

# Regina Coeli REPORT

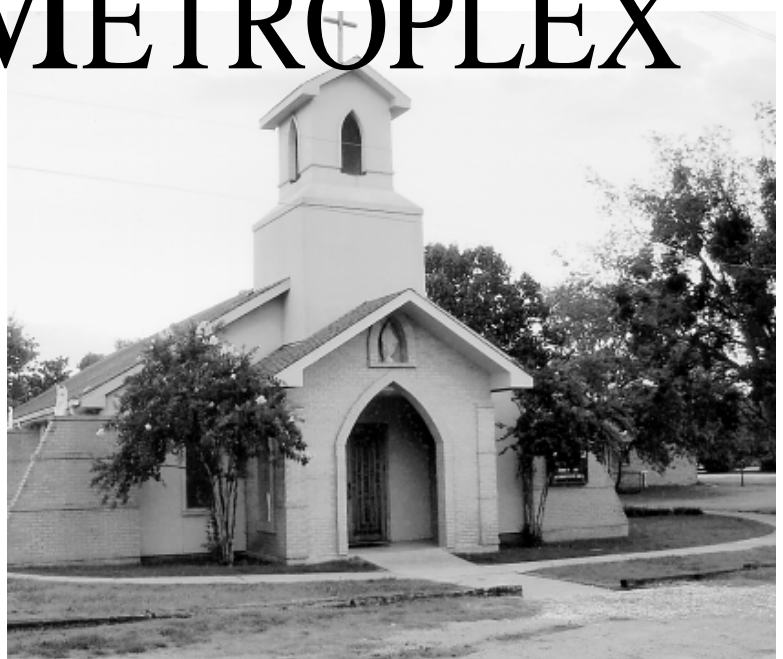
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## 30 YEARS IN THE DALLAS METROPLEX

**T**he parish of Our Lady of Fatima Church in SANGER, TX celebrated its 30th anniversary as an SSPX chapel on Saturday, April 16th. The beginning of this chapel that serves the Dallas Metroplex area is interesting and demonstrates one way in which the Catholic laity who resisted the initial influx of Modernism in the Church attempted to cope with the crisis, especially with the implementation of the *Novus Ordo Missae* in 1970.

Unlike many other SSPX chapels, the Sanger chapel did not start as an organized group of concerned Catholics, but rather impromptu by word of mouth. During the summer of 1973, Dallas native, James Hall (now deceased), then an SSPX seminarian in Ecône, was home for his break. During it, he circulated a petition (at the insistence of the pastor) in the nearby town of Denton to make the traditional Roman Mass available in a local parish church. While the petition was not directly successful, it did indirectly effect the visit of newly ordained Fr. Gregory Post of the SSPX to celebrate a High Mass in the banquet room in the Ramada Inn in the town of Richardson in August 1974.

Shortly thereafter in April 1975, Fr. Hector Bolduc, then SSPX USA District Superior, began to make regular visits to the Dallas area to offer Mass, as it was between his route (shared by Fr. Carl Pulvermacher, OFMcap) from Houston, TX to Oklahoma City, OK, and so at this time the Sanger mission became an official "chapel" of the SSPX. For the next 4 years, Mass would be celebrated in a variety of settings, from the Woman's Club Building in Denton which was providentially suitable to the fledgling mission's needs, to rooms in less than desirable hotels in other nearby Dallas area towns.



The exterior of Our Lady of Fatima Church as it appears today.



Carried by 4 men on a decorated bier, the statue of Our Lady makes its way through the local neighborhood during the procession in her honor and in thanksgiving for 30 years of graces.

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In early 1979, the search began for a permanent building to serve as the chapel, and in November of that same year, the present chapel building was found and purchased for \$19,700. This 1939-vintage building previously belonged to the Assembly of God sect and so not only did it required renovations for Catholic use, but was also in sore need of repair too. The chapel was an “*ugly duckling*” for 8 years, however from 1986 to 1987, a major remodeling project was enacted, during which beautiful stained-glass windows were installed, the low ceiling was raised, and various other tasks performed that transformed the former eyesore into a quaint chapel suitable for the offering of Mass (*cf.* the November 1990 issue of *The Angelus*).

The remodeling culminated on December 12, 1987, when the indefatigable Capuchin, Fr. Carl (Pulvermacher), simply blessed the church so that Mass could be said within. By this time, suffering from poor health, Archbishop Lefebvre was unable to travel to the United States, so the chapel had to wait until April 28, 1989 for Bishop Richard Williamson to perform the more complete ceremony of blessing the chapel.

To celebrate the anniversary, the pastor, Fr. Peter Katzaroff, held an outdoor procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, and then celebrated a High Mass. A covered dish dinner in the basement parish hall followed, featuring a homemade, three-dimensional cake that was a replica of the church. Also on display was a tableau of historically-significant parish bulletins, a copy of the original petition for the traditional Mass in Denton, and various pictures of personages connected with the chapel (*e.g.*, then Fr. Bernard Fellay at the chapel in 1985) and of the church building itself.



