# THE SSPX-THE PAPACY-ROMANITAS



Fr. Schmidberger, in typical German fashion, makes a point during his conference, of which his mastery of the English language was impressive to say the least.

n the evening of Friday, January 27th, Fr. Franz Schmidberger, 1st Assistant to the Superior General, gave a 1-½ hour-long conference at St. Vincent de Paul Church in KANSAS CITY, MO on the papacy and its importance to the Catholic Church. The complete transcription of Father's talk will be available in the March issue of *The Angelus*, but here is a brief summary.

Holy Scripture teaches that the Apostle Peter was chosen by Our Lord to be the "Rock" upon who He would build His Church and who therefore held primacy¹ over all of the other Apostles. But Holy Writ reveals not only Peter's strengths (his great love and zeal for the Lord), but even his weaknesses (*e.g.*, savoring the things of men and not of God [Matt. XVI, 22], denying Our Lord 3 times [Matt. XXVI, 74] and not walking uprightly unto the truth of the gospel [Gal. II, 11-14]).

Elaborating on the weaknesses of Peter, it was shown how even after Pentecost, Peter could still fail in his duty to shepherd the shepherds, and that if necessary, he could be rebuked, even in public [e.g., Paul withstanding Peter in the face]. Furthermore, in St. John's Gospel [John XXI, 7], we see that sometimes even the pope may need direction to recognize Christ.

God providentially allowed these events as a foreshadowing for the future ages of the Church of what to expect from her various popes, either following them in

their strength, or to watch and remain vigilant in their moments of weakness.

Fr. Schmidberger continued with explaining the great importance and love that Archbishop Lefebvre held for *Romanitas*, how this unique spirit is providentially the patrimony and mold of the Church, and how unfortunately the disorientation of Vatican II has attempted to discount or even discard this essential Christian character (*cf.* the appended citation from *Spiritual Journey*).

The continual, profound devotion that Archbishop Lefebvre had for the Roman Pontiffs was then recounted, specifically in his relations with the "Council Popes" <sup>2</sup>. First, how he continued to meet with them when possible, second, in his private correspondence, as he was reluctant to publicly



District Superior, Fr. John Fullerton, introduces Fr. Schmidberger to the clergy and faithful in attendance.

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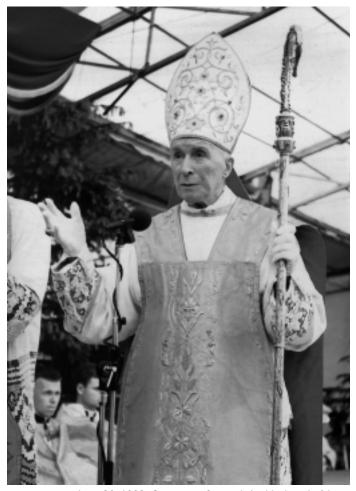
criticize them, and third, in his discussions with various ecclesiastical authorities of the Holy See<sup>3</sup>. In all of this though, the Archbishop's refusal to compromise with Modernism was clear and his 1974 *Declaration* (*cf.* Fr. Fullerton's letter for the complete text) continues to remain the SSPX's principle in its talks with Rome.

However, the Archbishop's initial policy of criticizing the Modernist acts of the Council Popes only in private was forced to an end with the announcement of the horrendous, inter-religious Assisi meeting in 1986, as well as by a series of other papal acts that caused grave scandal to Catholics. With these ignominious acts against the Faith, the Archbishop saw it finally necessary to publicly withstand the Holy Father to his face in the spirit of St. Paul. This in turn led to the cause and necessity of the 1988 episcopal consecrations that were performed not just for the good of the SSPX, but for the entire Church.

