

# Regina Coeli REPORT

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## SSPX CELEBRATES THREE DECADES IN ARMADA



“Dear Fathers, dear brethren, let us rejoice today with hearts full of happiness and give thanks to God for His marvels, His mercy and His bounty, as we celebrate today an anniversary: 30 years of the Society of Saint Pius X here in Armada, Michigan. This

is one of the first places in the United States where, following Divine Providence, Catholic Tradition was established. Here, 30 years ago, a work of restoration, of preservation, of fighting errors, was established. It appears that, as was taught us in one of the parables of Our Lord, Divine Providence deigned to plant here one of those small seeds which was to become a tree in which the little birds would find protection and food. Certainly for us this anniversary is more than merely an occasion to celebrate; it is also a time to give thanks to God.



Archbishop Lefebvre and Fr. Anthony Ward pose for a photo with the group of men who had originally invited the Archbishop to the United States and to open a Mass center in Michigan.



A view of Bishop Fellay at the throne which was set up for the Pontifical Mass. Also seen, sitting from left to right, are Frs. Fullerton (Assistant Priest), Wailliez and McMahon (Assistant Deacons), and standing, Rev. Mr. Mark Stafki (Master of Ceremonies).



A shot of the major ministers with the priests and seminarians in attendance for the anniversary celebration on the steps of the chapel entrance immediately after the Pontifical High Mass.



The heart of the property in Armada has always been the chapel. Through the years, it has undergone some major renovations as seen in these pictures. Here is seen the original altar set up in the garage which served as the first chapel.



Armada hosted several priests' and seminarians' retreats during its days as the site of the SSPX's United States Seminary. Here priests and seminarians gather around Archbishop Lefebvre.

We can never be thankful enough to God for His cares, for all the delicate attentions of God toward our souls.”

With these words, His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay opened his sermon at St. Joseph's Priory and Academy on the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SSPX's presence in **RICHMOND (ARMADA), MI**. To celebrate the anniversary, a Pontifical High Mass was celebrated on November 13, 2004 with several priests and seminarians that have ties to St. Joseph's in attendance. Other festivities included a dinner, a slide presentation on the history of St. Joseph's, songs performed by the children of the academy and a talk by Bishop Fellay.

St. Joseph's has fulfilled a wide variety of functions for the SSPX. It started as the first site for the U.S. Seminary. Then, when the Seminary moved to Ridgefield, CT, Richmond became the novitiate for the Sisters of the SSPX before that eventually moved to Browerville, MN. Finally, St. Joseph's now boasts an academy and boys' boarding school dedicated to the formation of Catholic youth.



A view of the sanctuary of St. Joseph's Church as originally set up...



As part of a major renovation in 1998 to add side altars, the church interior was redesigned to make it a more fitting place for Catholic worship.

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

As we enter this season of Lent, Holy Mother Church impresses upon us the necessity of fasting. This term refers not only to denying ourselves bodily food, but also in a broader sense to mortifying ourselves in any manner, that is, of willingly embracing something hard for the love of God. On Ash Wednesday the Church reminds us in the Gospel that we must do this willingly and joyfully, not slavishly and under a certain compulsion. Our Savior told us that unless we willingly enter by the “*narrow gate*” we shall hope in vain to conquer our rebellious nature.

The mention of penance is not very pleasant to our slothful human nature. It tells of something that we would fain avoid. However, when we consider the reasons of penance, we are more willing to hear about it.

In the prayers for the blessing of the ashes we read the words: “*We begin the exercises of Christian warfare with the holy fasts of Lent, wherein we fight against the spirits of evil with the weapon of abstinence.*” Here we are reminded of the importance of the weapons of prayer and fasting in our fight against the prince of this world.

The Church, having in mind the ancient Ninivites, who by doing penance in sackcloth and ashes sought to atone for their sins and so appease the anger of God, puts ashes on our heads, saying: “*Remember, man, that thou art dust and into dust thou shalt return.*” She does this for the humiliation of our pride and to remind us of the sentence of death which we should suffer as the result of sin.

