four men, the largest number we have seen at one time, have entered the year of postulancy where they hope, if it be God's will, to enter the religious life as Brothers of the SSPX.

Some may ask, why would anyone want to become a Brother? What good can a Brother do for the world? And why would a Priestly Society have Brothers? These are frequently asked questions and a few words about the Brothers' life can help to answer them and dispel some false notions about this special calling.

In our world, where there is not much belief in God, prayer is seen as a waste of time. So anyone dedicating himself to a life of prayer is considered useless. After all he is not making money or inventing new and improved products to make us look or feel better or helping in the continued search for greater pleasures for us to enjoy life in this earthly paradise. Thus to the worldling, why anyone would even think of dedicating himself to the humble religious life of a Brother is incomprehensible.

What is surprising however is to find a similar lack of understanding among Catholics. Many view this calling to the religious life as a failed vocation to the priesthood or a position for someone who cannot make it in the world. Would anyone call St. Francis of Assisi such?

The vocation to the religious life of a Brother is a special calling in itself with its own special dignity, which comes by reason of the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. The Brothers by "*consecrating themselves to God in the religious life, have as their primary goal and purpose, the glory of God, their own sanctification, and the salvation of souls.*" (Special rules for the Brothers, 3.) In taking these vows the Brother joins himself to the redemptive life of Christ and wages war against the general current of vice found in the world (*e.g.*, materialism, sensualism and the spirit of rebellion.)

In the economy of salvation many graces are granted to men only through prayer and it is for lack of prayer that the world lacks these incomparable goods. Without good Brothers, who are men of prayer, the world will be without many of these supernatural goods.

The Brother must also be a mature man capable of personal discipline, able to work competently and get along with others in community life.

But how do such Brothers help out a priestly society? Archbishop Lefebvre modeled the Priestly Society of Saint


Pius X after the Societies of the Foreign Missions, in which the priests relied on the Brothers' assistance in the various trade capabilities they had for their difficult mission work. Due to the Revolution within the Church, this missionary work has spread throughout the world making the assistance of the Brothers to our Priests just as indispensable. Thus their specific aim as members of the Society of Saint Pius X is to

...aid the priests in all their duties, not by seeking to take their place in the priestly functions themselves, but by facilitating their apostolic task in manifold ways. This can be by relieving them of material jobs, such as: finances, practical works in the rectory or seminary, like gardening, cooking, upkeep of the building, librarianship, secretarial work, *etc.* Or it can be by participating more directly in the apostolate, such as: responsibility for the church, choir, catechism, organist, or helping

out with a primary school. On the missions this could also be the construction of buildings, or by a trade school. (Special rules for the Brothers, 6.)

Thus the life of a Brother has an important role to play within the SSPX and for the world. May God grant us many religious vocations!

Sincerely yours in the Christ the King,



Fr. John D. Fullerton

REGIONAL REPORT



CALIFORNIA

Our Lady of the Angels Church in **ARCADIA, CA** has recently been the site of several noteworthy events.

During the summer, the girls of the parish participated in a program that emphasized their femininity. They sewed aprons, cooked, painted and performed a play. The girls loved it!

In September, the boys in the 7th and 8th grades of the Academy made a visit to the traditional Benedictine Monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Silver City, NM. The pastor, Fr.

Charles Ward and Fr. David Nichols led this now semi-annual adventure where the boys were able to witness first-hand lessons in self-sacrifice, mortification, strength, courage and commitment in the service of God. While there, the boys had the chance to participate in some of the monastic activities. Joining the monks on one of their regular mountain hikes, the boys learned that not only are these religious allowed to speak, but were surprised that these strong men laugh, joke and indeed are very happy, contrary to the picture that the world paints of the monastic life.

Finally, on September 26th, with a large congregation present,



Fr. Brian Hawker observes a party just about to get under way. The girls prepared the party to celebrate the program and feminine friendship.



The girls of Our Lady of the Angels Church happily pose for a picture during their femininity program.

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Fr. Ward blessed and erected some beautifully refurbished, 100-year old Stations of the Cross for Our Lady of the Angels Church. The ritual for installing the Stations is in itself quite striking, which amongst other things asks of God: *“bless these crosses [technically, the Stations only need to be wooden crosses, though we are accustomed to more elaborate forms], that they may be a strengthening of faith, a motive for good works and salvation to souls. May they be comfort, protection and a safeguard against the cruel darts of the enemy... and they who kneel in prayer before them in honor of Our Lord, experience health of soul and body...*



While the monks rise at 3:00am for Matins to begin their day, the boys however were allowed to sleep in. Here they are pictured late in the morning (for the monks at least) in the refectory at breakfast. Later on the same day, the monks took the boys for a vigorous hike in the mountains.



