

# Regina Coeli REPORT

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## ACADEMIES' GRADUATIONS, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### ST. MARY'S, KANSAS

Throughout the United States District, the schools of the Society of St. Pius X held their graduations, award ceremonies and concluding academic events, and here we highlight a few of these.

From Friday, May 20th to Saturday, May 21st, a flurry of academic events took place at St. Mary's College and Academy. On Friday evening, the elementary school (Kindergarten through 8th grade) had its ceremonies in which 41 Kindergarten students graduated to 1st grade, while 57 students graduated from 8th into high school. The high school awards were presented next, followed by a well-attended parish concert.

On Saturday morning, the Baccalaureate Mass was pontifically celebrated by Bishop Richard Williamson for the college and high school graduates, followed by Commencement during which the valedictorians and salutatorians of each institution gave their speeches. Of the high school (the 26th class), 35 students graduated, and from the college, 21 students.



The "Big Gym" at St. Mary's is spacious enough to hold all of students of the lower academy, including their parents, and here the principal, Fr. Vicente Griego, addresses all before presenting the various awards and graduation certificates.



During the Solemn High Pontifical Mass, Bishop Williamson preaches to the college and high school graduates on the importance of applying their Catholic education to their daily lives in the world.



One of the climatic moments of the Baccalaureate Mass at St. Mary's is when the upper graduates publicly make their "Profession of Catholic Faith" and seal this oath by kissing the Book of the Gospels, here held by Fr. Griego and flanked by acolytes holding their candles.

Long-time college dean, Dr. Barbara Berfanger, poses with Bishop Williamson and Fr. Griego after the events. After faithfully serving the college with distinction for 14 years, she is retiring to Canada, and St. Mary's College will certainly miss her.





The graduates (on the right, both college and high school) pose with the ministers (center) and academic staff (on the left) who are wearing their academic robes and emblems, as is the classical custom in Catholic institutions.



During the parish concert, a student orchestra played various classical pieces, the "Concord" girls ensemble gave a performance, and various instrumental solos were made, demonstrating well the cultural talent that is being fostered in St. Mary's.

## KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Starting in the evening of Monday, May 15th, 3 high school boys graduated from the homeschooling program hosted at the parish of St. Vincent de Paul. A High Mass was celebrated by their principal, Fr. Kenneth Dean, followed by the graduation ceremony and banquet held at the nearby Union Workers' Hall. While on Tuesday, June 6th, St. Vincent de Paul's Academy (Kindergarten – 8th grade) held their 8th grade graduations and elementary awards ceremonies.

The evenings of June 8-9 saw the long-expected academy play, *Pygmalion* (the movie, *My Fair Lady*, is based upon this) finally performed. Much preparation went into this production organized by teacher, Miss Valerie Murphy. From try-outs to even signing a contract that the students (from grades 5th through 8th) would not bail out even when the practices (held every Friday afternoon for 2 ½ hours, and every Saturday morning for 4 hours for 3½ months straight!) became too strenuous. The students not only persevered, but also became extremely proficient with the English accents used (Oxford and Cockney) under the meticulous tutelage of Miss Murphy. The play was three hours long, offered for free, with parishioners, family and friends attending in droves on both nights, and was considered "absolutely exceptional".



The successful cast lines up to a thundering applause, and then in gratitude...

...present Miss Murphy (with microphone) and their efficient stage manager, Miss Rebecca Heathwold, with flower bouquets.



The 8th grade graduates pose on the front steps of St. Vincent de Paul after their Graduation Mass.



The well known, opening flower-selling scene. Behind the column is Prof. Henry Higgins, while Eliza Doolittle (center wearing a hat) sells a flower to Mrs. Eynsford Hill and her daughter (in front of the column), while Freddy watches from the left.



Having returned from the opera after Eliza's successful linguistic demonstration, Prof. Higgins (seated in center) and Colonel Pickering (seated on the left) listen attentively as the "ruined" Alfred Doolittle, "the most original moralist at present in England", expounds his dilemma.



## POST FALLS, IDAHO

The boys' high school at Immaculate Conception Academy had 6 young men graduate on the morning of Saturday, June 3rd, with a Solemn High Mass attended by 200 people, then an afternoon luncheon at a parishioner's house.

On Tuesday, June 13th, a "Mega Fest" was held on the parish's newly-purchased property where a complex for a boys' academy will eventually be built. The fest was "mega", as not only did a Solemn High Mass celebrate the SSPX's future hope for the grounds, but it also commemorated the priestly anniversaries of those present, namely, Fr. Herve Du Fayet De La Tour (25 years), Fr. James Haynos (20), Frs. John Fullerton and Christian Granges (10) and Fr. Dennis McDonald (5).



