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EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES

The annual Principals' Meeting for the SSPX schools in the United States District was held this year in SAINT MARY'S, KS, from July 27th – 29th, with attendance including some priests from the Canadian District.

During the three days, there were several conferences given by various speakers. Fr. John Fullerton (District Superior) spoke about general ideas on the training of youth in the SSPX's schools, while Dr. Peter Chojnowski (who has a doctorate in philosophy) lectured about the attack on boys in education, and the three degrees of abstraction in education (physical, methodical sciences, metaphysics).

In turn, Fr. Herve de la Tour stressed the training of the will through powerful motives, while Fr. Michael McMahon presented some background on the Jesuits and their classic means of education, as well as the importance of physical education in our schools, and finally Fr. Todd Angele demonstrated the "House System" that he uses effectively at St. John Bosco School in Alberta, Canada and which has had a positive influence on the spirit of the entire parish. The three days also gave the principals the opportunity to have two round table discussion sessions on practical points of education.

Following almost immediately from August 2nd – 7th, was the Teachers' Meeting, which was opened to all teachers of the schools in the United States District, and was attended by 84 participants, consisting of priests and laity alike. Conferences were given by Dr. Barbara Berfanger and Dr. Marilyn Turkel on practical points of teaching, from learning styles, elements of planning, habit formation, evaluating, testing, keeping records and even working with other teachers.



An view of some of the "black robes" who attended the Principals' Meeting.

Amongst the lecturers were...



Fr. Todd Angele

and Dr. Peter Chojnowski



After the Teachers' Meeting, the attendees pose in front of the historic balcony that fronts the administration office of St. Mary's College and Academy.

Dr. Chojnowski's conferences are available on the USA District's education website: www.edocere.org/articles_index.htm.

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Father John Fullerton
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J.M.J.
September 1, 2004

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

On the front of this report you have news about the educational seminars held this summer for our principals and teachers. Many topics were covered during these two weeks, but all, as you might expect, had a common end in view —how best to educate or train our youth.

To have the best education or training is a concern not only for our principals and teachers but also for our parents, who have this primary duty in raising their children. Nor does this concern end with parents. In many ways the training of youth concerns us all. These children will one day be adults and take their part in society where they will help or harm the common good. If they have not been taught how to train themselves, which is the task of education, how will they continue the self-training needed to lead good lives?

Thus it is good for all of us to occasionally take a few moments and consider some important questions which pertain to any scheme of training or self-training. What results do we want our training to produce? What materials are available to produce the result? And how can we best handle the material to bring about the result?

The **result** we want from our training is, in or out of school, men and women of the best and noblest character possible according to capacity and circumstances. Proper training seeks to produce men and women whose lives are dominated by good principles, deeply rooted in the mind and elevated into standards of judgment, taste, feeling, action, and which are consistently referred to throughout life. To do this an all-round development of knowledge, intelligence, judgment, moral and religious uprightness, strength and stamina, energy and enterprise, refinement and culture is needed. Such lives, based on good principles, will be quite distinct from those dominated by mere impulses from within and circumstances from without. We only need to look around or maybe even within to see how lives dominated by such impulses and circumstances create anything but men and women of virtue.

Thus we need to lay before our children the noblest ideals, with a proper subordination, so that we properly construct in them the noblest character and do justice to all that goes into perfecting them. To do this, we need to have a solid foundation of natural virtue. Grace builds upon nature and so this foundation of character must be firmly established to support the building which is to stand upon it.

As the firm foundation is being established we can already begin to build and we do so by the Christian ideals or supernatural virtues which perfect and elevate the natural virtues to a higher plane so that the child is capable of living in harmony with God's will.

To finish off our building, all that remains is to add the trimmings. These trimmings, when speaking of character, are the various other physical, mental and practical qualities, which develop body and mind (e.g. knowledge, judgment, manners, taste, health and every possible kind of activity whether of business or pleasure.) Thus we seek to produce proper Christian gentlemen and ladies of all-round capability who, for the rest of their lives will act according

to the Catholic principles instilled in them.

Every kind of training contributes to accuracy of observation and judgment, to judiciousness of action and self-restraint in moral matters. He who is taught to act on sound principles concerning things on a natural level, will also acquire greater facility in proceeding on sound principles in those things which pertain to the salvation of his soul. Natural development may, it is true, be accompanied by neglect of spiritual development and so lose all higher value. But, given that spiritual development is not neglected, it will certainly not be impeded but rather helped by every form of natural development.

In training we must also consider the **material** we have available to work with and from which we hope to produce the desired result. As man moves from infancy to childhood, then on to boyhood, and finally to adulthood, he passes through different developmental stages. In each stage he reaches a level of development which gives us certain material to work with. The main concern for the parents of a helpless newborn babe is to see that plenty of food and rest is provided. As the baby grows into childhood, the beginnings of judgement and will are manifest in the child's observations and impulses. What parent has not had the question "*Why?*" put to them by their little two or three year old?