The issue of sedevacantism was then touched upon, and the continual adherence of Archbishop Lefebvre to the popes was illustrated. Fr. Schimdberger also pointed out the diverse disagreement that exists amongst the various sedevacantist groups, their lack of unity and sectarian spirit, as well as the few bitter fruits that they have produced over the past 2 decades. Finally, Father proved theologically and philosophically that if the sedevacantists were correct, then Our Lord's promise regarding the perpetuation of the Church until the end of time has failed, for according to them, there are no longer any cardinals<sup>4</sup>, and without cardinals, one cannot elect a pope. Hence, only an extraordinary act of God could restore the Church to her norm, but this is contrary to the constitution of the Church, for as perfect society, it must have the means to obtain its end.

To both the Modernists and sedevacantists, Fr. Schmidberger quoted the Archbishop: "Neither liberal nor modernist on the one side, nor schismatic on the other side, but Catholic, Roman Catholic" and stated himself, "[W]e want to preserve and maintain the Catholic Faith, and by no means do we want to fall into the conciliar and post-conciliar errors, but on the other side we want to stay attached to the Holy See once and forever." He then compared the SSPX's path as one on a tall mountain on which both sides is an abyss: to the right are the sedevacantists, and to the left are the Modernists. So we must be careful that we continue to walk this narrow path of the Faith and not compromise to either error.

Fr. Schmidberger concluded the conference with some



June 30, 1988: Operation Survival. Archbishop Lefebvre makes clear in his sermon that necessity compels him for the good of the Church to perform the episcopal consecrations, while remaining faithful to Eternal Rome.

expectations about Pope Benedict XVI, mainly that he will probably not be the great reformer of the Church as was Pope St. Pius X due to his manifested attachment to the Second Vatican Council. Nevertheless, we should not give up hope, and we must watch and pray that Modernist Rome will renounce its disorientation and revert to Catholic Tradition, where the SSPX stands ready to assist with the restoration of the Faith. Until then though, those who truly adhere to Catholic Tradition remain seemingly in exile and quoting Pope Gregory VII<sup>5</sup>, we proudly repeat: "I have loved justice and I have hated injustice; that is why I die in exile."



October 27, 1986: Assisi I: in a letter sent to 8 cardinals about the upcoming event, the Archbishop remarked: "The scandal given to Catholic souls cannot be measured. The Church is shaken to its very foundations. If faith in the Church, the only ark of salvation, disappears, then the Church herself disappears."

#### **Footnotes**

- Not the "first amongst equals" as the modernist error of collegiality teaches
- <sup>2</sup> *I.e.*, from Pope John XXIII until Pope Benedict XVI.
- E.g., the submission of the *Dubias* to Cardinal Ratzinger; these were questions asking the Vatican to explain how religious liberty as found in *Dignitatis Humanae* was compatible with Catholic Tradition. Their reply to the *Dubias* was tantamount to, "Vatican II said so."
- <sup>4</sup> Because only a pope can appoint cardinals and not one of the cardinals

appointed before the Second Vatican Council are living.

He was elected to the Papacy in 1073, and died in 1085, an exile in Salerno, Italy. Gregory VII was a great reformer of the Church, and fought with Emperor Henry IV over the right of episcopal investiture. The issued boiled over into war, Rome was captured, the pope fled into exile, and an anti-pope, Clement III, was installed in his place (1084). Fr. Schmidberger quoted him as an example for circumstance of those who remain faithful to Catholic Tradition.

## **APPENDIX** Excerpted from Archbishop Lefebvre's *Spiritual Journey*, written in 1989 (pp.71-73; available from Angelus Press)

3. The providential choice of Rome as the Seat of Peter, and the blessings of this choice for the growth of the Mystical Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe I must add some words to draw the attention of our priests and our seminarians to the indisputable fact of the Roman influences on our spirituality, on our liturgy, and even on our theology.

One cannot deny that this is a providential fact. God, Who leads all things, has in His infinite wisdom prepared Rome to become the Seat of Peter and center for the radiation of the Gospel. Hence the adage: *Unde Christo e Romano*.

Dom Guéranger, in his *Histoire de sainte Cecile*, recounts the great part which members of great Roman families played in the foundation of the Church, giving their goods and their blood for the victory and the reign of Jesus Christ. Our Roman liturgy is the faithful witness of this.