Fathers Ward and Nichols and the boys from Our Lady of the Angels Academy stand with the monks and Fr. Anthony Marie in back of their monastery which overlooks the Gila National Forest. Fr. Cyprian, the prior of the monastery, was in France at the time.



In the monastery's chapel, Fr. Nichols celebrates Mass assisted by two of the Arcadia boys as servers who according to Benedictine custom are wearing monastic robes with hoods and cords, instead of cassock and surplice. In the foreground on the right is a cast iron stove, the only source of heat for the chapel, and once a common site in churches located in areas where winters are harsh.



Fr. Ward installs the wooden cross on the Fourteenth Station, “Christ is laid in the Sepulchre”. Though the decorative part of the Stations may be made of any type of noble material, every Station must have a wooden cross somehow incorporated in order to remind those who make the stations of the “*Lignum Crucis*”.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

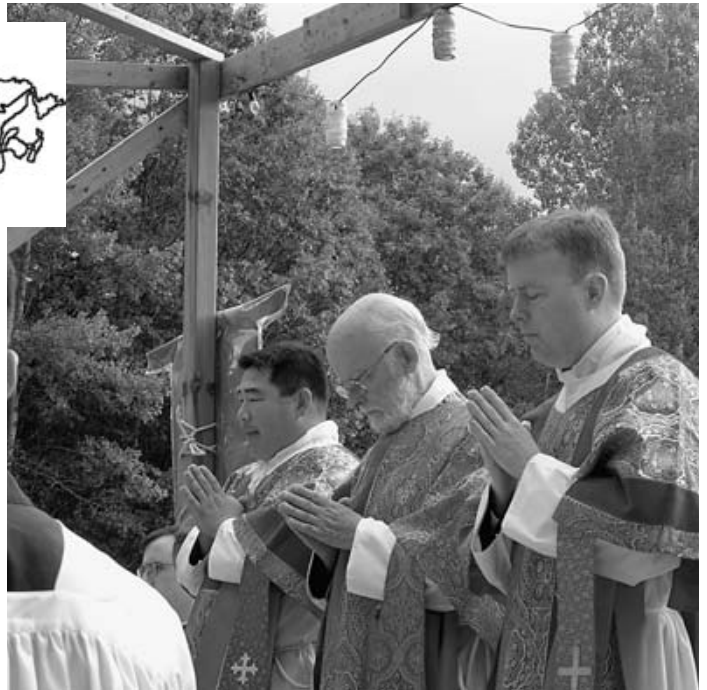
CANADA

The Canadian District made its 10th annual pilgrimage to the Canadian Martyrs Shrine on Saturday, September 25th. Located in Midland, Ontario, about 100 miles north of the city of Toronto, the shrine contains major relics of Sts. Jean de Brebeuf, Gabriel Lallemand and Charles Garnier, and also commemorates the other Canadian Martyrs (some of whom are shared by the United States): Sts. Isaac Jogues, Rene Goupil, Jean de la Lande, Anthony Daniel, and Noel Chabanel.



The pilgrimage is usually made on the last Saturday in September, as this falls closest to the actual feast day of the North American Martyrs, which is September 26th. The primary intention of the pilgrimage this year was for vocations, and the awareness of this intention was heightened by the attendance from St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN, of Fr. Yves LeRoux (the rector), Fr. James Doran (the vice-rector), 2 brothers and 36 seminarians. In addition, a record number of faithful participated this year, bringing the attendance to about 300 persons.

The pilgrimage started off about 6 miles from Midland near the St. Ignace II field (where in fact Sts. Jean de Brebeuf and Gabriel Lallemand were martyred) on the St. Ignace Mission Site, with a Solemn High Mass celebrated by Fr. Stephen Somerville. This was rather appropriate, since Fr. Somerville has spent nearly seventy years in the locality, was once pastor at one of the nearby churches, and even participated in a canoe-trip reenactment of the early missionaries, taking the part of Fr. Francesco Bressani. During the Mass, Fr. Somerville gave a



In a makeshift sanctuary and altar, Fr. Somerville celebrates the Mass of the North American Martyrs, while Fr. Carl Sulzen assists as Deacon, and Rev. Mr. Thomas Asher as Subdeacon.



After the Mass, the nearly 300 pilgrims pose for a picture before beginning their walk to the shrine.



The beautiful stone church of the Canadian Martyrs Shrine. Constructed within 9 months by June 1926, it was dedicated by USA Cardinal O'Connell of Boston (who just happened to be visiting the area), and on June 27th, Archbishop McNeil of Toronto celebrated a Pontifical High Mass with six bishops from Ontario and 13,000 pilgrims in attendance.

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stirring sermon titled, "Blood crieth to me from the earth", comparing the sufferings of the North American Martyrs to the sufferings that Catholics must endure to become holy.