As the child develops into the boyhood stage, there is a consciousness of the power of choice, its proper use and the duty of making the right choice. Here the training must focus on the intellect and the will. In the training of youth this is the real breaking point. Here the boy should be considered as an incipient man and the girl as an incipient woman and thus opportunities should be given for him or her to develop by ruling them with adult methods as far as they are able rather than with child methods. Motives of pleasure and pain, reward and punishment, or the will of the parent must be superseded by the idea of duty, which must be again elevated into personal service of God, and this not just out of fear but out of love. Thus ethical conduct will be placed on a sound footing of religious principles and these must be cultivated until they become habit.

In the training process, once again, let us bear in mind that all real training is self-training; we have no power to force the will. Success will be achieved only in so far as we can induce the child to take his own self-training in hand according to the lines laid out for him. For this purpose it is important that we watch each child's development so that we neither hold the child back nor push too quickly.

Finally the **means** or method for producing the desired result of our training must be considered. These methods must consist of removing obstacles and providing opportunities as well as providing incitements where development is deficient and imposing restrictions where it is excessive until the child is able to do so for himself.

The first means we can consider is the training of the intellect, otherwise known as **instruction**. Whether it be formal as in the set

tasks systematically imposed, or informal resulting from the interaction of such things as conversation, sightseeing or reading, instruction concerns the communication between the intellects of teacher and student in order to convey thoughts and facts.

There is also the training of the will known as **discipline**. Discipline is able to instigate and direct actions and thus enforce principles, and, like instruction, has also formal and informal parts. Rules and regulations make up what we call formal discipline, while informal discipline, which is just as important, comes from suggestion rather than law and is derived from the tone of the circle, family or school in which the child lives.

A final means to consider, for producing character, is the influence or **example** of persons. Example covers the whole ground of instruction and discipline and is a more potent factor of influence than the other two. The reason for this is that we humans, especially when children, have a natural instinct of imitation. The possibilities of achievement are revealed by example thus exciting our aspirations and helping to form our ideals and focus our energies down to a definite line of self-development.

This scheme, as I said, applies to any training. Unfortunately in today's modern world the result, material and means have been changed. The result sought today are men and women who will be useful to our industrial society, able to make money or able to contribute to the pleasures most seek.

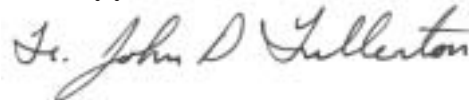
As to the material, modern educators try to force it to fit this same utilitarian mold. Instead of a well-rounded education, given according to the normal developmental stages of man, they try to force specialized education upon children before they are ready. Children, like vessels of clay, must be shaped slowly and given time to dry before firing otherwise they will (and have) become warped or burst apart when put into the fire, being unable to handle the pressure.

The means have suffered even greater attack. Modern educators say instruction between two intellects is no longer necessary. Children can teach themselves or machines can better train them. Discipline or training of the will, what is that? And the icons for imitation today are men and women dominated by

impulses or circumstances who seek to fit the subjective result of the utilitarian society.

As Catholics, we know the result expected of us: *"Be ye perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."* We also know too well how faulty are the material and means we have to work with. But too often we fall victim to the erroneous thinking of the modern world, misusing this material or destroying the proper means. However it is not too late for us to change the trend. To make sure our children have proper education we all must do our part. For most of us, as adults, this can be accomplished simply by taking our own self-training seriously. Let us start with proper instruction and self-discipline. Then our example will give our youth something to shoot for and we will all be working toward the perfection God demands of us.

Sincerely yours in the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,



Fr. John D. Fullerton

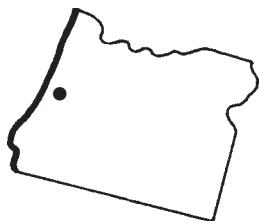
**PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS
SHRINE IN STARKENBURG, MO**

Saturday, October 23, 2004

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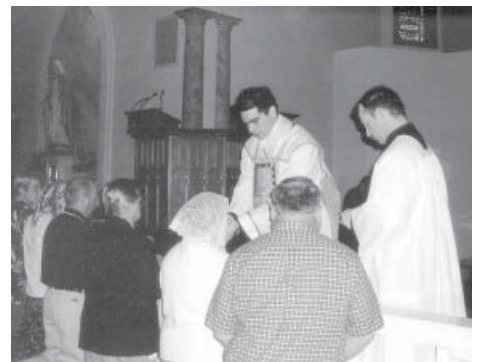


OREGON

St. Thomas Becket Church in **EUGENE (VENETA), OR** was honored to host one of the First Masses of newly ordained, Fr. Gabriel Magaña, who attended St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN. Fr. Magaña celebrated the Solemn

High Mass with an Assistant Priest (a privilege allowed only to bishops and newly ordained priests for their first three Solemn High Masses) on Sunday, July 4th, with Rev. Mr. Mark Stafki as Deacon, Mr. Steven Arabagis as Subdeacon and Fr. Lawrence Novak (the prior of Veneta) as the Assistant Priest.

