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REPORT

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CAMPING ACROSS THE USA

During this past summer, Catholic girls across the United States were able to take advantage of one of several different girls' camps offered by the SSPX.

Working our way from West to East, the schedule for the summer girls' camps kicked off with the annual Tri-Chapel Camp held on the West Coast at Camp Wilani in Veneta, OR, from June 14-26, under the direction of Fr. Lawrence Novak, and attended by 60 campers and counselors.

Then almost a week later in the Midwest, the Society's Sisters in Browerville, MN, hosted their St. Maria Goretti Camp at nearby Whitewater State Park from July 5-13, with 66 girls attending from all over the States, ranging from ages 8-17.

And finally reaching the East Coast, Fr. Gerard Beck guided his annual girls' camp from August 10-21 at Camp Olmstead, near Warren, PA, with 40 girls coming from the



Organized into groups by colored head veils, the happy campers of the St. Maria Goretti Camp, their counselors and the sisters pose joyfully on the steps of St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary.



One of the excursions that the St. Maria Goretti camp made was to a deer farm...



...while another was to the Mystery Cave in Forestville, MN.



Kneeling at the foot of the cross erected overlooking the panoramic view offered by the Allegheny Reservoir at Camp Olmstead, the girls pray the Rosary.



The girls at Camp Olmstead show off the quilt that they made in craft class. Signed by each one of them, the quilt was awarded to the best camper.

Eastern seaboard states, as well as the Midwest.

Each camp had a specific theme this year, for example the St. Maria Goretti Camp, which had the “Spiritual Combat: Virtues to Acquire and Vices to Fight” as its object. This theme in turn placed special emphasis on the Immaculate Conception, as this year is the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma, for Our Lady Immaculate gained victory over the world, the flesh and the devil.

Each camp also had a good balance of supernatural and natural activities. On the supernatural side, the girls were able to enjoy such spiritual events as daily Mass and public recitation of the Rosary, while some even had the opportunity to attend Sunday Vespers and Benediction. The girls also received conferences on spiritual topics that assisted them in their personal sanctification and exercising their charity towards God and neighbor, as well as catechism classes, which are essential to gaining knowledge about the Catholic Faith. While on the natural side, the girls enjoyed such fun activities as hikes, campfires, ingenious games, various craft making skills, and singing.



Having the joyful spirit of the saints is essential to sanctification. Here the girls at Camp Olmstead attend one of the daily music classes, which had them singing beautifully in no time.



With the Pacific Ocean providing a beautiful backdrop, the girls at the Tri-Chapel Camp pose during one of the outings with their counselors and Fr. Lawrence Novak.



During the Tri-State Camp, the “Roman Catholic Challenge Game Show” (complete with electronic buzzers) was held, covering topics such as Catholic doctrine, history and saints, with each team taking a saint’s name.

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

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX's solemn pronouncement:

That the doctrine which holds that the Blessed Virgin Mary was at the first instant of her Conception, by a singular privilege of God, preserved from all stain of original sin, has been revealed by God, and is, therefore, to be believed by the faithful with firmness and constancy.

Let us prepare ourselves for this upcoming feast by examining our devotion to the Mother of God.

Devotion in honor of the blessed Mother is in a class all by itself. It is of a more intimate nature than our devotion to other saints, because she is our Mother, whereas they are only our friends. Hence the honor, reverence and homage we pay to her is second only to that given to God. We adore God as our Lord and Creator. The Blessed Virgin Mary we do not adore but we honor and love her as our Mother. Thus the reason why her praises are and should be sounded more than those of all other saints combined, as prophesied "*all nations shall call her blessed*".

Down through the ages there has arisen need for special devotion. But the most general devotion, which is not limited by time or circumstances, is devotion to our blessed Mother. In the catacombs we can still see her pictures adorning the walls. The early Christians looked upon these to gather strength for the great struggle they would undergo for the sake of her Divine Son.

In what however does this devotion consist? First of all it consists in a childlike love for our blessed Mother. A child will recognize the father as the head of the family but will be much attached to the mother. For, while the child expects all benefits from the father, as the provider, he will expect them more confidently if able to reveal his wants to the mother, depending almost as much upon her intercession as upon the father's generosity.

