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REPORT

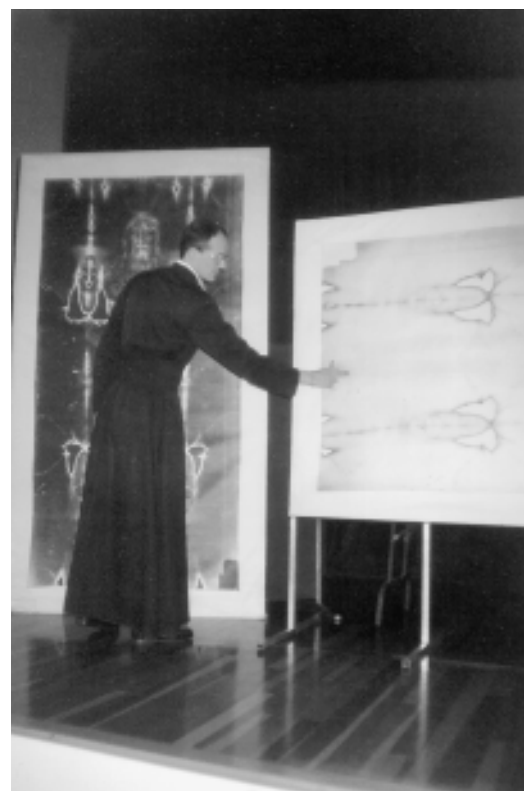
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SHROUD TOUR ACROSS THE USA

Fr. François Laisney, former United States District Superior and now the prior in Wanganui, New Zealand, has over the past several weeks been visiting various SSPX chapels in our country to present an exposition of a full-size, photographic reproduction of the Holy Shroud of Turin, the burial, or winding, cloth of Our Lord.

During the exposition, Fr. Laisney also gave a very informative overview of the Shroud's history, and then demonstrated how science, despite the attempts of anti-Catholic skeptics, has served to prove that it is indeed authentic, and that even with modern technology it is impossible to reproduce. In fact, scientists still cannot adequately explain how the image was impressed upon the linen cloth.

Concluding the conference, Fr. Laisney expounded how the message of the Shroud is for our age of rationalism (a modern error that denies the supernatural order by advocating that we can only know by what we can feel, *i.e.*, through use of the five natural senses) and technologically-orientated (especially via visual media) society. For until Mr. Secondo Pia developed his photographic plates of the Shroud during the famous 1898 exposition (which shows the *negative* image rather than the positive, an impossible feat before the development of photography), most of its details were hidden from the naked eye. So through God's eternal design a better understanding and thereby appreciation of the Holy Shroud was held in reserve through the centuries for the benefit of our own age of indifferentism and even general disbelief, thereby serving as a "high-tech" means for souls to believe in the Faith.

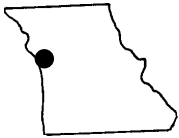


Shown giving his conference on Saturday, May 7th for St. Vincent de Paul Church in Kansas City, MO at the nearby Linwood Multipurpose Center, Fr. Laisney points out one of the foot wound marks visible on the Shroud. Directly behind Father is a negative image of half the Shroud, while he points to the picture of what the Shroud actually looks like (the positive image).



A view of the various attendees inspecting and conversing about the actual-size Shroud pictures after the conference. The resolution of the main photograph in the center was so high, that the herringbone-weave of the linen could actually be viewed.

REGIONAL REPORT



MISSOURI

St. Vincent de Paul Academy in KANSAS CITY, MO was happy to receive a visit and a few conferences from Fr. Herve de la Tour on Wednesday, April 20th. First speaking to the older grades, 5th through 8th, he gave a conference on Our Lady of Guadalupe, the militant Cristeros who resisted the 20th century Freemasonic attack on the Church and their country, and Fr. Miguel Pro, a martyr of the aforementioned persecution.

Once the school day had concluded, he devoted a talk to the faculty about the importance of good literature with important themes for developing a sound, Catholic character, and gave practical examples of how literature of this type is different in the education of boys as opposed to girls.