Before the 1986-87 renovations, this is how the sanctuary in the Sanger chapel appeared, with a rather low ceiling and without a predella (the altar platform).



In this view of the anniversary High Mass, one can see some of the miraculous effects of the 1986-87 renovations. The ceiling was raised high above the altar, a suspended, triumphal arch (partially in view) was placed across the sanctuary that ties into arched statue niches on the sides, while stained-glass windows were installed above and on the sides of the altar, and a predella was installed.



During the banquet, Fr. Katzaroff proudly makes the first cut in the cake that replicated the chapel of Our Lady of Fatima.

# REGIONAL REPORT



## ILLINOIS

Our Lady Immaculate Church in **OAK PARK (CHICAGO)**, IL held its May Crowning ceremonies on Sunday, May 1st. The pastor, Fr. Steven McDonald, began with blessing the crown for Our Lady, after which the statue of Our Lady was crowned, and was carried triumphantly through the tree-lined neighborhood of Oak Park while those participating publicly recited all 15 decades of the Rosary. Upon returning to the church, the parish then renewed its consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and High Mass was celebrated.

On Sunday, April 17th, the feast of St. Patrick was duly observed, but a month late due to conflicts with observing Palm Sunday and the upcoming Holy Week. After the High Mass, a dinner was held in the parish hall featuring Irish stew, soda bread and of course, beer. Around 100 people attended, and the dinner was concluded with a sing-along and Irish folk music.



Facing south on busy Ridgeland Avenue, the Marian procession heads north to circle the neighborhood. The modern gothic, brick and limestone structure is Our Lady Immaculate Church, and was designed by a protégé of Frank Lloyd Wright, who lived not too far from the church and had much impact on architecture (mainly with the American Arts and Craft movement) in the Oak Park area.



With green tablecloths, plates and cups, the "luck of the Irish" surrounds the attendees enjoying the banquet in honor of St. Patrick.



Using one of the basement classrooms, the "McDoogle's Irish Pub" dispenses some necessary good Irish cheer for those who wish to imbibe.



Give a man a Guinness, and you will soon have him singing! Here some of the parish men, along with their pastor, serenade the diners with some music.

# THEATER-AUCTION IN ST. PAUL



On Sunday, April 24th, Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy in **ST. PAUL, MN** held their second annual theatre-auction and raffle to raise money for the school which hosts the grades Kindergarten through high school.

In addition to the live auctions held, several hilarious skits were also offered, enacted by the "Friends of IHM Academy," whose members include students, teachers and alumni, and are well-known for their near-professional productions.

The entire event was enjoyed by all attending, and was successful in raising \$40,000 for the academy.



A view of one of the skits featured during the theatre-auction, "The Joke Show", a stand-up comedy routine that kicked off the day's festivities.



A stage view of the attendance at the affair, which included Fr. John Fullerton, District Superior (in front of the post).



While another comedy was "The Night Before", written and directed by one of Immaculate Heart of Mary's own parishioners.

A close-up of the bas relief which features below the bust the joined initials of "M" and "R" surmounted by a crown, which denotes her title, *Regina Martyrum* (Queen of Martyrs), as Our Lady was "martyred" at the foot of the Cross. Eventually, several instruments of the Passion, such as the hammer, pincers, spear, and sponge of vinegar on a staff will be added on either side of these initials.



## MINNESOTA



In connection with the blessing and erection of a new plaque, Our Lady of Sorrows Church in **CROOKSTON, MN**, made a parish enthronement of the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary on May 1st. The sculptured relief was modeled after the famous *Dolorosa del Colegio* (the Sorrowful Mother of the College) that hangs in the Jesuit College of San Gabriel in Quito, Ecuador, which was founded by President Gabriel Garcia Moreno, who was assassinated by the Freemasons in 1871 for his Catholic political stance.

The oil painting miraculously became animated in 1906 before many witnesses when the eyes of Our Lady opened and closed for 15 minutes, while at another time in the same year, the image became life-like and three-dimensional. This was understood to be an expression of Our Lady's sorrow for the effects of the Ecuadorian liberal revolution in 1895, which among other anti-Catholic things, sought to remove the Church's influence from the schools. As a result,



The auction in progress. The professional auctioneer was a parishioner from the nearby Prairie chapel of St. John Vianney.



Certainly one of the highlights of the event was the unveiling of a miniature chapel featuring Archbishop Lefebvre celebrating Mass. Fr. Gerard Beck, the pastor, introduces the incredible model and denotes its features.



Some of the items sold during the live auction included high-quality chess sets, a replica of a sword from the Crusades, a wooden inlaid box and a cd set featuring the BBC's 1981 13-hour rendition of J.R.R. Tolkien's literary classic, *The Lord of the Rings*.