"Romanitas" is not a vain word. The Latin language is an important example. It has brought the expression of the Faith and of Catholic worship to the ends of the world. And the converted people were proud to sing their Faith in this language, a real symbol of the unity of the Catholic Faith.

Schisms and heresies are often begun by a rupture with Romanitas, a rupture with the Roman liturgy, with Latin, with the theology of the Latin and Roman Fathers and theologians.

It is this force of the Catholic Faith rooted in Romanitas that Freemasonry wished to eliminate by occupying the pontifical States and enclosing Catholic Rome in Vatican City. This occupation of Rome by the Masons permitted infiltration of the Church by Modernism and the destruction of Catholic Rome by Modernist clergy and Popes who hasten to destroy every vestige of "Romanitas": the Latin language, the Roman liturgy. The Slavic Pope is the most determined to change the little which was kept by the Lateran Treaty and the Concordat. Rome is no longer a sacred city. He encourages the establishing of false religions in Rome itself, accomplishing there scandalous ecumenical meetings. He everywhere pushes for the inculturation in the liturgy, destroying the last vestiges of the Roman liturgy. He has modified in practice the status of the Vatican State. He has renounced coronation, thus refusing to be a Head of State. This relentlessness against "Romanitas" is an infallible sign of rupture with the Catholic Faith that he no longer defends.

The Roman pontifical universities have become chairs of Modernist pestilence. The co-education of the Gregorian is a

Following the Archbishop's example, Bishop Fellay is seen at Castel Gandolfo having met with Pope Benedict XVI, who during the meeting described the SSPX's founder as "venerable Archbishop Lefevbrve, this great man of the Universal Church."



perpetual scandal.

All must be restored *in Christo Domino*, *in Christ the Lord*, in Rome as elsewhere.

Let us love to see how the ways of Divine Providence and Wisdom pass by Rome. We will conclude that one cannot be Catholic without being Roman. This applies also to Catholics who have neither the Latin language nor the Roman liturgy. If they remain Catholic, it is because they remain Roman, like the Maronites, for example, by the ties to the Catholic and Roman-French culture which formed them.

It is, moreover, an error to speak of Roman culture as Western. The converts from Judaism brought with them from the Orient all that was Christian, all that which in the Old Testament was a preparation and could be a component of Christianity, all that which Our Lord had assumed and that the Holy Ghost had inspired the Apostles to adopt. How many times do the epistles of St. Paul teach us on this subject!

God willed that Christianity, cast in a certain way in the Roman mold, to receive from it a vigorous and exceptional expansion. All is grace in the divine plan and Our Divine Savior disposes all as the Romans are said to act, that is, "cum comilio et patientia or suaviter et fortiter"; —with counsel and patience, sweetly and mightily (Wis 8:1).

Ours is the duty to guard this Roman Tradition desired by Our Lord, as He wished us to have Mary as our Mother.



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### Tentative schedule for Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais

April 8	Mukwonago, WI
April 17	Crookston, MN
April 18	Mandan, ND
April 20	Phoenix, AZ
April 21	Colton, CA
April 22	Arcadia, CA
April 23	Los Gatos — Sacramento, CA
April 24	Veneta, OR
April 25	Portland, OR
April 27	Richmond, MI
April 28	Grand Rapids, MI
April 30	St. Louis, MO

### Tentative schedule for Bishop Richard Williamson

May 17	Miami, FL
May 18	Louisville, KY
May 19	Cincinnati, OH
May 21	Albuquerque, NM
May 22	Cleveland, OH
May 24	Boston/Salem, MA
May 25	Nicholville, NY
May 26	Philadelphia, PA
May 28	St. Mary's, KS
May 29	Springfield, MO

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J.M.J. FEBRUARY 1, 2006

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

Over the past few weeks many of you have had the opportunity to attend the conference given by Fr. Franz Schmidberger, former superior general of the SSPX and current first assistant to Bishop Fellay.

