

# Regina Coeli REPORT

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## ST. PIUS V CHURCH ANNIVERSARY “FACELIFT”



**U**nder the careful supervision of the pastor, Fr. Thomas Scott, St. Pius V Church in MUKWONAGO (MILWAUKEE), WI

recently underwent an artistic interior renovation in preparation for its 25th anniversary as a traditional chapel.

The church itself was built in the 1920's as St. James Church of the archdiocese of Milwaukee. In 1978, a week after it was closed, the church was put up for sale and some traditionally-minded parishioners decided to purchase it from the archdiocese to preserve their parish and so that Fr. Hugh Wish, a retired diocesan priest, could say the Mass of All Time there. Of course when the liberal Archbishop Weakland discovered this (after the sale had been completed), he was not very happy about the matter, nevertheless, amazingly he declined to



A view of the renovated sanctuary, complete with a new altar, a mural on the “triumphal arch”, newly highlighted crucifix with real gold leaf and...



...marbleized columns, a simulated stone arch, and stenciled grape and leaf patterns on the inside walls of the arches.



A close up of the center relief on the altar front, which depicts the *Pie Pelicane*, a Eucharistic symbol, for it was piously believed that in times of famine, the pelican would cut her own breast to feed her chicks. The center bas-relief is carved from wood and surrounded by mosaic, while the circles of grapes and leaves are highlighted with gold leaf.

persecute Fr. Wish.

Coincidentally, the first Mass that Fr. Wish celebrated in the newly renamed St. Pius V Church was on September 3, 1978, the Feast of St. Pius X. After Fr. Wish's death in 1979 a variety of priests serviced the independent chapel, until 1999, when the SSPX was asked to serve it. Fr. Thomas Scott was assigned as the first SSPX pastor, and has been there almost continuously, with the exception of a 10-month hiatus.

Fr. Scott wanted to appropriately embellish the sanctuary and nave, and so meeting with Br. Marcel (stationed in Winona) and the Conrad Schmidt Studios, a comprehensive design was formulated.

Before any work could be started however, the funds had to be available. Fortunately the parish had a substantial savings account from over the years, but this needed to be supplemented. So a raffle was held, the highlight of which consisted of the auctioning off of a 100th



This photo shows the magnificent mural that was painted above the "triumphal arch" or *tympanum*, that is just in front of the sanctuary. The scene depicts Christ triumphant in Heaven as Lord and Judge, and surrounding Him are His Mother, St. John the Baptist, Sts. Peter and Paul, the four Evangelists, and figures of the Old Testament.



While in the nave, centered above each stained glass window are these bas-reliefs depicting the episcopal coat of arms of Archbishop Lefebvre, Bishop de Castro Mayer, the 4 bishops of the SSPX, Sts. Peter and Paul, and Popes St. Pius V and St. Pius X.

anniversary edition Harley Davidson motorcycle, valued at \$12,000 (the cost of which was donated by a parishioner). In the end, the raffle raised over \$33,000.

Work began on October 28, 2003 and proceeded steadily until its completion on December 21, 2003. The total cost of the renovation was slightly over \$100,000.

To top matters off, the parish was able to purchase the adjacent properties which included a former Protestant church, school and rectory, which will be used as a parish hall, classrooms and rectory respectively.



A view of the new additions to the parish complex.



## ILLINOIS

On the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lady, November 21st, Our Lady Immaculate Church in OAK PARK (CHICAGO), IL witnessed the impressive ceremonies of engagements made by young boys and girls of the Eucharistic Crusade.

With origins dating back to 1844, and having the encouragement of such ecclesiastical giants as Pope St. Pius X and Archbishop Lefebvre (who was even a member as a young boy), the Eucharistic Crusade has a hallowed history.

The chief aim of the Eucharistic Crusade is to teach children to habitually practice Catholic virtues, and thereby lead a holy life. This is done by having children offer prayers, sacrifices, good examples, rosaries, attendance at Mass and sacramental and spiritual Communion, listing how many times they conscientiously practiced these devotions on their "treasure sheets", which are turned in to be tallied per parish chapters every month and subsequently published in the *Regina Coeli Report*.