A close-up of the magnificent miniature, complete with hand-made altar (built and painted to match the one in the St. Paul chapel), vestments, replicas of books written by the Archbishop (on the left-hand side of the marbled altar steps), pontifical regalia and various other items. Over 500 hours by 10 different people were spent on this intricate masterpiece which sold during the auction for \$4100.

these miraculous events gave the Ecuadorians a strong impulse to fight against this malicious agenda.

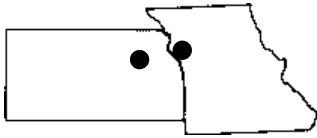
The miracles were carefully investigated and authenticated by the contemporary local archbishop, and the picture was publicly honored in 1956 by Pope Pius XII, who gave a radio message to 100,000 faithful assembled at Quito to commemorate the anniversary of the miracles and to take part in the crowning of the sacred image.

The bas-relief at Crookston was made by a parishioner of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, who coincidentally first came to the chapel on the day that the chapel was consecrated to the Sacred Heart using the same picture President Garcia Moreno had used for his consecration of Ecuador to the Sacred Heart in 1873 during a session of Congress. She had been working on this sculpture before she discovered Catholic Tradition, and when she came, she noticed a copy of the famous Sacred Heart picture in the chapel. Subsequently, she decided to donate her sculpture to the chapel as soon as it was finished.



Seen from a distance, one can see how the plaque was carefully designed with a marbled, gothic arch to compliment the existing architectural elements of the chapel.





## MISSOURI & KANSAS

At the end of April, the "St. Mary's College Drama Club" performed Shakespeare's comedy *Twelfth Night*.

Superbly directed and performed, the cast was made up of current college students and alumni. Besides performing for a packed house over 3 days in **ST. MARY'S, KS**, the cast went "on the road" and performed in **KANSAS CITY, MO**. The theatrical endeavor proved that not only is the rendition of Shakespeare's timeless plays practical, but understandable to all ages, as children and adults alike enjoyed the performances.



When all of the clever plots and sub-plots have finally been tied together, Malvolio (on the right in cross-gartered, yellow stockings) finds himself humiliated. Shakespeare, with his never-ending sense of English humor, cast Malvolio as a Puritan of Elizabethan England in order to show the hypocrisy of the sect's members, who outwardly exhibited humility and poverty, but actually craved power and riches.

A shot of the entire cast, who along with excellent acting abilities, also had costumes and stage props that rivaled professional theatre groups.

# INTERNATIONAL NEWS



## NORWAY

The SSPX's apostolate in Norway continues with small, but fervent groups of traditionally-minded Catholics. Served usually by Fr. Brendan King from St. George's House in London (the District Office for Great Britain), one of the towns that is visited by

him to say Mass is Eidsvoll. Though a rather small, isolated town, it is nevertheless famous for being the place where the revived Kingdom of Norway was announced by Prince (later

King) Christian Fredrik and the Constituent Assembly on May 17th, 1814. This ended the Danish rule over the Norwegians since 1380, and in fact, King Fredrik VI of Denmark (the uncle of the Norwegian Prince) supported this act.

The mission in Eidsvoll is also noteworthy for being the northernmost site in the world where the SSPX regularly celebrates Mass. The average drive for the small group that attend Sunday Mass in Eidsvoll, a journey that includes traversing fjords, mountains and valleys either by train, plane, bus or car is about 110 miles, with the longest trip being 200 miles from Bergen and the shortest 60 miles from Oslo.



Reminiscent of the early days of the SSPX in the USA, Mass in Eidsvoll is celebrated in a parishioner's basement. Visible through the archway on the right is the organ used for accompanying the singing of the small Mass group seen here posing with Fr. King.



After Mass, Fr. King usually gives a catechetical conference to the Mass group, and here upstairs in the living room of the same house, he pauses while lecturing on "The Nature of God."

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## EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: August-October

<b>August</b>	For the sick and infirm, treasury of Christians
<b>September</b>	That the Lord will call many to labor in His Vineyard
<b>October</b>	The Our Lady may be better loved

### U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE—April 2005

Daily Offering	12,628
Masses	6098
Sacramental Communion	4471
Spiritual Communion	12,607
Sacrifices	43,484
Decades of the Rosary	44,854
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	55,769
15 minutes of silent meditation	5412
Good Example	15,828
Number returned	519

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October 10-15, November 14-19, January 16-21

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## SSPX PILGRIMAGES upcoming in the USA District

### SANTA FE

"The Reconquista of America"

**July 22 - 23, (Lyons, Kansas)**

Please contact Louis Tofari at the Regina Coeli House: 816-753-0073; ext. 215

### SACRED HEART MISSION

"Cradle of the Catholic Church in the American Northwest"

**July 29 - 31, (Cataldo, Idaho)**

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(accompanied by a SSPX priest)

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(AUGUST, 2005)

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