This explains why we, as Catholics, have such an unbounded confidence in the ever blessed Virgin. She is our loving Mother and her love removes our fear or doubt. We ask favors of her that we feel almost unworthy to ask of our heavenly Father.

The love a child has for his mother does by no means lessen his love for the father. If anything, it tends to increase it. Likewise the love we have for our blessed Mother does by no means interfere with or lessen our love for our heavenly Father. The sublime love of God manifested by the blessed Virgin reminds her children that they can not truly love her without loving God even more.

Our love for our blessed Mother will find expression in saying the prayer she likes most—the Rosary. We show our love by wearing her scapular, and reciting the prayers she wants us to say. She likes us to carry a medal of her, to honor her picture, to observe her feast days. A devout child of Mary will not let a single day pass without saying some prayer and doing some good work in her honor. A good child will be so zealous in doing his mother's will that he even knows by intuition what his mother wishes before she asks and does it as if commanded. In like manner we need not be told what our blessed Mother wants us to do and what she wants us to avoid.

Nor should we be content with only saying prayers in her honor, as this is only part of the devotion we owe her. The better part of our devotion will consist in imitating her holy life.

With not a stain of sin upon her, without original sin and its inclination towards evil to cloud her spotless purity, and with so many graces as to be called "*full of grace*," the life of the blessed Virgin Mother is indeed a worthy model for all mankind to follow. The various saints of our holy Church each excelled in some of the many virtues. In as far as human nature can be perfect she has attained perfection, not in one virtue only but in all of them. As Virgin she is most wise, most holy and most chaste. As Mother she is the most perfect of mothers. Our blessed Mother is therefore the most perfect model for all mankind. Young and old, rich as well as poor, male and female, married and single – all find in her a most worthy model to shape and form their lives upon. Nor is this imitation a matter of choice. We are bound to imitate her for the reason that, being her children, we should resemble her.

Children will resemble their mother or father in various traits without realizing it. This will be not only in looks but also in various traits such as speaking, walking and acting like them. As a mother takes so much greater pride and satisfaction in her children the more they resemble her good qualities, so our blessed Mother will take pride and comfort in us when she can see that we earnestly try to resemble her more and more. The more we try to imitate her, the more she will be prompted to love us.

For this reason the benefits showered upon those who make a special effort to please her are manifold. One of them is purity of heart. Since purity of heart was the most beautiful of all her many virtues, our blessed Mother is desirous that her favorite children should imitate her above all in this particular virtue. We can never expect to remain pure of heart unless we entertain a childlike love for our blessed Mother. Indeed, our love for the virtue of purity grows in proportion to our love for our blessed Mother. It is simply impossible to be a devout child of our blessed Virgin Mother and at the same time to lead an impure life. Purity of heart and the devotion to our blessed Mother go hand in hand.

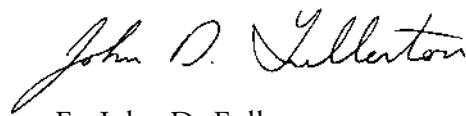
Another favor especially granted through the devotion to our blessed Mother is the grace of final perseverance.

It is the experience of the saints and their universal opinion that, as no soul is saved excepting through her glorious intercession, neither will a soul that has

loved and served our blessed Mother be found among the number of the damned. If you want to know whether you are to be among the elect or the damned, just look at the quality of your devotion to our blessed Mother. If we love her and serve her sincerely and try to imitate her, we need have no fear of the final outcome. Our blessed Mother will take care of us. If, however, we are too indifferent to say even a little prayer in her honor, if we never think of her, then, indeed, we have reason to fear for our final salvation.

Your patron saint, your Guardian Angel, and other saints to whom you feel yourself drawn for some reason, they all expect some act of devotion from you every day. But the devotion to our blessed Mother should excel all these. Let us never consider the work of the day done unless we pay our blessed Mother, as best we can, the honor, reverence and love due to her. When all other tasks might seem burdensome, that one should prove pleasant and sweet. Especially as we prepare to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception during this anniversary year let us remember that if we serve her faithfully we may be sure that she will intercede for us now and at the hour of our death.