This ceremony is the remains of an old ceremony spoken of in the Roman Pontifical. In the first ages of the Church those who had committed grave faults were obliged to do public penance. On Ash Wednesday the bishop blessed the hair shirts, which they were to wear during the forty days, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms which had been used in the procession on Palm Sunday of the previous year. Then, while the faithful chanted the Seven Penitential Psalms, “*the penitents were turned out of the holy place because of their sins, as Adam, the first man, was turned out of paradise on account of his disobedience.*” (*Roman Pontifical*) It was not till Maundy Thursday that they were again allowed to enter the church, and in the meantime they were obliged to wear the penitential clothing which had been given to them, so that by forty days’ penance, with confession and sacramental absolution, they might again be found worthy of the company of the faithful.

The Mass on Ash Wednesday is filled with these thoughts. The Introit says: “*God, indeed, pardons the sins of men for the sake of their repentance.*” The Epistle adds: “He is rich in mercy to those who are converted to Him with all their heart, in fasting, in weeping, and in mourning.”

Nor is fasting only for past sin but also to preserve us from future sin as St. Paul says: “*I chastise my body, lest...I should become a castaway.*” (I Cor. ix. 27.)

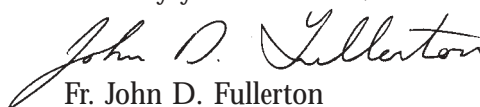
We know the old saying, that if you want to reach a man, the shortest way is through his appetite. Now if we apply that to fasting, we come to a spiritual conclusion. By denying the appetite we reach the soul; in other words, the soul is thereby made to suffer something, and that something makes it more meritorious in the sight of God and stronger in itself. Sobriety is therefore rightly held up to us as a very special virtue for Lent.

In the world, where there is hardly a single regulation for Lent, we have a great contrast. Godlessness reigns. Sin is not realized. And therefore the effects of sin are not felt as they should be. Why, then, should the worldling do penance? In fact, he says it would be foolish for him to deny himself the things of this life; and he considers us fools for obeying the Church.

In the Saints we see just the opposite of what we see in the world. What do they say? Not “*Why should we do penance?*” but “*Why should we not do penance.*” Even those who were the most innocent, as the Little Flower, were careful to make things hard for themselves rather than too easy. We might begin with St. John the Baptist and go down through the ages—all the servants of God did penance—yes, they consistently led penitential lives.

It behooves each one of us, therefore, to make at least one good resolution for this holy season of Lent. Whether it be fasting from food and drink or, if dispensed from fasting, we compensate by some other penance, let us not shirk the weighty obligation of doing penance in some form to which everyone is bound. “*Unless you do penance, you shall all likewise perish.*” (Lk. xiii. 3.)

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. John D. Fullerton

# REGIONAL REPORT



NORTH CAROLINA



The sanctuary and nave of Old St. Mary's in **GOLDSBORO, NC**, built in 1889, listed on the North Carolina Registry of Historic Buildings and the oldest church owned by the SSPX in the United States, received necessary improvements in late 2004. Exterior brick was sealed and damaged interior walls rebuilt by parishioners. Fresh paint finished the job.



New wallboard lines the front wall behind the altar that was installed years ago by former pastor (now in Arcadia, CA), Fr. Charles Ward. Here, parish painters are getting the hard spots.



The mission caretaker has undertaken the construction of a new communion rail, properly imitating the frontal of the altar. Here, sections cut from custom stainless steel templates await the time-consuming carving only the human hand can do.



A finished section of the new rail has been installed next to the current one for display.



## CALIFORNIA

St. Michael's Chapel in **BAKERSFIELD, CA** has been undergoing a gradual physical renovation over the past few years. New flooring has been installed, along with a new roof and cooling system. Thanks to a generous benefactor, the old white pews were replaced with refinished 17th century oak pews. The bookstore was moved and enlarged and a private priest's office took the place of the old bookstore. And as part of the spiritual renovation of the parish, Fr. Daniel Cooper recently led the parish in its consecration to the Sacred Heart.