In all 7 boys became engaged as Knights, 2 girls as Handmaids with 3 renewals in the same rank, also 19 boys and girls were newly engaged as Crusaders with 9 renewals in the same rank, and finally, 15 boys and girls were engaged at the first level of Page, making a total of 55 members of the Eucharistic Crusade at Our Lady Immaculate Chapter.



Proudly posing with their certificates and flowers that they will present to Our Lady, the members of Our Lady Immaculate's Eucharistic Crusade Chapter pose with their pastor.



Fr. Steven McDonald, the pastor, performs the ceremony of engagement, which includes blessing the various pins (which differ according to rank), blessing the members, who then conclude with the singing of the Eucharistic Crusade hymn.

# 2005 CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

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

## **BISHOP BERNARD 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 RICHARD WILLIAMSON**

March 28	Monday	Belle Plaine, MN
March 29	Tuesday	St. Cloud, MN
March 30	Wednesday	San Antonio, TX
March 31	Thursday	Fort Worth, TX
April 1	Friday	New Orleans, LA
April 4	Monday	Orlando, FL
April 5	Tuesday	Girard, OH
April 8 – 9	Friday/Sat.	Ridgefield, CT

# FR. VERLINDEN'S WHIRLWIND

From November 9th – 18th, Fr. Joseph Verlinden, prior of the SSPX's autonomous house in KAUNAS, LITHUANIA toured the USA DISTRICT to educate traditional Catholics in America about the Society's ongoing work in Lithuania, Estonia, and Russia, and to raise much-needed funds for the SSPX's work in this impoverished area of the world.

At each of the places that Fr. Verlinden visited, he gave a very interesting slide-show presentation, sometimes lasting up to 3 hours, but due to his lively humor, they were far from boring. Father's pictures also showed the level of poverty that generally exists in these countries and how the traditional Catholics of these regions do not have the financial means to support the SSPX's growing apostolate, hence, the need for some international fundraising.

As Fr. Verlinden is stationed in Lithuania, his talk centered around this country, which has been through many hardships, first under anti-Catholic Czarist Russia, which attempted to wipe out Catholicism in favor of Orthodoxy (thereby destroying much of Lithuanian culture, and replacing

it with Russian) then obtaining its independence as a nation after World War I only to lose it again under the Communist jackboot of the Soviets, who renewed the persecution against the Lithuanians and the Church. Finally in 1988, revolt against the illegitimate Soviet takeover was begun, which succeeded in making the country independent again in 1991.



Along with the SSPX's apostolates of Ignatian retreats, catechism classes and the Catholic press, the Third Order is being successfully established in Lithuania, and here we see the first Lithuanian (a converted university student) being received by Fr. Verlinden as a Tertiary.

If you would like to make a donation to Fr. Verlinden, you may send it to:

**Mr. Timothy Eaton (Lithuania fund)**  
**Regina Coeli House**  
**2918 Tracy Avenue,**  
**Kansas City, MO 64109**

Please include a note that the donation is intended for Lithuania.



Posing in front of the current St. Kasimeris (patron of Lithuania) priory building in Kaunas are from left to right, Fr. Verlinden, Fr. Karl Stehlin (Eastern European District Superior), Fr. Werner Bösiger (stationed in Kaunas), 4 lay cooperators, and Fr. Edmundas Naujokaitis (stationed in Kaunas and the first Lithuanian priest ordained for the SSPX). This rented building has to be vacated soon, as the priory will be moving...



...to this Russian-style house. The 3 priests who are stationed here service chapels in the cities of Kaunas and Siauliai (pronounced *sha-lay*; famous for its Hill of Crosses).

# ND TOUR IN USA DISTRICT

Frs. Stehlin and Verlinden pose in front of the famous Gate of Dawn in Vilnius, the ancient capital city of Lithuania, which contains above as seen in the open window...



...this magnificent chapel dedicated to the image of Ausros Vartai (seen above the altar), or *Mater Misericordæ*. This is one of the premiere shrines in Lithuania, as witnessed by the hundreds of *votos* that decorate the chapel's walls. Here travelers to and from Vilnius would traditionally seek Our Lady's blessing before making a trip, and give thanks upon a safe return.