The high school boys from Immaculate Conception were fortunate to make a trip to Rome for two weeks after Easter Sunday and were even able to attend a public audience with Pope Benedict XVI. Here they have paused for a shot in St. Peter's Square with Fr. Christian Granges, their pastor.



After the Mass, the grounds were solemnly blessed. Assisting with the book is Fr. McDonald, while to the right of him are Frs. Thomas Hufford, and Christopher Darby (wearing a stole).

Here seen during Communion, Fr. Fullerton (center), flanked on the right by Fr. Granges (Post Falls' prior and school principal), and on the left by Fr. De La Tour (stationed in Post Falls).



## OLIVET (Georgetown), ILLINOIS

The academic period of 2005-2006 marked Notre Dame de La Salette Boys Academy's inaugural year and on Saturday, June 3rd, 12 young men hailing from 8 different states received their high school diplomas. The graduation ceremonies were preceded by a Solemn High Mass with nearly 300 persons in attendance filling the school chapel, followed by a picnic that included a rugby match between the students and alumni (won by the school), while the days' events were crowned with an evening bonfire.



After the ceremonies, the ministers of the Mass pose with the graduates (standing wearing capes) with the other academy boys.



Fr. John Fullerton was the celebrant at the Solemn High Graduation Mass, during which he preached to the graduates how they were being sent as "lights in the world" and therefore the importance of putting into practice the principles of the Catholic Faith in their daily lives.



Preceding graduation, a performance of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* was held on Friday that drew a standing ovation attesting to the boys' fine dramatic skills. Held in a 1920's setting, the cast included some young ladies from the Armada girls' academy of St. Joseph.

# IN MEM

## FR. CARL PULVERMACHER, OFMcap

After serving nearly 54 years in the priestly vineyard of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Fr. Carl was called back to his Maker to give an account of his stewardship. And what a stewardship while in this vale of tears! Already 2 rather detailed accounts about Fr. Carl's life have been printed in the November 2002 issue of the *Regina Coeli Report* and the recent August issue of *The Angelus* magazine, and so here we simply recap in remembrance.



Fr. Carl at rest in his full Capuchin habit and priestly stole.



Returned to his first SSPX priory in Dickinson, TX, Fr. Carl celebrates his 80th birthday, a few months before his death, with Fr. Stephen Stanich (left) and Br. Gregory (right).

religious family that was not even his own (for he remained a Capuchin), and last but not least, for being the progenitor of *The Angelus* magazine and thereby Angelus Press, whose work has been invaluable for the successful and continuing fight of Catholic Tradition.

Fr. Carl went to his eternal reward on Tuesday, June 6th, after a long struggle with lymphatic cancer. A Solemn High Requiem Mass offered by Bishop Richard Williamson with several priests and religious in attendance, saw his burial on Wednesday, June 7th, in Dickinson, TX.

Born Gerald Pulvermacher on February 27, 1926 to a German-American family on a farm in Wisconsin, he was the sixth of 9 children, and one of the 4 priestly vocations (all Capuchins), that blessed his family.

Called to be a son of St. Francis of Assisi, he became a friar and took the religious name of Carl in the Capuchin's Sacred Heart Province. Unbeknownst to him and perhaps a foreshadowing of his future work for

Tradition, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1952 on September 3rd. Though not canonized until 1955, this day would eventually become the Feast of St. Pius X, who personified the fight against Modernism, who would become the namesake for the priestly society that Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre would eventually found. Viewing his 54 years as priest as a whole, Fr. Carl's fight for the Faith would begin not long after his ordination, and he would find that most of his priestly life would be spent vigorously defending the Church from enemies within.

The Society of St. Pius X owes a debt of gratitude to Fr. Carl for his many years of priestly labor committed to the salvation of souls, for his example of steadfast fidelity and obedience to a



During the Solemn High Requiem Mass, Bishop Williamson recounting Fr. Carl's service to Catholic Tradition.





# ORIAM



Williamson gives the sermon on and the SSPX.



At the gravesite, having lowered Fr. Carl's coffin into the ground the corporal work of mercy of burying the dead was performed by cleric and layman...

...of all ages.

## BR. AUGUSTINE, FSSPX

Another passing away on June 6th, was Br. Augustine, also after a lengthy battle with cancer.

He was born Emmanuel Valenza on May 6, 1955, and raised in the Bronx of New York. Though at the time he was not a practicing Catholic, he decided to major in philosophy at the University of Dallas, where he obtained a master's degree in that science under the noted Thomist professor, Dr. Frederick Wihelmsen. It was partly because of Dr. Wihelmsen, that Emmanuel eventually began to seriously practice the Faith, culminating in the realization that he had a religious vocation.

Before entering Jesus and Mary Brothers' Novitiate in El Paso, TX, he wrote several incisive articles and book reviews for *The Angelus* during its early years. Upon making his first profession on September 29, 1994, he was aptly given the name of "Br. Augustine", the great philosopher and Doctor of the Church.

