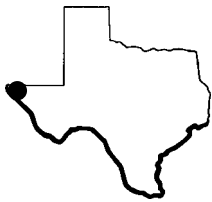


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REPORT

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EL PASO BIDS BROTHERS' NOVITIATE ADIOS



On September 29th, the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, the SSPX brothers residing in the United States District gathered at Jesus and Mary Church in EL PASO, TX

to make or renew their religious vows after having made their annual retreat in Phoenix, AZ. And perhaps for the last time they met in El Paso, since the Brothers' Novitiate, located there since 1991, was moved to St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN for the 2005-2006 academic year.

It is true that Archbishop Lefebvre founded the Society of Saint Pius X as a pious union of priests who live in common, but without taking the vows of religion. However, inspired by the holiness of the brothers he knew well as a Holy Ghost Father missionary, he also envisioned and implemented the inclusion of brothers into the SSPX to be its male religious arm. These brothers would be in his own words, the "*angels of our communities*", assisting his priests in practicing their apostolate (by not being encumbered with many practical necessities), and through their religious life providing an example and source of stability and holiness for the priests to draw from.

Unfortunately, after the establishment of the North American seminary in the United States at Armada, MI in 1973, the numbers of brothers grew very slowly in this hemisphere. Finally in 1991, with a mind to invigorate and solidify the formation of the brothers, the newly-appointed District Superior, Fr. Peter Scott, transferred the brothers' novitiate to El Paso in 1991, an act that bore fruit quickly.

From a physical standpoint, over the years at the Jesus and Mary complex, the brothers and postulants were kept busy during their *Manualia* (designated work



On Michaelmas, the brothers kneel in front of their superiors (right to left, Fr. Philippe Pazat, the new novice master; Fr. John Fullerton, District Superior; Fr.

Timothy Pfeiffer, the former novice master) and renew or make their professions. The striking high altar was made and decorated by the brothers, as were the painted and gilded figures on the apse's wall of various Roman saints.

time) with various projects that assisted the improvement of the timeworn buildings. From general repairs, to renovating rooms, to designing and constructing their own St. Michael's Chapel, to the installation and operation of a host-making facility, to the renovation and embellishment of the high altar and sanctuary of the church, the brothers left a legacy of hard work and devotion to their *alma mater*.

The brothers' greatest lasting tribute to El Paso though, was the example of their religious state of life, a continual sacrificing holocaust of self to become perfect like Christ, and the careful observance of the SSPX's statutes. These statutes require the brothers to daily recite the 3 canonical hours of Prime, Sext and Compline publicly, to pray 3 rosaries, to practice mental prayer at least once, to do spiritual reading, and to study, even when the academic year is not in session.

After several years of consideration, it was decided to move the brothers' novitiate to the North American seminary in Winona for

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J.M.J.
January 1, 2006

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

I wish you many blessings during this Christmas season and during the New Year, and I thank you for your continued spiritual and material support.

Christmas provides us many opportunities to contemplate the sublime truths of faith and, by retaining them in our hearts, to become living likenesses of the Son of God. However, many people are so caught up with the commercial distractions of this season that they lose the abundant graces these opportunities provide and rather than drawing closer to God are drawn away by the spirit of the world.

Pope Leo XIII once said that he was convinced that nothing would tend more to check the spirit of worldliness and of licentiousness, to make men contented with their lot, and to bring back Christian faith and charity, than the contemplation of the Holy Family of Nazareth, which was divinely established to be the model and example for all families.

It is not too difficult to see the truth of what he says. For if you sanctify the family, you sanctify the community; but if the family life becomes corrupt, you may despair of the life of a nation.

The divine and sacred institution of God, called the Christian Family, is made up of the father, the mother and the children. In the family we have the most primary of human relationships; a society on which all society rests; a society and relationship which God has sanctioned and blessed in a thousands ways, and which ought to be the strongest, the sweetest, and the holiest upon earth.

