St. Francis and ST. DOMINIC REUNITE



Noted Dominican monk, Fra Angelico, painted this fresco, The Meeting of St. Francis and St. Dominic about 1430. It depicts a stylization of old St. Peter's Basilica and the famous obelisk now located in St. Peter's Square, while the inscription reads: "Quando beata Virgo oste(n)di Xpo beatu(m) Franciscu(m) et beatu(m) Dominicu(m) pro reparatione mundi" ("How the blessed Virgin pointed St. Francis and St. Dominic out to Christ, for the renewal of the world").

n the Legenda Aurea (The Golden Legend), we read in the life of St. Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers, that sometime in 1215 (most likely November), he met St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Friars Minor in Rome. Both were founders of new mendicant orders and had traveled to the Holy City for the IV Lateran Council announced by Pope Innocent III in 1213. Of course, it was Providence that united these two great saints (especially in the Eternal City, Rome) who played such a critical role in the reformation of the Church during the early Middle Ages.

Ever since then, both orders, Franciscans and Dominicans, have considered each other as brother orders, celebrating in their respective altar missals (the Franciscans use the Missale Romano Seraphicum, while the Dominicans have their own rite of Mass) and Breviaries the feasts days of their founders, and observing certain fraternal customs, like on Christmas Day, when a Franciscan friar spends the day as a guest at the nearby Dominican monastery.

Such a beautiful reunion recently occurred on Wednesday, February 2nd, the Feast of the Purification of Our Lady (Candlemas), when the teaching Dominican sisters from Post Falls, ID came to the teaching Franciscan sisters' Convent of Christ the King in KANSAS CITY, MO to attend their ceremonies, which included the habit-taking of a postulant (Sr. Francis Marie), the first profession of a novice (Sr. Mary Clare) and the renewal of vows by



After the ceremonies, some of the Franciscan sisters pose with the visiting Dominican sisters in the convent's basement hall. From left to right, Sr. Mary Agnes, Sr. Jeanne d'Aza, Sr. Francis Marie, Sr. Mary Clare, Sr. Teresa Joseph (mother prioress), and Sr. Mary Bonaventure.

Postulant Miss Juliet Gonzales processes down the convent chapel's main aisle in her bridal garb, prepared to meet her Spouse, Christ. Upon taking the habit as a novice, she was given the name of Sr. Francis Marie.



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3 of the sisters (Srs. Mary Bonaventure, Gemma Marie, and Mary Agnes).

A long-time dream was also fulfilled this year, when these ceremonies were revised according to the *Rituale Romano-Seraphicum*, the book that contains all of the ceremonies particular to the Franciscan Order. The "new" order of ceremonies was awe-inspiring and included such highlights as the newly-professed sister (*i.e.*, the former novice) receiving her black veil and then pronouncing aloud the *Posuit Christus* in a confident voice: "*Christ has set a seal upon my face, that I may admit no rival to His love*", and the conventual Pax (*i.e.*, the Kiss of Peace) which the veteran sisters gave to the newly-professed saying: "*May the Lord give you peace and perseverance*", returned with the response: "*Amen. Pray for me.*"

In addition to the reformed ceremony, the Franciscan sisters were blessed with a Solemn High Mass celebrated by Fr. Trevor Burfitt (who also gave the week-long retreat that preceded this momentous day), assisted by Frs. Steven McDonald as the deacon and Greig Gonzales as the subdeacon, while Fr. Scott Gardner played the convent's magnificent pipe organ, and Fr. Kenneth Novak assisted with the Gregorian Chant.



A shot during the imposition of incense during the Solemn High Mass, which thanks to plaster repairs made to the high-domed apse and the installation of an altar, is now performed on the spot of the original high altar, long gone, though the marble steps are still present.

Hopefully, such a reunion between the Franciscan and Dominican sisters will become more commonplace, thereby assisting each other in perfecting their lives for Christ as religious, as well as in their apostolates which are so vital to the restoration of the Catholic Church.

REGIONAL REPORT



Shown before the actual act of confirmation, Bishop Tissier de Mallerais gives a sermon concerning how the new-to-be Soldiers of Christ will need to fight against the Conciliarist errors, as well as briefly explaining how the 7 Gifts of the Holy Ghost work.

MISSOURI

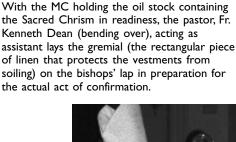
Almost a week after the ceremonies at Christ the King Convent, St. Vincent de Paul Church, also in KANSAS CITY, MO, was graced with a visit from Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais on Sunday, February 6th to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 28 confirmands (16 men and boys, and 12 ladies and girls).