Fr. de la Tour speaks about the importance of good literature to the academy's faculty including the principal, Fr. Kenneth Dean (seated in the back) and the teaching Franciscan Sisters of Christ the King Convent.



Speaking animatedly to the 6th, 7th and 8th graders, Fr. de la Tour relates stories of Catholic Mexico for the edification and inspiration of the students. Earlier, he had spoken to the 5th grade class separately about Fr. Pro.



St. Vincent's also had a visit on Saturday, May 7th from 3 of the SSPX sisters stationed in St. Mary's, KS for the First Communicants' annual day of recollection. Here they pose afterwards with Fr. Dean and their little charges on the church's front steps.

OREGON

Featured here are a few pictures and captions of some of the highlights of Holy Week, as solemnized at St. Thomas Becket Church in VENETA (EUGENE), OR this year.



One of the early climaxes of the Easter Vigil ceremonies is the lighting of the Paschal Fire, a rite with which the weather often does not cooperate! Here we can see the parish "pyrotechnics" attempting to light the fire by striking a flint to create a spark (which symbolizes Our Lord's Resurrection from the stone tomb) despite the rain.



Successfully lit, the flames of the newly blessed Paschal Fire leap between 15 and 20 feet high, while the pastor, Fr. Lawrence Novak, begins the ceremony of blessing the Paschal Candle. The ingenious metal contraption seen near the fire is used for safely transferring the charcoals (lighted in the blessed Fire) into the thurible at some distance from the Fire.



Having blessed the Easter Water and then made the Baptismal Water, the servers and Celebrant then process with the new Baptismal Water to the Baptistry to place it into the Baptismal font, which is then incensed. Seen in the sanctuary is the decorated Pascal Candle stand, and Easter Water receptacle, while the statues (minus the crosses) remained veiled until the singing of the *Gloria* during the subsequent Mass.

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

We live in a time of ever changing moral standards (*e.g.*, who would have imagined 100, 50 or even 20 years ago that there could be a debate about the definition of marriage!). The main reason for this is the principle that the majority rules; what the majority wishes to do, that is the moral law. Or at most we are told that economics, or biology, or psychology should be the sole guides in shaping human conduct.

Thus the individual's judgment, as to what will contribute most to his own well-being and welfare of society, becomes the final court of appeals in moral matters. This of course is simply the modern version of Satan's lie: "*You shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*" The educational policy of any age reflects the philosophy of the age, and therefore we have in today's education no mention of the sublime commandments of religion: "*thou shalt*" and "*thou shalt not.*" Instead, we have the deification of human reason and an insisting upon the all-sufficiency of knowledge and enlightenment. Intellectual development, tests and measurement, and individual differences receive most of the attention, while character formation and the will are largely overlooked.

The fruits of this policy are abundant: the amoral and immoral conditions it promotes, the increase of lawlessness and crime, and the riotous freedom of our youth to name just a few.

The solution to this moral dilemma can be found only in religion as Pope Pius XI said in his *Encyclical on the Christian Education of Youth*:

Disorderly inclinations must be corrected, good tendencies encouraged and regulated from tender childhood, and, above all, the mind must be enlightened and the will strengthened by supernatural truth and by the means of grace, without which it is impossible to control evil impulses, impossible to attain the full and complete perfection of education intended by the Church, which Christ has endowed so richly with divine doctrine and with the Sacraments, the efficacious means of grace.

To overcome this moral dilemma it is important that we begin by building solid foundations otherwise known as character formation. The word "character" is derived from the Greek word meaning an instrument used to engrave or cut furrows. Character is the sum total of all the qualities that have been engraved upon the soul and that have become part and parcel of a man. Character is life dominated by principle, or in other words the completely formed will.