Sincerely yours in the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,



Fr. John D. Fullerton

REGIONAL REPORT

MISSOURI



The ANGELUS PRESS in KANSAS CITY, MO, was honored recently with the visit of Fr. Loren Gerspacher on June 20th. Though of German nationality, Father was once a professor at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary, when it was still located in Ridgefield, CT. Since then,

he served as the District Superior of South Africa for 13 years, and recently has been assigned as the prior of St. Bernard Brothers' Novitiate at Iloilo in the Philippines.

No stranger to the United States District, Fr. Gerspacher poses in the foyer of the Angelus Press building, which houses its offices and warehouse.





OHIO

On July 31st, hosted by the nearby namesake church in **GIRARD (YOUNGSTOWN), OH**, the 6th annual Our Lady of Sorrows Volleyball Tournament was held in **DIAMOND, OH**, on the property of some parishioners. Fielding teams for the tournament were the SSPX chapels in Girard (OH), Cleveland (OH), Pittsburgh (PA), Erie (PA), Buffalo (NY), Chicago (IL), Kansas City (MO), Mexico (MO), and Armada (MI), as well as one from Fr. Leo Carley's chapel in Akron (OH). Overall, a total of 12 men's teams and 12 ladies' teams participated in the tournament.

Both the Pittsburgh men's and the Buffalo women's teams managed to successfully defend their 1st place trophies from the previous year in tight games.



Starting out during an overcast morning, Fr. Scott Gardner, the pastor of the Girard chapel, addresses the participants with some rules for the tournament followed by a prayer.



The Chicago team serves to the opposing side.



Remember that overcast sky? After some intermittent rains, the ground became "very wet" and volleyball began to resemble "mud ball"; nevertheless, spirits were not dampened. Here we see the Charlotte team on the left preparing to spike the ball against the Pittsburgh team.

USA DISTRICT

During the last season of Lent, a national Penny Crusade was held in the **UNITED STATES DISTRICT** for the benefit of St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary. Of the chapels that participated, the two chapels that raised the most funds were Queen of All Saints in **SPRINGFIELD, MO**, and St. John Bosco's in **ESCONDIDO (SAN DIEGO), CA**, while the grand total of funds obtained was \$7645.33.

These young ladies of the winning first place Springfield, MO chapel are in the process of tabulating just how many pennies (and other forms of currency) their generous parish donated to the Seminary's cause.



The mission in Escondido, CA gained second place, and here the parishioners pose proudly in their hotel room "chapel" with a check-facsimile of their efforts, demonstrating once again the fervor of the "poor in spirit".





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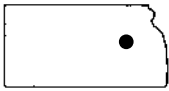
On August 8th, St. John Fisher Church in FORT WAYNE, IN, held a bittersweet banquet, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the priestly ordination of Fr. Stephen Soos, while honoring his departure as their pastor, since he was being reassigned as the prior of the St. Louis, MO priory. In addition to a good meal and some hearty “goodbyes”, a spiritual bouquet was presented by the parishioners to Fr. Soos.



Fr. Soos pauses during his meal to acknowledge the presence of the photographer.



With travel bag, Breviary, memorandum book and *Ritual* at the ready, Fr. Soos prepares to embark on his next priestly adventure in St. Louis.



KANSAS

The Immaculata Chapel in ST. MARY'S, KS was privileged with a visit by Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais on May 8th, to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. A total of 75 children and 5 adults were confirmed and made Soldiers of Christ.



Having just anointed the forehead of the young man, Bishop Tissier de Mallerais proceeds with the ceremonial slap that reminds the confirmand that a Soldier of Christ has to suffer for the Faith.



Standing in the courtyard just outside the Immaculata Chapel entrance, the newly confirmed pose with the bishop and Fr. Jaime Pazat, the parish pastor.