Lined up to receive the imposition of hands, anointing with Sacred Chrism and the symbolic slap from the bishop, the confirmands (in the foreground) await their turn with their sponsors (in the background), who like godparents, become responsible for guiding the confirmands in fulfilling their duties as "adults" in the Mystical Body of Christ.



After celebrating the High Mass of Quinquagesmia Sunday, Bishop Tissier de Mallerais gives his blessing while recessing out of the church.





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

Pope Pius XI in his encyclical on education tells us: "Hence the true Christian, 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." If we wish to be truly Christian we must transform ourselves into supernatural men; we must be Christ-like.

But in order to do so we need to have an understanding of what it means to be Christ-like. What are the specific qualities or traits of the supernatural man? We may speak about Christ's kindness, mercy, goodness, love, but how many people truly regard Christ as the model for their daily living? There is no doubt that for Catholics the devotional, liturgical and sacramental life of the Church reaches to a greater or lesser extent into our lives. But it would be a mistake to imagine that the acquisition of the virtues of Christ may be left simply to the devotional side of Catholic life. Likewise in our catechism, we may have learned the doctrines of Christ but can it be said that we learned Christ?

For too many Catholics the faith is like a book which they take off the shelf on Sunday, blow the dust off, maybe read a few lines and then return it to its special place for the rest of the week. Their faith and their daily lives never really coincide. They may see Christ going up the steep and narrow path to the mountain of perfection, but they are unwilling to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow His step by step approach. They are content to watch Him from behind never seeing and getting to know His face and therefore never really knowing Him. Pope Pius XII tells us that one of the chief causes for the current neo-paganism is "the frightening ignorance of Catholics in matters of religion." If this was true at the time of Pope Pius XII how much more so today. We know Christ by faith. Therefore our first transformation into Him must be by learning the truths of the faith.

However to become Christ-like the knowledge of religion alone does not suffice. Too often this knowledge is limited to abstract and not real knowledge. Dogmatic definitions and doctrine should be memorized but it is hard to imitate a doctrine or definition. Too often there is knowledge of the hypostatic union without ever seeing the reality of the hypostatic union. It is true that we live by faith, not by sight. But God saw to it that the picture of Christ be given to us and preserved for us. In school our children may learn what faith is, but they seldom have Christ presented as asking them to have faith in Him. The knowledge they are given remains only in the intellect or in the memory for the purpose of examination but it never moves into the will to stir it to action. It never becomes that real living knowledge that comes from seeing Christ live His life. Christ did not say: "Learn about me." He did say: "Learn from me." We have in Christ a concrete personification of what the supernatural man should be like. So if we wish to know what the Christian virtues are or what the supernatural man is like we have merely to examine Christ. We must look at Him, study Him, meditate on Him. The more we have faith in Christ and live in

Him the more we transform ourselves into Him. "Let it be our greatest occupation to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ" (Imitation of Christ, I; 1). We will thus take the facts and realize their importance in our daily lives and Christ's example will reach the whole man – intellect, will, emotions. Pope Pius XII in Mystici Corporis says: "Let those who glory in the name Christian all look to our divine Saviour as the most exalted and most perfect exemplar of all virtue."

Unfortunately we must battle against that human laziness which is present everywhere. The main problem is in the will —a problem of doing. St. Paul expresses this to the Romans (7,18): "Praiseworthy intentions are always ready to hand, but I cannot find my way to the performance of them." The intellect must be formed but even more important is the formation of the will. Pope Leo XIII once wrote: "And this is likewise a need which is innate in the very nature of the child and the peculiar conditions in which we live. On no account may we call down once again on the child the judgement of Solomon, and split him by an irrational and cruel rupture of intelligence and will: while the former is to be taken in hand and cultivated, the latter must be prepared so as to practice virtuous habits and attain the final goal. Anyone educating the young who neglects the will, concentrating all his efforts on the cultivation of the mind, makes instruction a dangerous weapon in the hands of the wicked" (Letter *In mezzo*, June 26,1878 —to the Cardinal Vicar).

We must also develop Christian habits. Such things as habit of prayer, frequentation of the sacraments and virile practices of devotion especially towards the Blessed Virgin Mary. Solid personal piety must be developed and a proper balance established between obligatory practices and practices that are a matter of personal choice. In this regard Pope Pius XII said: "Even in the exercise of piety there must be a proper balance so that they will not become an insupportable burden or distasteful. Deplorable results have often been noted from imprudent zeal in this matter. Students have been known to give up their most elementary Christian duties such as assistance at Sunday Mass once they left the Catholic school in which were required practices that might have taxed a seminarian. We should most certainly help and encourage young people to pray but let us do it in a way that prayer will become for them a response to a need of the soul" (April 20, 1956).