A young man and a young woman join their hands and promise each other, before the altar of God and in the fear of God, perpetual trust and truth. From this moment they belong to one another and to God and they will set up a home apart. The father, as he toils with his head or his hands, will share his earnings with his wife and children; it is the thought of his wife and children at home that makes him brave and patient, and it is his best reward to be welcomed home by those to whom he is more than all the world beside. The wife, the mother, with all her labors and strivings, never forgets who it is to whom she has given her heart in the early days, and she is ready to sacrifice herself for him and to believe in him to the last. Together they are happy yet anxious as they watch their children grow and develop in body and mind. Happy as they thank God for the wonders of life and intelligence; anxious as they fear for themselves in the responsibility thus laid upon them. Thus this little community lives on through a generation, till the years start to tell on father and mother, and the children whom God gave them are themselves

fathers and mothers who carry on God's dispensation in their turn.

Yet, sad to say, the beauty and the sanctity of the Christian home, which ought to beautify and sanctify the whole world and every generation of the world's history, are too often marred and spoilt. This we know only too well, especially in today's world. Too often the family has become a lamentable and miserable failure. The reason for this is that no home can stand unless it is built upon a solid foundation. No family can be worthy of God and of Jesus Christ unless it stands upon Religion. This means that Religion must be first and foremost, or else there is no order, no fidelity, no dignity, and no success. Without this foundation a family may be respectable in the world's eyes, and even outwardly prosperous, but one day these souls who lived for earth and time will realize their loss if only when time is no more and earth has passed away. A husband who does not believe in God is a man who will live for himself, and not for his wife or children. A mother who cannot teach her children to pray remains half a stranger to them. She may clothe them, feed them or instruct them but she can never enter into the Holy of Holies where the immortal soul speaks to its Creator. Religion alone lifts the hearts of fathers and mothers to heaven and to eternity, and thus teaches them that the only true education they can give their children is to educate them for eternal life.

But what can be said of those who know and believe in God and in holy Religion, yet by negligence, bad example, and culpable laziness, do as much to ruin their children as if they were heathens or atheists? What can be said of responsible fathers and mothers who drink, curse, and quarrel in the very sight of their children; or of those parents who never kneel to pray, never come to Mass or the Sacraments, or who allow their children to desecrate the Sunday, to stay away from school, to grow up ignorant, disreputable, and vicious? It is not too difficult to see how such fathers and mothers are doing a great deal of work to destroy the Kingdom of God, purchased by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. For children are the future and to neglect them and to ruin them is to fight against God Himself; for He looks for the day when they will be good men and women. Such miserable parents carry out the work of the devil and bring up their children to live as if there were no God at all.

When speaking of what may be good or bad in a family, we are naturally led to think chiefly of the children. In fact,

fathers and mothers will be good or bad, virtuous or wicked, in proportion to their understanding and fulfilling of their duties towards their children. Parents must understand what they owe to God in connection with the children He has entrusted to them. Many look upon their children as mouths to be fed, as encumbrances or playthings or at best as naturally lovable possessions. But it is not merely the bodies of children or their physical welfare that are committed to the responsibility of the parent, but it is their immortal souls. The child is the end and purpose of God's creation, the subject of Christ's redemption, the beloved object of the heavenly Father's solicitude. The child has to be brought to the knowledge of its Maker and of its last end, to be made to discern good from evil, to be disciplined to self-restraint, and to be instructed in things Divine. God does not do this by personal interference but rather leaves this to be accomplished through the parents' hands as part of His Providence. He leaves to father and mother the care of the body and soul of His little one. If it is to be taught, if it is to be turned toward heaven, if it is to be sanctified and saved, it is they who must do the work. If they do not instruct it, by their own labor, by taking it to the priest, and by sending it to a Catholic school, it will not be instructed. If they do not see that it approaches the sacraments, the chances are that no sacraments will sanctify it. If the parents keep it in darkness, and bring it up in wickedness amid bad example, then that soul will most likely be lost, and it is they who will have its blood upon their heads.

We read in scripture how "zealous" our heavenly Father is in regard to those who do harm to their neighbors' souls or who do not, as far as they can, help their neighbor to save their souls. While it is true that a man must, by cooperating with God's grace, save his own soul, and that he can save his soul in spite of his surroundings, it is a general rule that he is saved or eternally ruined by the words, advice, persuasion and example of those among whom his lot is cast. How much greater must this "zeal" be toward parents who do not care for their children, for a child is most certainly either saved to God or lost to the devil by its father and mother. There may be exceptions, but this is what is true in the majority of cases. It is no wonder, then, that Almighty God has prepared awful judgements on parents who neglect their duty to His little ones. Let us remember that they belong to God first; they are only entrusted to their fathers and mothers as the book of Genesis says: "*These are the children whom God hath given me*" (Gen 33, 5).