For those of you who were unable to attend, we have dedicated much of this month's report to an overview of his excellent conference, which dealt with several very important issues concerning our struggle for the faith.

From his conference and from previous conferences given by Bishop Fellay it is quite clear that the superiors of the SSPX are keeping to the course set by Archbishop Lefebvre which he made clear in his declaration of 1974.

### The Declaration of Archbishop Lefebvre

(November 21, 1974)

We hold fast, with all our heart and with all our soul, to Catholic Rome, Guardian of the Catholic faith and of the traditions necessary to preserve this faith, to Eternal Rome, Mistress of wisdom and truth.

We refuse, on the other hand, and have always refused to follow the Rome of neo-Modernist and neo-Protestant tendencies which were clearly evident in the Second Vatican Council and, after the Council, in all the reforms which issued from it.

All these reforms, indeed, have contributed and are still contributing to the destruction of the Church, to the ruin of the priesthood, to the abolition of the Sacrifice of the Mass and of the sacraments, to the disappearance of religious life, to a naturalist and Teilhardian teaching in universities, seminaries and catechistics; a teaching derived from Liberalism and Protestantism, many times condemned by the solemn Magisterium of the Church.

No authority, not even the highest in the hierarchy, can force us to abandon or diminish our Catholic faith, so clearly expressed and professed by the Church's Magisterium for nineteen centuries.

"But though we," says St. Paul, "or an angel from heaven preach a gospel to you besides that which we have preached to you, let him be anathema" (Gal. 1:8).

Is it not this that the Holy Father is repeating to us today? And if we can discern a certain contradiction in his words and deeds, as well as in those of the dicasteries, well we choose what was always taught and we turn a deaf ear to the novelties destroying the Church.

It is impossible to modify profoundly the *lex orandi* [law of prayer] without modifying the *lex credendi* [law of belief]. To the *Novus Ordo Missae* correspond a new catechism, a new priesthood, new seminaries, a charismatic Pentecostal Church-all things opposed to orthodoxy and the perennial teaching of the Church.

This Reformation, born of Liberalism and Modernism, is poisoned through and through; it derives from heresy and ends in heresy, even if all its acts are not formally heretical. It is therefore impossible for any conscientious and faithful Catholic to espouse this Reformation or to submit to it in any way whatsoever.

The only attitude of faithfulness to the Church and Catholic doctrine, in view of our salvation, is a categorical refusal to accept this Reformation.

That is why, without any spirit of rebellion, bitterness or resentment, we pursue our work of forming priests, with the timeless Magisterium as our guide. We are persuaded that we can render no greater service to the Holy Catholic Church, to the Sovereign Pontiff and to posterity.

That is why we hold fast to all that has been believed and practiced in the faith, morals, liturgy, teaching of the catechism, formation of the priest and institution of the Church, by the Church of all time; to all these things as codified in those books which saw day before the Modernist influence of the Council. This we shall do until such time that the true light of Tradition dissipates the darkness obscuring the sky of Eternal Rome.

By doing this, with the grace of God and the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and that of St. Joseph and St. Pius X, we are assured of remaining faithful to the Roman Catholic Church and to all the successors of Peter, and of being the faithful dispensers of the mysteries of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Many of you have, no doubt, heard of an important upcoming event for the SSPX. This July will see the SSPX superiors gathering for the next General Chapter, during which time the Superior General and his assistants for the next twelve years will be elected. We might well expect the devil to cause agitation before such an important meeting. In anticipation of this, our members have begun to recite certain prayers to ask for the guidance of the Holy Ghost and the intercession of the Mother of God and our heavenly patron. I encourage all of you to join us by saying these prayers each day.

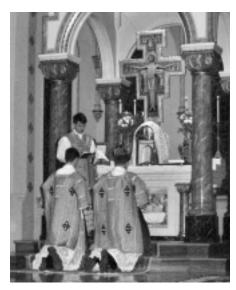
- 1) Prayer to Holy Ghost (Come, Holy Ghost)
- 2) Invocation: "Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us." (3 times)
- 3) Invocation: "St. Pius X, pray for us."