Another important aspect in the formation of the Christian is the atmosphere. Education as a whole and especially religious education is primarily a question of atmosphere. Especially for children, whether at home or in school, the atmosphere helps to make religion a vital factor in their lives and helps them to accept religious practices willingly. Christian habits must be presented as a program for imitating the virtues of Christ rather than as a body of restrictions which only arouse rebellion. The emphasis on true love of God must be brought into relief. Only from the point of view of love will the commandments and laws be accepted as a means of advancing freely and spiritually towards God. If the atmosphere does not present these things and conform to the

requirements of Christian morality, especially regarding charity, the children will not willingly accept religious practices.

It is also very important that the atmosphere in the home and school coincide. The harm done to souls by the lack of morality in many schools, both public and so-called Catholic, today is treacherous. Yet even more deadly is the harm caused by an irreligious atmosphere in the home. Many Catholic homes have allowed the dangers of the modern world to creep in. Television, modern music, video games and a variety of other virtual worlds of pleasure, convenience, impurity and softness have been allowed to corrupt the minds, wills and affections not only of the children but also of the entire family. In such an atmosphere love of God grows cold and eventually is lost and any Catholic education which seeks to train their minds, wills and affections will be hard pressed to influence them. In his Radio Message for the "Mothers' and Childrens' Day" January 6, 1957 Pope Pius XII said: "We would like to exhort fathers and mothers to realize the importance of their calling and to use their authority effectively, to teach the child with wisdom and moderation, to dominate his instinctive tendencies, to stimulate his good will, to awaken his intellect and affection and to transmit to him the precious inheritance of the most beautiful and elevated traditions of human and Christian culture."

To become supernatural is certainly not easy for any of us and in fact is impossible without God's grace. But we must make an effort to do our part by self-denial, taking up our cross and following Christ. In this struggle let us not forget to also imitate Christ by our devotion to His Blessed Mother Mary. She knows the way of the Cross and will assist us to follow her divine Son.

Let us therefore take courage and have no fear since, as St. Paul says: "He will not let us be tempted above that which we are able", and we "can do all things in Him who strengthens us". By thus striving we can make up, according to St. Paul (Col. 1, 24), what is wanting in the Passion of Christ not only for ourselves but for other souls in want.

Especially as we approach Holy Week and Easter let us "so run, not as at an uncertainty" nor "fight, as one beating the air" but let us run so as to receive the eternal prize of Heaven, which we will do only if we become Christ-like.

Sincerely yours in Christ crucified,





WASHINGTON

On January 2nd, the Feast of the Holy Name), seven men were inducted into the Holy Name Society chapter at Corpus Christi Chapel in **EDMONDS**

(SEATTLE), WA raising its ranks to 31 members.

For those who are unaware, the Holy Name Society (HNS),



During the High Mass, the pastor, Fr. Christopher Darby, receives and inducts the 7 new Holy Name Society members.



is an indulgenced confraternity for Catholic men and was formed as a result of the Council of Lyons in 1274, which prescribed (mainly in reparation for the blasphemies committed by the heretical Albigensians) that the faithful should strive to ensure that proper reverence was given civilly to the Holy Name of Jesus, a forerunner of the modern struggle for the Social Reign of Christ the King. Through the zealous efforts of the Dominicans, particularly of Blessed John Vercelli (who is regarded as the HNS' founder and secondary patron, the primary being St. Dominic), combined with the eager support of the faithful, the confraternity spread rapidly throughout Europe.

In 1571, Pope St. Pius V restricted the canonical erection of the HNS to the Dominican Order, and so "letters patent" were required from the Dominican master general to establish new chapters (originally numbering one to a city or town). Towards the end of the 19th century, mainly through the efforts of the "apostle of the HNS," Fr. Hyancinth [McKenna], OP, the HNS was established in this country, with the "patent letters" being issued from the HNS' national office in New York (via a Roman indult). Subsequently, for nearly a century, the HNS was well organized in the States, with a national council overseeing diocesan unions, each chaired by the local bishop and a committee made up of Dominican and diocesan priests, a situation which still exists to some degree in the Novus Ordo.

Considering the apostolic work that the HNS has been involved in for centuries, it was only natural that such an apostolate would have been adopted by the men in the SSPX's chapels, which hopefully will continue the HNS' efforts to effect the reestablishment of the Social Reign of Christ the King.

After the festive Mass, the HNS officers, veteran and new members pose near the front of the church with Fr. Darby and the altar servers.



NORTH CAROLINA

St. Anthony of Padua Church in MT. HOLLY (CHARLOTTE), NC held their 4th annual, non-

competitive, youth talent show this year on Saturday, January 8th, to celebrate the festivities of Epiphany and to "get rid of winter doldrums".