Thus with such responsibilities in regard to their children, parents must make careful preparation with all earnestness in order to live worthily in the holy state of marriage. The hearts of husband and wife must be united, and united in God. The love and service of God must sanctify the house; and where such reigns no house, however humble, can fail to be holy and admirable. In God alone can husband and wife truly love one another. To Him must they lift up their hearts in the morning and the evening; to Him they must offer their employment and every word or act. For His sake they must seek the Church, and frequent that Sacrifice

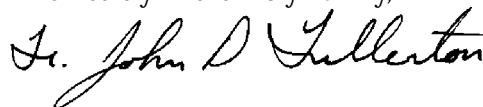
and those sacraments in which they will find the fountains of Divine Grace, ever open and abundantly flowing for the benefit of their souls. Thus they will, by the strength of God, and for the sake of God, watch over, bring up and prepare for God's service the children He blesses them with.

There will, of course, be many trials and many temptations in the married state. But for those who really wish to live God-fearing lives, God has made it easy to love and honor Him. For by the Incarnation He has come very near to us; and we need only turn to Bethlehem, Nazareth or Calvary to understand and have our hearts drawn to Him. Above all He has given us an example, an instruction, an attraction such as He has given no other institution on earth, upon which we are able to model our Christians families. He has not only taken flesh but has so bowed down His majesty as to have lived in a family Himself. He has chosen to be subject to His creatures. He chose the most holy Mary for His mother and St. Joseph for his foster-father; and lived with them for the greater part of His earthly life. We can only imagine how this holy House, which stood unnoticed in the little town, was illuminated in the sight of heaven. Jesus was there; and the light of God's presence shown in the hearts of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as they lived in the thought of God, of heaven and of eternity.

The light of mutual love and devotedness also shone bright in the holy House. St. Joseph labored, watched and suffered for Jesus and Mary; the Virgin Mother had given her whole being —her thought, her will, her feelings and her every act —to her Son. She reflected and repeated all His sufferings in her own heart and stood by Him in the work of Redemption. Jesus, though Master and Lord, was subject and obedient, accepting work, sharing in the hardships and devoting Himself to Mary and Joseph; and this to teach future generations how blessed it is to obey, to be obscure, to be poor, and to suffer. Their virtuous lives bore witness to all around them, edifying them by their kindness, self-denial, modesty and justice.

The example of the Holy Family was intended to shed its rays upon every house where father, mother and children are gathered together. Every Christian family should live in the presence of God and the thought of eternity to come. Every family should seek and cherish love for one another and mutual devotedness as exemplified in Jesus, Mary and Joseph. And every family should live in such a way as to edify all men by a good, pure, sober and honest life. Contemplation on the Holy Family, with devout prayer and loving imitation is the easiest means to this end.

Sincerely in the Holy Family,



Fr. John D. Fullerton

SSPX Tournament



On Saturday, October 8th, St. Mary's Assumption Church in **ST. LOUIS, MO** sponsored a joint soccer (for the boys and men) and volleyball (for the ladies) tournament. Coming from mainly the Midwest, a small contingent of chapels sent their teams to battle for sports' supremacy.

Present for the soccer tournament were teams from St. Louis (MO), Kansas City (MO), Armada (MI), Olivet (IL), Chicago (IL) and all the way from Texas, Dickinson. Taking first place for the men's team was Kansas city, Olivet for the under-18 team, and Kansas City again for the under-12 group.

In this stop action shot, the goalie from the Kansas City team attempts to defend his turf against the Olivet offense.



The victorious Kansas City men's team pose after receiving their 1st place trophy.



All smiles about their success on the field, the Kansas City under-12 boys managed to stand still long enough for a shot after winning 1st place for their division.



Crossing the state of Illinois to St. Louis, the Olivet team took 1st place for the under-18 team.

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ents in St. Louis

Meanwhile, the volleyball tournament consisted of teams from St. Louis, Armada, Kansas City and Dickinson. The ladies from Armada won first place for both the "A" and "B" teams.