Br. Augustine remained stationed at the Novitiate for several years, where he was a steadfast example of humility and simplicity for the younger postulants and novices who were striving for religious perfection. He also taught in several of the SSPX's schools, first in El Paso, then Armada, MI, and finally Dickinson, TX. Amongst the subjects that he taught were his favorites of philosophy and classical and English literature. However, he was even called upon to teach simple ones such as catechism, and at least during one semester, a high school class about the errors of the Second Vatican Council and *Novus Ordo Missae*, thereby arming a future generation for carrying on the battle of Catholic Tradition.

In 2005, while at what would be his last assignment in Dickinson, TX, he was diagnosed with terminal colon cancer and given 6 months to live. After some initial treatments, he eventually moved to the Las Vegas, NV area to be near his mother, and where his sister could tend to his medical needs, while still being near the SSPX chapel there. He battled his illness for about a year, finally succumbing nearly a month after his mother's death.

On June 20th, a Requiem Mass was offered for Br. Augustine at Our Lady of Victory Church by Fr. John Fullerton (District Superior), with Frs. Peter Otto (the pastor),

Timothy Pfeiffer, Christopher Leith, and Br. Henry assisting. Unfortunately a solemn set of black vestments were not to be had in time, so the Mass was simply a *missa cantata* (High) instead of Solemn. After the Requiem Mass, Br. Augustine was buried in his family's plot at Palm Cemetery in Las Vegas, NV.



This photograph taken during a banquet shows Br. Augustine with his ever-present and easy-going Bronx affability.



In the upstairs Brothers' Novitiate classroom in El Paso, Br. Augustine gives an apologetics class (another area in which he excelled), to the novices and postulants.

# NATIONAL RELIGION TEST WINNERS

Prior to the end of the academic year, a District-wide religion test was administered this year to all 8th and 12th graders in the SSPX's schools. The exam tested their knowledge of the catechism, and their ability to practically apply the principles of the Faith to real-life situations, and defend the Church against Protestantism and Secularism as well as Modernist errors, such as ecumenism.

The winners of the national test not only had the satisfaction of earning high marks but also received prizes from the District Office for their efforts (denoted with the winners' photographs, are their district-wide ranks, test percentages and prizes received).

On the school level, the two schools that scored the highest averages for 12th grade were, Notre Dame de La Salette in Olivet (Georgetown), IL and for 8th grade, Our Lady of the Angels in Arcadia (Los Angeles), CA.

## 12TH GRADE WINNERS

Winners received \$1,500, \$1,250 and \$1,000 respectively toward future tuition in an SSPX institution of higher learning, or an SSPX-sponsored pilgrimage.



Eileen Morgali (St. Mary's, KS),  
1st Place (89%).



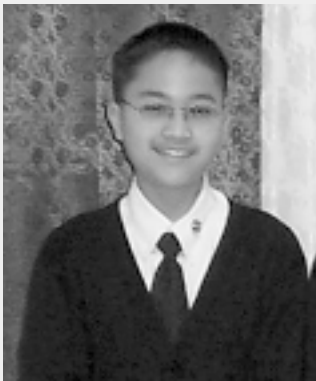
Rose Carroll (St. Mary's, KS),  
2nd Place (86%).



Abigail Quain (Armada, MI),  
3rd Place (83%).

## 8TH GRADE WINNERS

Winners received \$500 (1st) and \$350 (2nd) toward future tuition in an SSPX school.



John Aladin (Arcadia, CA),  
1st Place (93%).



Lorraine Lillis (St. Mary's, KS),  
tied for 2nd Place (92%).



Molly Mawhinney (St. Mary's,  
KS), tied for 2nd Place (92%).



## INDIANA

For the feast (June 22nd) of its namesake patron, St. John Fisher Church in **FORT WAYNE, IN** solemnized the feast with a High Mass celebrated by their pastor, Fr. Damien Fox on Sunday, June 9th. A festival followed the Mass that included a hog roast, "moonwalk", children's games, horseshoes, tug of war, bingo and homemade ice cream. About 150 people attended the festivities, though more actually attended the Mass, including parishioners from the Nappanee (South Bend), Indiana chapel.



Parishioners, young and old, get ready to have a tug of war.



The inflatable CrayonLand "moonwalk" was a big hit with the children of course, and to the right, we can see Fr. Fox taking a curious look at the bouncing fun.

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*October* For devotion to the Most Holy Rosary

### U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE—May 2006

Daily Offering	9,305
Masses	4,515
Sacramental Communion	3,693
Spiritual Communion	16,430
Sacrifices	25,839
Decades of the Rosary	38,143
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	4,202
15 minutes of silent meditation	5,356
Good Example	14,640
Number returned	344

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