There were a total of 24 acts, from impressive musical recitals and dramas, to "how to" demonstrations, all of which spanned nearly 3 hours long. The youth involved rose to the challenge "to give their best like the Magi" to Our Lord, resulting in high-quality Catholic entertainment.

With chalkboard, microphone and even a grin handy, the method of preparing a muzzle-loading rifle for firing is ably demonstrated to the audience. Another practical skill shown was "Carving Tools and How They Work".





The 6-Man Band" is shown playing either Drowsy Magic or The Road to Lisdoonvarna, the 2 Irish pieces that they competently played. Members of this same group were also involved in rendering a trio chamber piece, Fantasy on: Sleepers, Wake! by Bach.

Here, another group, "The 2-Men and a Lady (mom) Band" take their turn on stage to render with guitar and recorders some Christmas songs, as the season of Christmas still had a ways to go! During the show, several Christmas choral and vocal pieces were also given.





Under the interested eyes of their pastor, Fr. Kenneth Novak, 2 girls explain a craft-making skill, while earlier, another girl held a discussion on plaque painting.

Announcing

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

PHILIPPINES

Fr. Aurelito Cacho (stationed at St. Bernard's Novitiate in Santa Barbara in the Illoilo region) recently reported that despite the bombing of the public market in General Santos City on December 12th, 58 Filipino youth arrived from the Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao regions to

attend the Formation Sessions held by the Apostles of Mary Catholic Youth League from December 27-31. The Sessions were led by Fr. Joven Soliman with 2 SSPX brothers and some laity assisting which brought the total of people present up to 68.

A few of the items covered during the Sessions were assessing the participants' temperaments to better form them in Christian maturity, doctrinal sessions to enable them to better understand and practice their Faith, and a course on participation at Mass. Such serious items were interspersed with hiking, picnicking, evening bonfires, and various indoor and outdoor games, all of which contributed to teaching these youth to enjoy wholesome activities, while avoiding sin. Of course, daily Mass, recitation of the Rosary, confessions and Benediction were also held.

Also during the Sessions, 10 participants were enrolled into the league and received the Apostles of Mary badge, which requires 3 conditions to be fulfilled:

1) a postulancy period during which the member is observed, guided to the Sacraments, and encouraged to study the catechism,

2) a passing score in the *Baltimore Catechism* examination,

3) and attendance at a Formation Session.

In addition to such Formation Sessions, youth camps and pilgrimages are also hosted yearly by the Apostles of Mary to fortify its members in the practice of the Faith, to guide them in their difficulties, and to draw more youth towards the Sacraments and the Catholic Church.



After the reception of the new members, all of the Apostles of Mary members read in unison the League's charter, which reminds them of their Catholic duties.



basketball, while the girls

played volleyball.



Having been ceremoniously admitted to the Apostles of Mary, the 10 new members pose with Fr. Soliman in front of the altar.



Ποτκε Dame DE LA SALETTE BOYS' ACADEMY

Helpers are needed within the next 60 days to complete the boys' academy!

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Even a <u>single day</u> of commitment for any of the projects listed above will be a tremendous help.

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Daily Offering	14.884
Masses	6476
Sacramental Communions	5089
Spiritual Communions	12,385
Sacrifices	33,911
Decades of the Rosary	61,459
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	4024
15 minutes of silent meditation	4698
Good Example	24,415
Number returned	593

Fr. Laisney's Shroud of Turin Tour Schedule

Fr. François Laisney, former District Superior of the United States, will be returning to make a tour of various SSPX chapels in the States to show a full-size photographic reproduction of the Shroud of Turin, and give a conference on it as well as on the SSPX's apostolate in New Caledonia.

April 29 Davie, FL May 1 Long Island, NY May 2 Ridgefield, CT May 4 Chicago, IL May 5 Armada, MI	May 13 May 15 May 17	Dickinson, TX New Orleans, LA Denver, CO Post Falls, ID Phoenix, AZ
May 6 St. Louis, MO May 7-8 Kansas City, MO May 9-10 St. Mary's, KS	May 21 May 22	Colton, CA Arcadia, CA Los Gatos, CA Honolulu, HI

Please contact the chapel in question to obtain further information.

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

BISHOP WILLIAMSON

March 30	Wednesday	San Antonio, TX
March 31	Thursday	Fort Worth, TX
April 1	Friday	Charlotte, NC
April 3	Sunday	Orlando, FL
April 4	Monday	New Orleans, LA
April 5	Tuesday	Pittsburgh, PA
April 8	Friday	Belle Plaine, MN
April 9	Saturday	St. Cloud, MN
April 10	Sunday	Ridgefield, CT

To Be Announced

TBA Dickinson, TX
TBA Denver, CO

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.

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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
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