NOTRE DAME DE LA SALETTE BOYS' ACADEMY

(formerly St. Joseph's Boys' Academy of Richmond, Michigan)

5-DAY WORK PARTY AT LA SALETTE ACADEMY

From October 24-30, **men & teenaged boys** are needed to continue the work necessary to ready the school property for its opening in September 2005. 2 competent cooks (men or women) are also needed. NB: Daily Mass will not be available.

In addition to non-skilled workers, these types of workers are specifically needed:

- Electricians
- HVAC / Tin-knockers
- Plumbers
- Carpenters (rough & trim)
- Roofers
- Sheetrock hangers & tapers
- Sidewalk layers & concrete
- Tree Surgeons

To register and/or for more info contact:
Jim McMahon: 203-932-5050 cell (24/7)

If you can only come for 1 or 2 days, come anyhow!

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

From August 1-13, an American contingent led by Fr. Peter Kataroff under the auspices of the St. Pius X Pilgrimage Co., made the “Fatima, Spain and Lourdes Pilgrimage”, visiting sacred shrines in Portugal, such as Fatima, the Eucharistic Miracle in Santarem and St. Anthony of Padua’s birthplace in Lisbon. While in Spain, the pilgrims traveled to the great basilica of St. James the Apostle in Santiago de Compostella, Our Lady of the Pillar at Saragossa, St. Teresa’s shrine in Avila, St. John of the Cross’ burial place in Segovia, the San Lorenzo de El Escorial (which as the royal complex of Spain, is a combination palace, monastery and mausoleum) and the *Vallee de Los Caidos* (resting place of 40,000 victims of the Spanish Civil War). The pilgrims then moved northward towards France, to see the Marian shrine at Lourdes.



The pilgrims pose at the entrance to the Carmelite convent that enshrines the incorrupt body of St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, in Segovia, Spain, where Fr. Peter Kataroff had just said Mass.



Standing at 150 meters (492 ft), this stone cross rises over the Benedictine monastery/monument built in the *Vallee de Los Caidos* (Valley of the Fallen) between 1940 and 1956 in memory of the victims, Catholic and Communist alike, of the Spanish Civil War between 1936 and 1939. The impressive interior of the underground *Basilica de la Santa Cruz* is 262 meters (860 ft) long and contains six chapels dedicated to different titles of Our Lady.

Enshrined above the elaborate High Altar in the Church of St. Stephen in Santarem, Portugal can be seen the Eucharistic miracle that took place in the 13th century. The Host was going to be used for a sacrilegious purpose, but began to bleed, thereby stopping the act. To this day, delicate veins running from the top to the bottom of the miraculous Host can still be seen, as well as some of the collected blood.



While at Lourdes, Fr. Kataroff and some of the pilgrims joined in the nightly Rosary procession. Bishop Rudolf Görnitz Müller, of Germany met Fr. Kataroff during the procession, and asked Father to give the final blessing to the crowd, which he willingly did!

Saint Pius X Pilgrimage Co.

(accompanied by a SSPX priest)

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 in Fatima, the pilgrimage will include a visit to some of the shrines in:

Burgos (Spain) • Lourdes • Paris • Avignon • Ars,
• Nevers • Pary-le-Monial • Lisieux

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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

Orbis Vacations is organizing the following

Heritage Tour for 2004

(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.

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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

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Led by Fr. Paul Tague. Reservations accepted only till February 2, 2005. Price: \$1950 (includes flight, transfer, public transportation, room and breakfast).

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

RETREAT SCHEDULE

ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT HOUSE

209 Tackora Trail, Ridgefield, CT 06877

(203) 431-0201

Men: Nov. 15-20

Women: Dec. 13-18

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

19101 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos, CA 95033

(408) 354-7703

Men: Nov. 4-7 (weekend)

Women: Nov. 18-21 (weekend)

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)

EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: August-September

October For the Social Reign of Our Lord
by governments

November For the souls in purgatory

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE—July 2004

Treasure sheets returned	306
Morning offerings	8,276
Masses	3,011
Sacramental communions	2,642
Spiritual communions	7,797
Sacrifices	27,495
Decades of the Rosary	40,307
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	1,659
15 minutes of silent meditation	3,494
Good examples	11,961