The walk to the shrine then followed, concluding with Stations of the Cross at the large outdoor stations located at the shrine. Unfortunately, Mass could not be said at the shrine this year, as the Jesuits forbid the SSPX use of it, as well as the actual field at St. Ignace Mission Site. Providentially (and ironically), a Protestant group, United Church Centre, allowed the pilgrimage group to use their field adjacent to the St. Ignace Mission Site for the preliminary Mass.



One of the two magnificent reliquaries containing major relics of the various North American Martyrs. An even larger reliquary (out of picture to the left), contains the skull of St. Jean de Brebeuf.

EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: November - December

November For the souls in purgatory

December For all those who suffer from sickness

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE—August 2004

Treasure sheets returned	394
Morning offerings	10,668
Masses	3,592
Sacramental communions	3,243
Spiritual communions	9,457
Sacrifices	29,006
Decades of the Rosary	44,840
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	2,029
15 minutes of silent meditation	3,157
Good examples	14,191

MAINTENANCE MAN NEEDED

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(203) 431-0201

Men: Nov. 15-20

Women: Dec. 13-18

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19101 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos, CA 95033
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**OUR LADY OF SORROWS
RETREAT CENTER**
750 E. Baseline Road, Phoenix, AZ 85042
(602) 268-7673

Men: Nov. 15-20 (Virtues)

Women: Nov. 8-13

Men's & Women's: Dec. 28-January 1 (Marian)

Upcoming Eastern Europe District Conferences

Fr. Joseph Verlinden, prior of the Society's house in Kaunas, Lithuania will be visiting these chapels in the USA District from November 9-18.

Philadelphia (Eddystone) – Tuesday, November 9
Pittsburgh (Carnegie) – Wednesday, November 10
Cleveland (Westlake) – Thursday, November 11
Detroit (Redford) – Friday, November 12
Chicago (Oak Park) – Saturday, November 13
Milwaukee (Mukwonago) – Sunday, November 14
Saint Louis – Monday, November 15
Kansas City – Tuesday, November 16
Saint Mary's – Thursday, November 18

On all occasions, there will be an evening Mass, followed by a talk and slide show on the SSPX's apostolate in Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine, Russia and Estonia.

Please call the chapel in question for further details.

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(accompanied by a SSPX priest)

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

(March 7 - 18, 2005)

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- Tabgha ● Cana ● Mt. Tabor ● Sea of Galilee ● and more.

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Space is very limited on this pilgrimage.

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION IN FATIMA

(also visiting Lourdes and Paris)

(August 19 - September 1, 2005)

In connection with Bishop Fellay's act of reparation that is being made in August 2005 at Fatima, the pilgrimage will include a visit to some of the shrines in:

- Burgos (Spain) ● Lourdes ● Paris ● Avignon ● Ars,
- Nevers ● Paray-le-Monial ● Lisieux

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For more information, please contact
Fr. Tague: 915-544-7385.

A Mother's Conference

With Fr. Brendan Dardis & Mrs. Bonnie Beck

ST. PIUS X CHAPEL, CINCINNATI, OH
Saturday, December 11, 2004

Contact Mrs. Anne Kunkel: 513-735-0819

Orbis Vacations

(accompanied by a SSPX priest)

SSPX PUBLIC PROTEST IN FATIMA

(August, 2005)

Orbis Vacations will be joining the SSPX's protest led by Bishop Fellay in Fatima. **Space is limited.** Independent travel arrangements also available.

FROM ROME TO FATIMA, MARIAN SHRINES OF ITALY, FRANCE, SPAIN AND PORTUGAL.

12 DAYS.

- Rome ● Barcelona ● Lourdes ● Zaragoza ● Guadalupe
- Fatima ● Our Lady of Genazzano ● Santa Maria Maggiore
- Our Mother of Perpetual Help ● Santa Maria in Aracoeli ● Our
- Lady of Montserrat ● Our Lady of Lourdes ● Our Lady of the
- Pillar ● Our Lady of Guadalupe ● Our Lady of Fatima
- and more.

SHRINES OF PORTUGAL.

10 DAYS.

- Fatima ● Coimbra ● Guimaraes ● Porto ● Santiago de
- Compostela ● Aveiro ● Lisbon ● Eucharistic Miracle at Santarem
- Convent of Christ at Tomar ● Our Lady of Fatima ●
- Monasteries of Alcobaca and Batalha ● Saint Isabel of Portugal
- Sister Lucy's Convent ● Good Jesus Shrine ● Our Lady of the
- Agony ● Saint James Apostle ● Saint Jane ● Shrine of Our Lord
- of Stone ● and more.

CENTRAL PORTUGAL AND CASTILE, SPAIN.

10 DAYS.

- Fatima ● Coimbra ● Salamanca ● Avila ● Segovia ● El Escorial
- Madrid ● Toledo ● Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem ● Convent
- of Christ in Tomar ● Our Lady of Fatima ● Monasteries of
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