After the Mass, Fr. Magaña gave the special blessing reserved for newly ordained priests, after which the blessed person kisses the recently anointed hands of the priest.



WORK IN OLIVE



ILLINOIS

From August 1st to 14th, 62 men, boys and even women from all over the Midwest converged upon the future Notre Dame de LaSalette Academy for boys in **OLIVET (DANVILLE)**, IL, to ready "*by the sweat of their brow*" the complex for its upcoming opening. The goal is to complete a 2.6 million-dollar renovation project for only \$500,000, and within three months prior to its opening date of September 19, 2005. This monumental undertaking includes many tasks, large and small, some of which are a complete restoration of the St. Joseph Hall (16,000 sq. feet), Cleary Hall (6000 sq. feet), an almost complete renovation and upgrade of the gymnasium, demolition of an obsolete three-story power plant (which includes the still present huge boiler and water-holding tanks), installation of a new water main, on-site fire hydrants and feeds to all the buildings, and (reminiscent of a former project at St. Joseph's Academy in Armada, MI) the installation of a new septic system.

The masculine volunteers followed a rather strenuous 15-hour work day, which besides *lábora*, also included *ora* in the form of daily Mass and public recitation of the Rosary, while the women worked 17-hour work days keeping the men and boys well-fed with 1300 hearty meals, and keeping the kitchen spotless by washing over 5000 pots, pans, dishes and utensils! A note to future volunteers: we are reliably informed that no one went hungry and leftovers were always available!



The men and boys who participated in the work project take a break with Fr. McMahon for a picture.

However, the work still continues at Notre Dame de LaSalette Academy, and despite the recent gargantuan accomplishments made there, the goal can **ONLY** be achieved for the budgeted amount if **80% of the labor** can be derived from within the SSPX.

The main building had to undergo a major renovation in order to avoid the need of constructing a new building to meet the needs of the academy.

SO WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN JUST 14 SHORT DAYS ?

- **628 cu. yards** of insulation removed
- **267,984 linear feet** of 1 inch wood lath or an incredible **50.754 miles** removed, separated from the plaster and deposited in a burn pile
- **99,000 pounds** or **45 tons** of concrete-based plaster was wheel-barreled away, lifted out the windows and chuted into dumpsters
- **1 mile** of baseboard, door and window trim removed.
- 28 doors removed
- 12 toilets removed
- 29 sinks and their accompanying vanities removed
- 8 shower stalls with doors and fixtures removed
- 2 drinking fountains removed
- **205 linear feet** of cast iron radiators and associated plumbing in excess of **6 tons** removed
- **15,258 sq. feet** of carpet removed
- **1980 sq. feet** of linoleum removed
- **401,976** carpenter nails removed **one by one**
- **17,820** construction staples removed (**also one by one**)



Just after Mass, breakfast and a brief spiritual talk from Fr. Michael McMahon, the jobs are outlined and divvied up.

ET CONTINUES...



After the fun job of tearing down plaster lath walls and ceilings comes the seemingly never-ending and extremely dusty job of cleaning up the mess! The dust is so thick in fact, that it has even spotted the camera lens in this shot.



Here we can see the new framing for partitioning rooms being cut and put into place. Next the wiring, plumbing and dry wall will need to be installed.

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE TO THE COMPLEX ?

- 90% of all interior framing complete
- New 150 amp service to 2nd and 3rd floors
- Main electrical service upgraded
- All outlets and switches in place on 2nd and 3rd floors.
- Computer network and telecommunications system designed and installed
- Demolition of old power plant: a \$55,000 job completed for only \$10,000!
- Windows for all buildings ordered and scheduled for completion by October 1, 2004.
- Power washed stone work and removed all old paint from statues of Our Lady of LaSalette and our Lord.



After a hard day's work of exercising their muscles, the men and boys then exercise their souls by praying the Rosary together.

WANTED!!!

Anyone with skills such as carpentry, electrical, plumbing, masonry or drywall installation is invited to contact Mr. Jim McMahon at 203-932-5050.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

Funds are still needed for Notre Dame de LaSalette Academy. Contact Fr. Michael McMahon at 586-784-9511, if you can assist.



IDAHO

The 4th annual, three-day, 50-mile long Cataldo Pilgrimage was made to the Old Mission church from Friday, July 23rd to Sunday, July 25th, led by Fr. Patrick Crane, with 8 other priests and seminarians and 175 pilgrims mainly from POST FALLS, ID, the main intention of which was *“the raising of many religious and priestly vocations”*.