The development of character in children should be the supreme objective of priests, parents, and teachers. As Pope Pius XI described in the same encyclical:

Hence the true Christian, the product of Christian education, is the supernatural man who thinks, judges, and

acts constantly and consistently in accordance with right reason illumined by the supernatural light of the example and teaching of Christ; in other words, to use the current term, the true and finished man of character. For, it is not every kind of consistency and firmness of conduct based on subjective principles that makes true character, but only constancy in following the eternal principles of justice, as is admitted even by the pagan poet when he praises as one and the same "the man who is just and firm of purpose."

Character training must therefore be made the center of the educational scheme from our earliest years. When this has been done then the child, when he comes to the critical years, will readily respond to the appeal of the higher motives to which he has reacted so often before. When this has not been done we can expect ruin. Individuals and nations are brought to ruin not by a lack of knowledge, but by a lack of proper conduct as Pope Pius XI explains: "*particularly in young people, evil practices are the effect not so much of ignorance of intellect as of weakness of a will exposed to dangerous occasions, and unsupported by the means of grace.*"

While grace is all-powerful, it does not relieve us of the duty of developing to the utmost the natural strength of character of which our young people are capable. Priests, parents and teachers need to awaken in young people the spirit of the conqueror. There is a nobility that lies in their soul, dormant, perhaps, but never dead. If we would have them win out in the battle for virtue this nobility must be aroused and spurred on.

To aid in this it is important that proper attention be given to forming good habits in the young. Our character is the result of acquired habits added to our natural temperament. Hence, character education is largely the formation of habits. Therefore, parents and teachers must ceaselessly endeavor to prevent the formation of habits of wrong doing; for such habits weaken the will and cause misery. The formation of an evil habit happens so easily that it may take a long time before one even realizes that he is bound by it. Habits are neither made in a moment nor are they broken in a moment. But at any moment one can begin to make or break them. Acts develop habits, and habits form character, and character determines destiny. The boy, who, at the age of fourteen, is rude, selfish, or offensively loud, is likely to retain these habits as a man. Many psychologists affirm that, on the average, habits are formed from the ages of three to fourteen. If so then it behooves parents to begin early with habituating their children to what will form the basis of their character and therefore their protection when they are passing through the fire and water of the many temptations incident to adolescence.

This work of character formation must then begin with the pre-school child. Every day in a child's early life is forming

MOURNING THE DEATH

Many of the SSPX chapels in the United States publicly observed the death of Pope John Paul II that took place on Saturday, April 2nd, according to the traditional obsequies. However, though the rubrics of the traditional Roman Mass did not allow the Requiem Mass for the deceased pope to be celebrated until Tuesday, April 5th at the earliest (due to the liturgical precedence of the Octave of Easter and the transfer of the Feast of the Annunciation on Monday, April 4th), nevertheless other customs of mourning could be observed until that time.

Traditional aspects of mourning (once common for public buildings and private dwellings alike) consist of displaying such decorations as black bunting, funeral wreaths and flying flags, *i.e.*, the Vatican's, at half-mast for a determined set of days, in this case, according to the Roman custom, 9 days. Unfortunately, most of society has lost sense of such public decorum, a sad sign of the steady decay of Catholic culture, which even the ancient pagans, following the natural law's inclination towards religion (even if done so in a false manner), observed. Hence, just from this example (the attack upon formality, or the expression of reality through civil ceremonial), one can see how the attack on the natural law, and consequently the Catholic Faith in society, is multifold.



Inside the church's vestibule (and elsewhere), all of the papal portraits were decorated with black bunting.