St. Michael's Chapel with new pews and flooring.



The parish makes its consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Fr. Cooper installs the picture of the Sacred Heart during the ceremony of consecration.

*Announcing*

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**EDOCERE.org** also provides **information on educational events in the SSPX's USA District**, such as Teachers' retreats, and special offers available to educators.

# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Fr. Daniel Couture, the Superior of the SSPX Asian District recently sent the following report on the efforts to aid the Tsunami victims to *DICI* ([www.dici.org](http://www.dici.org)), the SSPX's international media resource.

God knows how to draw good out of evil, teaches St Thomas. Well, this Oriental drama that we have lived for more than 4 weeks, reveals, amongst other things, the secrets of many hearts: a very great generosity. We herewith want to profusely thank everyone who has sent donations.

The figures that I submit to you below are the totals of the donations (mostly of private individuals) which were sent or announced to me by mail or email, by the benefactors, as of January 21st: they have either already arrived in our bank accounts, or are on the way. And I am still awaiting the result of many collections made here and there, worldwide, in Traditional Mass Centers

I returned to Singapore after 2 weeks in India and Sri Lanka. One conclusion is already obvious: the devil is getting involved in all this! On all sides, as much on the side of the victims' families as on the humanitarian organizations' (both state organizations and NGOs), and on the part of the victim States, everyone wants to profit by all means from this wealth which is being sent. That requires from us a great prudence in the use of the donations received.

Here are two small examples among a thousand: A humanitarian organization arrived in Colombo airport with 2 containers of medical material. The custom officers wanted their share of the gifts! The NGO refused, turned around, and took off again immediately with its two containers of gifts for Indonesia. Another example, also in Sri Lanka: two individuals were caught by the police forces while reselling goods they had received for the victims.

It is very sad, often shocking, because the serious needs are there. It should not be forgotten that the majority of the affected zones, except in the South of India, are pagan, a fact which does not help the practice of the virtue of justice.

In India, we met some of the victims — poor fishermen — in order to see and discuss with them their needs. We decided, upon their advise, to buy for them a piece of land upon which the authorities are supposed to build them houses.

After a bit of hesitation on the mechanics of this operation, we should be able to do it in the weeks to come. We have also decided to get a team of our own villagers to go along the devastated coast and see how we can help other families individually. I envisage to distribute about US\$50,000 to them (approximately 40,000 euros) in the very near future.

In Sri Lanka, we met the National Director of Caritas, a priest, who told us several things, *inter alia* that they did not have there alas a Catholic orphanage along the affected zone, and that the Archbishop was about to open one of them. In addition, this very friendly priest will keep us informed of long-term plans on which he is working and in which we will perhaps be able to collaborate.

Afterwards, we visited a refugee camp, very close to the priory: 116 families piled up, on a small soccer field, in as many tents (3m x 2m) lent by the Red Cross. These tents are completely empty, void of all, clothes, sleeping bags, pillows, linen, food: nothing. Thanks be to God, these families all are Catholic and have a good parish priest, a true father, who worries much for their physical as well as their moral health, because under these really primitive conditions, disorder settles easily. After a few discussions with this priest, we have seen his common sense, and, instead of buying, as we were about to do, a number of small boats and fishing nets, we think that it is wiser to help this priest buy a piece of land of about 2 acres, which is for sale close to the sea, in order to build small apartments for the fishermen. A project of almost US\$300,000, rather expensive, I should say, but one needs to know

that Negombo is a very touristic area. Moreover, one cannot wait until the government takes the first step — that could take a good six months. It should be added that Negombo, "*the little Rome of Sri Lanka*" (30% of Catholics), not being as affected as the South and the West of the country, is one of the last on the list of the cities to be helped by any organization.

While waiting to help the parish priest substantially, we distribute every week food to hundreds of families at the mouth of the Negombo river.