Sincerely in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Se. John D Tullerton

Fr. John D. Fullerton

### REGIONAL REPORT



After the *Credo*, the tabernacle is opened to expose Our Lord and Fr. Young kneeling before Him and his superior, Fr. Soos (the prior), makes his perpetual engagement to the SSPX, after which, Mr. Kretschmer renewed his engagement.



### **MISSOURI**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, is, in addition to being a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States, one of the patronal feast days of the SSPX, and it is on this day that the clerical members make or renew their engagements (promises) to their religious congregation.

This year, Fr. John Young, stationed at the ST. LOUIS, MO priory of St. Mary's Assumption, made his perpetual engagement to the SSPX. According to the Statutes of the SSPX, a perpetual engagement can only be made after a priest has renewed his vows each time for 10 years, and then, only after receiving permission from his superiors.

Fr. John Young was ordained in 1989, and in fact, his seminary class was the first to have ordinations at the Winona seminary (cf. the February 2004 issue for the other priests of that class), and so he has been a pastor of souls for nearly 17 years. Previous to joining the SSPX, Fr. Young was Franciscan Minims for nearly 10 years in Mexico City, which due to this experience as a religious of this Order, is the reason why he is the chaplain for the Third Order Franciscans affiliated with the SSPX in the United States. While his usual pastor duties takes him from St. Louis on the weekends to make the Orlando—Fort Myers chapel circuit in Florida.



A reception was held in Fr. Young's honor. Here for once (as he himself is renowned for his ever present camera), Father is caught on film while retrieving his piece of celebratory cake.



Seen at the Judica me during the Solemn High Mass celebrated in honor of Our Lady, are from left to right, seminarian Mr. Michael Kretschmer (subdeacon), Fr. Steven Soos (celebrant), and Fr. John Young (deacon).

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Mr. Gerard B. Early, former long-time District Office employee, passed away suddenly on Sunday, November 27th in Martinsburg, WV. Mr. Early, a World War II Marine veteran of the battle of Iwo Jima, began working for the District Office in 1991 when it was still located in St. Louis, MO. For over 10 years, Mr. Early performed many important practical functions at the office. He was especially valued for his reliability in making the incessant "airport runs" for the half-dozen resident priests, while he was renowned for his humorous jokes. In June 2000, Mr. Early retired to West Virginia to be near his daughter, Miss Marlene Early. He was buried in his family's plot at Calvary Cemetery in Pittsburgh, PA on December 2nd. On January 12th, the District Office had a Requiem Mass said in the Regina Coeli House chapel for the repose of his soul. R.I.P.

### **MISSOURI**

During the first quarter of the academic year, the 5th and 6th grades students at St. Vincent's Academy in KANSAS CITY, MO studied the parts of the Mass in their religion class. One of the lessons consisted of the students applying what they had learned by building their own miniature altars within 6 weeks and which had to include all of the basic items necessary for celebrating Mass, a criteria that resulted in much individual creativity and imagination.



This altar not only featured the vesperale cloth (the dust cloth that protects the altar cloths when the altar is not being used)...

...but even an opening tabernacle, complete with interior curtains, a chalice and paten (with host).



This altar, constructed out of pieces of quarry tile to imitate St. Vincent's marble altar, shows the various accourtements that should be on a prepared altar, which includes the missal, though it was removed from the altar for this picture.

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WOMEN: March 6-11 (Marian), April 17-22, June 26-July 1, August 7-12 (Third Order), September 18-23, November 6-11

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Daily Offering	12,965
Masses	5812
Sacramental Communions	4945
Spiritual Communions	8378
Sacrifices	29,487
Decades of the Rosary	46,119
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	5068
15 minutes of silent meditation	4472
Good Example	14,070
Number returned	490