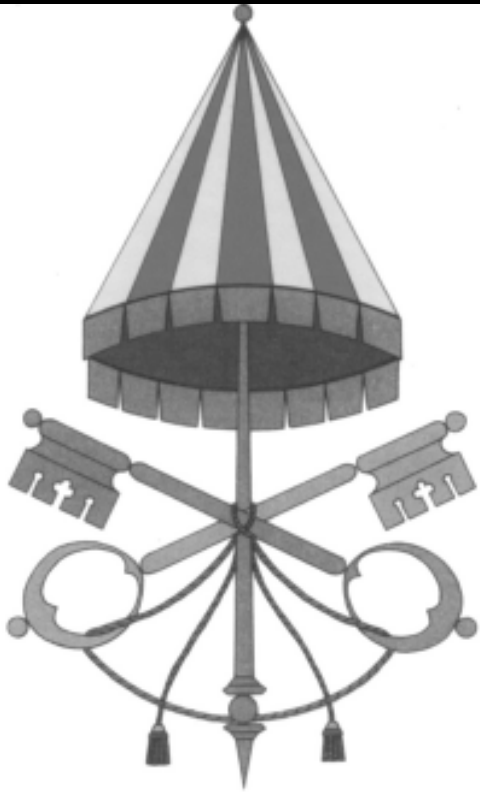


St. Anthony's front displays the black bunting decorating the door lintel, while traditional funeral wreaths made of black cloth and tassels adorn the doors. The bell located in the roof's spire was also tolled upon the news of the pope's death.

Sadly, such a decadent spirit has also permeated the Novus Ordo, for ironically, while most of the SSPX chapels (which according to liberals are not faithful to the Holy Father) publicly observed these customs that mourned and honored the Holy Father, it was reported that many of the nearby Novus Ordo churches, and even cathedrals, did not.

The accompanying pictures from St. Anthony of Padua Church in MT. HOLLY (CHARLOTTE), NC serves as a good example of how Catholic churches can observe the papal obsequies, especially considering that the pastor, Fr. Kenneth Novak, is only present on the weekends.

OF POPE JOHN PAUL II



After the 9 days of mourning had passed and until Pope Benedict XVI was elected, the papal portrait in St. Anthony's vestibule was replaced with the Vatican's *sede vacante* coat of arms, which consists of the red and yellow papal *umbrellino* but with violet on the underside (to represent sorrow for lack of a pope) and the gold and silver keys of the papacy adorned with red tassels.



Here we see the catafalque, or casket without a body, clothed with the funeral pall and flanked by 6 unbleached casket candles. Other papal catafalque decorations could consist of a plain, white mitre, and a violet stole (but no other vestments). Though the altar was vested in violet for the Requiem Mass and the altar flowers had been temporarily removed, the Paschal decorations in the sanctuary such as the white altar bunting remained due to the precedence of Eastertide.



Substituting for Fr. Novak at St. Anthony's, Fr. Kenneth Dean (pastor in Kansas City, MO) celebrated a Requiem Mass for Pope John Paul II on Saturday, April 9, the earliest date which the parish could celebrate it. Here we see Fr. Dean after the Mass performing the Absolution ceremony, which consists of chanting the *Liberate me* followed by the recitation of the *Kyrie eleison*, *Pater noster* (during which the catafalque is sprinkle with holy water and incensed) and a collect for the deceased soul(s).

and determining his future. Good habits of courtesy, table manners and speech have a part to play in forming their character, as do good health habits, habits of orderliness and play habits. Even more important are the general moral habits which must also be formed early. Among these are: truthfulness and honesty, the foundations of character; respect for parents and authority; co-operation with others; sense of responsibility; sympathy; sense of modesty, so important for the proper training in chastity.

Among the most important habits to be formed in children is to teach them to be moderate in their wants. This is not a question of denying them joys and pleasures, as childhood should be filled with joy. Yet they should learn that no one can satisfy all his wishes, one who doesn't learn this will be miserable later in life when he is not able to get everything that his heart desires.

A child, who has had each and every whim gratified, will be habituated to yield to every urge, and will not hesitate to push aside even moral considerations if they stand in the way of satisfying sensuous impulses. On the other hand, if they have been trained to abstain cheerfully they will develop the basis of the habit which will assist them in saying no when these same sensuous impulses tempt them.