Respectfully yours in the service of Our Lord and Our Lady,

Fr. Daniel Couture  
District Superior for Asia



The destruction in India was great. Here a family sits amidst the ruins of their home.



Fr. Davide Pagliarani distributes food to some Tsunami victims in Sri Lanka. In the first half of January, more than 425 families benefited from this charitable work.

## ST. JOSEPH'S BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION

The newly formed St. Joseph's Business Men's Association is seeking membership from Catholic men who want to infuse their professional life with the Catholic Faith, and be guided by the Church's social principles.

The SJBMA is under the spiritual guidance of the SSPX, and seeks to explore, develop and promote economic opportunities, train the youth through educational apprenticeships and financial counseling, as well as promote the business resources of its members.

SJBMA welcomes inquiries from any man in business or college, or even just interested in its goals. The SJBMA can be contacted at:

Mr. Christopher Johnson  
800-628-6093  
www.sjbma.org



## EUCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: March-May

<i>March</i>	For Catholic schools.
<i>April</i>	For the poor of the world and true justice.
<i>May</i>	For the conversion of the Protestants.

### U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE—November 2004

Daily Offering	12,494
Masses	6564
Sacramental Communion	5149
Spiritual Communion	10,686
Sacrifices	31,157
Decades of the Rosary	50,409
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	4396
15 minutes of silent meditation	4358
Good Example	15,460
Number returned	516

## RETREAT SCHEDULE

### ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT HOUSE

209 Tackora Trail,  
Ridgefield, CT 06877  
(203) 431-0201

**MEN:** March 7-12 (Marian), March 28-April 2,  
May 16-21, July 4-9, September 12-17, October  
24-29, December 12-17

**WOMEN:** April 18-23, June 13-18, July 18-23,  
August 8-13 (Marian), October 10-15, November  
14-19, January 16-21

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS RETREAT CENTER

750 E. Baseline Road,  
Phoenix, AZ 85042  
(602) 268-7673

**MEN:** June 13-25 (Vocations), October 17-22,  
November 28-December 3

**WOMEN:** May 9-14 (Virtues),  
October 10-15, November 7-12

**MIXED:** March 30-April 3 (Teachers), April 27-  
30 (Matrimony), November 16-20 (Matrimony),  
December 26-31 (Marian)

### ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

19101 Bear Creek Road,  
Los Gatos, CA 95033  
(408) 354-7703

**MEN:** March 14-19 (Lenten), April 25-30,  
May 23-28 (Marian), July 11-16, August 22-27,  
October 3-8, November 10-13 (weekend)

**WOMEN:** April 11-16, May 9-14 (Marian), June  
6-11, July 25-30, September 12-17, October 20-  
23 (weekend)

## Saint Pius X Pilgrimage Co.

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### PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION IN FATIMA (ALSO VISITING LOURDES AND PARIS) (AUGUST 19 - AUGUST 30, 2005)

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# CONFIRMATION 2005 SCHEDULE

These are the dates for the chapels in the  
United States of America District

### BISHOP TISSIER DE MALLERAIS

February 4	Friday	Sioux Falls, SD
February 6	Sunday	Kansas City, MO
February 10	Thursday	Post Falls, ID
February 11	Friday	Edmonds, WA
February 13	Sunday	Honolulu, HI
February 16	Wednesday	Phoenix, AZ
February 18	Friday	Buffalo, NY
February 20	Sunday	Farmingville, NY

### BISHOP WILLIAMSON

April 8	Friday	Belle Plaine, MN
April 9	Saturday	St. Cloud, MN
March 30	Wednesday	San Antonio, TX
March 31	Thursday	Fort Worth, TX
April 1	Friday	New Orleans, LA
April 3	Sunday	Orlando, FL
April 5	Tuesday	Pittsburgh, PA
April 10	Sunday	Ridgefield, CT

### TO BE ANNOUNCED

TBA	Dickinson, TX
TBA	Denver, CO
TBA	Charlotte, NC

## Orbis Vacations

(accompanied by an 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.

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