Located 24 miles east of Post Falls and situated upon a beautiful knoll overlooking Coeur d’Alene River, the Old Mission (officially titled the Mission of the Sacred Heart) is the oldest standing building in the state of Idaho, and is considered *“the cradle of the Catholic Church”* in that region of North America. The Mission was built between 1848 and 1853 by the combined effort of Jesuit missionaries and over 300 native Americans. These were the *Schee-chu-umsh* (or *Schitsu-umsh*) Indians, who were renamed by French trappers as the *Coeur d’Alene* (which in French means *“heart of the awl”*) Indians as the French thought they were shrewd in bargaining.

It was these Indians who invited the *“blackrobes”* to come teach them the Faith and in 1842, Fr. Pierre De Smet responded by sending Fr. Point to establish a mission among them. The first mission church was built about 35 miles south of the present site near the St. Joseph River, but due to heavy flooding, the mission parish was closed and moved to the present location in 1846. The Old Mission church was designed by Fr. Ravalli, an Italian born Jesuit, and it was intended to reflect the magnificent cathedrals of Italy, but using local materials, such as pine, wattle and daub. The church was built by Br. V. Magri, a Maltese joiner, with nothing more than a *“broad axe, auger, ropes and pulleys, a pen knife and an improvised whip saw”*, a tribute to old-fashioned carpentry techniques in this age of power tools. The Old Mission was finally closed in 1887, while the parish moved to DeSmet, ID within the Coeur d’Alene Indian



Here the pilgrims, having accomplished their goal, rest easy in the shadow of the classic Greek Revival lines of the Old Mission.

Reservation.

The pilgrimage was made in three chapters, one of just men, another of families and finally one of just women, each led by a priest. Upon arrival at the Old Mission, High Mass was celebrated with due pomp and circumstance, and a barbeque dinner was held afterwards.



Making its way along the Centennial Trail, the tight-knit group of pilgrims plod their way to the Old Mission, while passing a bizarre modern art rendering of a spider.



One of the highlights of the pilgrimage was the ferry crossing of all 175 pilgrims across Coeur d’Alene Lake.



The climax of the pilgrimage was High Mass in the historic Mission of the Sacred Heart, during which Fr. Crane is seen here giving a sermon. With the exception of the modern air vents, the decorations are mostly original and were usually cleverly handcrafted by the Jesuits and the Indians.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



CANADA

This July saw the 4th annual Canadian Martyrs Camp near **GRAND BEND, ONTARIO** (west of Toronto). A record attendance was set this year, with 37 boys and 30 girls in attendance. The busy camp schedule consisted of the usual activities of daily Mass, confessions, recitation of the Rosary, catechism, canoeing, swimming, archery, games, crafts and campfires each evening. The crafts consisted of learning how to make rosaries, stained glass, candles (which included a local apiary owner giving a presentation on bees), picture frames, as well as woodworking for the boys and painting and art for the girls.

Fr. Carl Sulzen, the camp chaplain, conducted the boys' camp with the assistance of six seminarians from St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN, and the girls' camp with two SSPX Oblate Sisters from the Toronto priory. Also on hand were generous volunteers from various chapels in both the USA and Canada, who served as counselors and kitchen help.

The catechism classes mentioned above were based on the Eight Beatitudes and the camp was placed under the patronage of the Canadian Martyrs (also referred to as the North American Martyrs who were: Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, Gabriel Lalemant, Rene Goupil, Jean de la Lande, Charles Garnier, Anthony Daniel, Noel Chabanel). Each evening, Fr. Sulzen would explain the life and virtues of one of these martyrs, the memories (and levels of attention) of the children were then tested on both their knowledge of the martyrs and of the Beatitudes!



Fr. Sulzen (front center), the six seminarians, adult counselors and boys happily pose for a picture at the end of the camp.

Not to be outdone by the boys, the girls pose with Fr. Sulzen, the Oblate Sisters and their adult counselors after their camp.



With missals in hand, the boys are marched off to morning Mass to ready themselves for the day's upcoming spiritual combat.



Under the watchful supervision of clerics and laymen alike, the boys learn the ancient skill of archery.



Here the girls hone the culinary art of roasting hot dogs over a well-made campfire.

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Dec. 28-January 1 (Marian)

EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: September - November

September Priestly perseverance

October Social Kingship of Our Lord in governments

November Souls in Purgatory

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE—June 2004

Treasure sheets returned	397
Morning offerings	9,978

Masses	3,896
Sacramental communions	3,471
Spiritual communions	9,053

Sacrifices	37,248
Decades of the Rosary	43,214
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	2,307
15 minutes of silent meditation	4,298
Good examples	14,849