In our world it is not too difficult to see the urgent need of training children in habits of self-control. Many years ago the late Archbishop John Spalding made an appeal in this regard to mothers: *"O mothers, you whose love is the best any of us have known, harden your sons, and urge them on, not in the race for wealth, but in the steep and narrow path wherein, through self-conquest and self-knowledge, they rise towards God and all high things."*

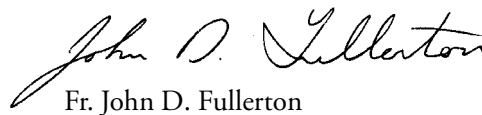
Parents should urge their children on to what one bishop called *"the strategy of the Holy War."* They can do this if they train their children every now and then to deny themselves some favorite food, or to ignore some little pain, or to make a

heroic conquest of laziness. These things will train them to exercise themselves spiritually and will help to harden them for the spiritual war that wages against us all. If, however, they have never been trained to deny themselves permissible indulgences how will they be able to abstain from gratifying the non-permissible desires.

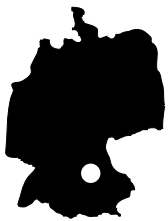
Nor is it difficult to arouse children's enthusiasm for such little acts of self-denial. Some children may whine at first, especially if they are just beginning to form good habits, but, as the principle of doing not what they like but what is right begins to sink in, they will soon take interest in doing these little "acts of heroism" as beneficial to their own character development. Self-control should therefore be represented to them as an act of growth, of strength, of freedom; it must be made evident that the apparent repression is only a step towards a higher life. They should be shown how a gradual process of practice on the smallest things builds up willpower, and how every act of self-conquest in one sphere of life makes the battle easier in all the other spheres. In the work of self-discipline and the war for the control of our emotional nature the offensive is the best defense of the higher nature.

By training our children along these lines, we shall give them a conception of that true liberty which is the enjoyment of our privileges without trespassing on the rights of one's soul, of our neighbors, or of God. They must be trained to obey the principle not their impulses. Only in this will they find true happiness, both in this life and, one day, in the next.

Sincerely yours in the Mystical Body of Christ,


Fr. John D. Fullerton

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



GERMANY

Following up on the international news presented in the April 2005 issue of this newsletter, on May 14th, the American Rev. Mr. Robert (also known to some as "Aaron") Jackson was ordained along with Rev. Mr. Pirmin Suter (of Switzerland) to the diaconate at *Priesterseminar Herz Jesu* (Heart of Jesus Priestly Seminary) in ZAITZKOFEN, GERMANY by Bishop Bernard Fellay. Rev. Mr. Jackson's priestly ordination is scheduled for June 29th, and so your prayers for him are requested, as well as for fellow American, Rev. Mr. Thomas Asher (of Fort Worth, TX) who will be ordained to the priesthood on June 25th at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN.

Posing in front of the entrance to Zaitzkofen seminary's chapel are to the right of Bishop Fellay, newly-ordained deacon, Robert Jackson, and to his left, Pirmin Suter.



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For details contact,
Mr. Grider Lee: 303-903-1627 tel
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www.youngadultsgathering.com

EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS: July-September

July For the pope and bishops
August For the sick and infirm,
treasury of Christians
September That the Lord will call many to
labor in His Vineyard

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE—March 2005

Daily Offering	10,878
Masses	4309
Sacramental Communion	3715
Spiritual Communion	9650
Sacrifices	22,106
Decades of the Rosary	44,854
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	3924
15 minutes of silent meditation	3726
Good Example	11,763
Number returned	412

VOCATIONS RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN

June 13 - 25, 2005

Phoenix, AZ / Denver, CO / Winona, MN

For details contact,
Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer: 502-930-1060 tel

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Some of the schools of the Society of Saint Pius X are looking for generous traditional Catholics to fill teaching positions. Any persons interested can contact the school principal concerned, or the District Superior.

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October 24-29, December 12-17

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

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November 28-December 3

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December 26-31 (Marian)

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November 10-13 (weekend)

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(AUGUST 3 - 14, 2006)

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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

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"Cradle of the Catholic Church in the American Northwest"

July 29 - 31, (Cataldo, Idaho)

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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.

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