In addition to regular catechism classes, the Lithuanian faithful are also instructed in the spiritual life, and here Fr. Naujokaitis gives an Ignatian Retreat to a small group.



Lithuanians have several interesting Catholic customs. Prescribed by the Lithuanian bishops, Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament is given after the Last Gospel at Mass, but in Eastern Rite fashion, keeping the ciborium covered with the humeral veil, during which a special Lithuanian hymn is sung, followed by public recitation of the Little Office and then catechism.



On Christmas Eve, a special dinner is prepared at home that consists of 12 meatless and dairy-free dishes (none of which can be omitted and are eaten only on the Eve), which must be blessed by a priest.



The Kaunas priory also has an active media apostolate. Books on Catholic Tradition were published in Lithuanian, as well as Gregorian chant recordings produced (to familiarize Lithuanians with singing Gregorian chant at Mass) and the printing of their own magazine, *Pulkim ant Reliu* (*Christians Drop to Your Knees*).

# INTERNATIONAL NEWS



## CANADA

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, Frs. Carl Sulzen (originally of the United States) and Jean de l'Estourbeillon joyously made their perpetual engagements in the Society of St. Pius X.

For the clerical and religious members of the SSPX, the climax of their life as part of this canonically erected "pious

union" is their perpetual engagement, which can only be made with the permission of the Superior General (currently Bishop Fellay) and after having twice previously made a 3-year engagement. That the event was held on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception was no coincidence, as this is the date that Archbishop Lefebvre requested that the SSPX engagements take place.

On such a joyful occasion as this, let us remember to pray for the continual perseverance of the priests, deacons, subdeacons, brothers, seminarians and sisters of the SSPX.



After the *Credo*, Frs. Sulzen and l'Estourbeillon make their perpetual engagements kneeling in the presence of the open tabernacle and the celebrant of the Mass, Fr. Jean Violette (standing in front of the altar), who is the District Superior of Canada.



During the Solemn High Mass celebrated for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Fr. Sulzen as the deacon incenses the book of the Gospels, while Fr. l'Estourbeillon as the subdeacon holds the book

## NEW CALEDONIA

After more than 20 years of waiting, the traditional Catholic faithful on the island of New Caledonia, grouped as the "St. Pius V Association of New Caledonia", were joyful to learn that the SSPX purchased a large piece of land (the sale of which transpired on the Nativity of Our Lady) in order to build a permanent mission. However, a loan had to be

obtained to facilitate the purchase, and in order to pay it back quickly, Fr. François Laisney, the Australian-New Zealand District Bursar, will be making a tour of the USA District in late April - May 2005, with a full-size photographic reproduction of the Holy Shroud of Turin for exposition, as well as a conference. Details will be forthcoming



Shown here is the Holy Shroud of Turin exhibit that Fr. Laisney will be bringing soon to the USA.



Members of the St. Pius V Association of New Caledonia pose with Fr. Laisney.

## 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



## EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: February - April

<i>February</i>	That the slaughter of the Innocents will cease
<i>March</i>	For Catholic schools
<i>April</i>	For the poor of the world and true justice

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

Daily Offering	14,492
Masses	6784
Sacramental Communion	5641
Spiritual Communion	10,506
Sacrifices	29,636
Decades of the Rosary	65,752
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	6075
15 minutes of silent meditation	5383
Good Example	15,520
Number returned	567

## RETREAT SCHEDULE

### ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT HOUSE

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

**MEN:** January 17-22, March 7-12 (Marian),  
March 28-April 2, May 16-21, July 4-9,  
September 12-17, October 24-29, December 12-17

**WOMEN:** February 14-19, 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:** January 17-22, February 14-19,  
June 13-25 (Vocations), October 17-22,  
November 28-December 3

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

**MIXED:** January 26-30 (Marian), 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:** February 14-19 (Lenten), April 11-16,  
May 9-14 (Marian), June 6-11, July 25-30,  
September 12-17, October 20-23 (weekend)

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### 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:

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For more information on our pilgrimages,  
please visit our website: [www.stpiusxpilgrimage.com](http://www.stpiusxpilgrimage.com)

## PILGRIMAGE TO ROME MAY 9 - 21, 2005

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.

## 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  
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