In mid-flight over the net, the volleyball makes it way to the Kansas City side, which readies itself to return the ball to Armada's side.

volleyball



Waiting their turn to return to the field, the Armada team eagerly watches the outcome of a game between 2 other teams.

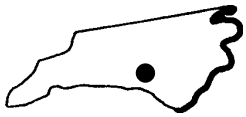


The Kansas City girls of the Junior and High School team pose for a shot in their distinctive red and black "uniforms", demonstrating once again that adhering to Marian-like modesty doesn't mean one can't have fun!



Having traveled all the way from Armada, these girls are rightfully pleased that they volleyed for 1st place.

REGIONAL REPORT



NORTH CAROLINA

As with most SSPX chapels, on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, October 30th, St. Anthony of Padua Church in MT. HOLLY (CHARLOTTE), NC held its solemnities in honor of Our Lord.

It was this feast, Archbishop Lefebvre said, that showed more clearly than any other what the fight of Catholic Tradition against Liberalism was about: the affirmation and practice of the Social Reign of Christ the King, both in the Church and in society, something that is intrinsically denied by the false ecumenism of Vatican II. Hence, many of the SSPX's chapels make a special effort to specially observe this feast day, instituted by Pope Pius XI on December 11, 1925 in his encyclical *Quas Primas*, which was aimed against the liberals who denied Our Lord's social Kingship, a denial that is unfortunately prevalent everywhere in today's world.

So on the Saturday preceding the feast, some of the younger faithful gathered at St. Anthony's to assist in laying out various symbolic sawdust murals on the sidewalks around the church, as well as preparing various necessities for the outdoor altar that would be set up at nearby historic St. Joseph's Church.

On Sunday, following the High Mass, the Eucharistic procession, complete with police escort, went 2.4 miles to St. Joseph's Church where it finished in the adjacent cemetery of the former parish (the church has been closed since the late 1870's) with the concluding ceremonies. These consist of the Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart (a devotion that is primarily focused on His Kingship), the prayer for the Supreme Pontiff, Benediction and the Divine Praises in reparation for blasphemy against the Divine Persons, Our Lady and the Saints.



At the foot of the church's front steps, children prepare a classic *Agnus Dei* motif.



Kneeling with their pastor, Fr. Kenneth Novak, the children who helped make the various sawdust murals pose for an image with their largest work of art.



A view of the procession making its way down the road to St. Joseph's Church.



Kneeling in the cemetery next to St. Joseph's Church, the faithful adore Our Lord. Built in 1843 for immigrant Irish gold miners, St. Joseph's is the fourth oldest Catholic church in North Carolina and still contains its original wooden altar.

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this academic year of 2005-2006, thereby imitating the successful practice that has been in place for many years at the SSPX's Priesterseminar Herz Jesus (Heart of Jesus Seminary) in Zaitzkofen, Germany. There in Winona, the postulants and brother-novices in religious formation can share such classes as Latin, Scripture, Ascetical and Mystical Theology, and Apologetics with the seminarians, thereby making more efficient use of the professors at the seminary. While the brothers, though living in separate quarters (as they are religious and not secular clerics, and thereby, have a rather different type of spiritual life, or, charism), can assist the seminarians by providing them with an example of holiness through their adherence to the vows of religion.



A line up of the brothers and sacred ministers after the ceremonies in front of the Jesus and Mary Chapel. In the background on the left can be seen the cinderblock homes of Juárez just across the Rio Grande river, which in Texas is the border between the United States and Mexico.



Br. Alphonsus is seen here making his perpetual vows as a religious in the SSPX; he made his first profession of vows in 1996, having entered the novitiate as a postulant in 1994.



The outgoing novice master, Fr. Pfeiffer, gives the sermon about the importance of the religious life during the Michaelmas. Fr. Pfeiffer, a veteran retreat master and who worked vigorously in forming the brothers for almost 5 years, is now the prior in Syracuse, NY.

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Fr. Lawrence Novak recently transferred to Mexico will be the group's chaplain. His expertise on the region will be an asset to the participants on this pilgrimage.

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If you have such a recording, please send a copy of it (either on tape cassette or cd) to the attention of Louis Tofari at the Regina Coeli House. Please also include a note that states when the event took place and where, as well as your contact information in case we need to contact you for further information.