

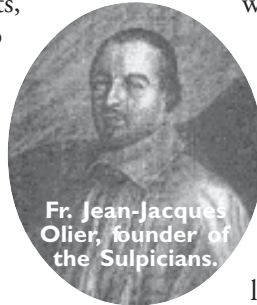
# Regina Coeli REPORT

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## PRIESTS' RETREAT IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA

From April 24 – 29, Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center in PHOENIX, AZ hosted this year's first priests' retreat in the United States District. From the United States and Canadian districts, as well as several friend priests, 31 priests took advantage of the opportunity to cloister themselves from the hustle and bustle of their hectic, pastoral activities and recharge their spiritual batteries in the silence of the retreat. Long-time friend and associate, Fr. Ronald Ringrose, who has had his own chapel of St. Athanasius in Vienna, VA for many years, preached the retreat, which he gave "Sulpician-style".

Hence one of his first talks was on the Society of St. Sulpice, which the SSPX bears some resemblance to, and serves as a model for all secular priests. The congregation was effectively founded in 1642 at St. Sulpice Church (hence, the congregation's name) in Paris, France by a diocesan priest named



Fr. Jean-Jacques Olier, founder of the Sulpicians.

Fr. Jean-Jacques Olier (1608-1657), who was urged to become a priest by St. Francis de Sales himself. The society's object was for the priests to live in common life, but without taking the vows of religion (*i.e.*, to remain secular priests, and not become monastic, just like in the SSPX), to form seminarians and perform works of charity amongst the poor. In fact, Fr. Olier's first apostolate was in assisting the poor both materially and spiritually and in this work he was guided by none other than St. Vincent de Paul. The fruits of the Sulpicians were many over the years, from the formation of St. John Baptist de la Salle (the founder of the Christian Brothers, whose necessity Fr. Olier perceived), to the evangelization of Canada; while in the United States, assistance to St. Elizabeth Seton in founding the Sisters of Charity and the operation of several diocesan seminaries.

With this little bit of history in mind, Fr. Ringrose



After the retreat, the priests lined up in front of the retreat center's arcade for a group photo. Their retreat master, Fr. Ringrose, is circled.



After the general group photo, the priests who came from the Canadian District decided that they wanted their very own! From left to right: Frs. Patrick Girouard, Emanuel Herkel, Loren Gerspacher, Gerard Rusak and Carl Sulzen.

explained to the priests the Sulpician method of mental prayer, and drew from the spirit of the Sulpician congregation to show how priests should sanctify their daily lives, even in the midst of their busy, pastoral duties. One of the most appropriate and striking “Sulpician points” made was on saying Mass well and as a consequence, living one’s priestly life based upon the Mass, as the liturgy *is* mental prayer. This spirit is at the core of Sulpician spirituality, and Fr. Olier himself wrote a treatise titled *L’esprit des cérémonies de la messe* (*The Spirit of the Ceremonies of the Mass*), while one of his spiritual sons in the 20th century, Fr. Walter Schmitz (former papal master of ceremonies), authored several excellent books detailing how priests should offer Mass. This of course goes hand in hand

with the spirit of Archbishop Lefebvre, the founder of the SSPX, who when once asked by a young priest how he could be a better priest replied: “*Say your Mass well everyday, and you have fulfilled your priesthood*”.

Fr. Ringrose also stressed the importance of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of priests, communication with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, spiritual communions throughout the day, examining of one’s faults and praying of the Breviary. Thanks to these annual district retreats, the priests are able to go back to their missions and priories after some much needed spiritual rejuvenation and even some respite from the day to day grind of the secular priestly life, while not losing sight of their own sanctification.

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

Pope Pius XII in his document *Guiding Christ's Little Ones* says: “*Train the character of your children. Correct their faults, encourage and cultivate their good qualities and coordinate them with that stability which will make for resolution in after life. Your children, conscious, as they grow up and as they begin to will and think, that they are guided by a good parental will, constant and strong, free from violence and anger, not subject to weakness or inconsistency, will learn in time to see therein the interpreter of another higher will, the will of God, and so you will plant in their souls the seeds of those early moral habits which fashion and sustain a character, train it to self-control in moments of crisis and to courage in the face of conflict or sacrifice, and imbue it with a deep sense of Christian duty.*”

Another word for this “*sense of Christian duty*” is responsibility, which is defined as the moral accountability of a person for his voluntary acts. Responsibility is also, in our consideration of the past few months, the second of the essential R’s that parents must instill in their children, the lack of which has affected today’s social life and added to the acceleration of our nation’s moral degradation.

Nowhere is this more obvious than in the sins committed against justice, where the common good, duties towards individuals or ultimately towards God are selfishly thrown aside with blatant disregard for the moral law. Justice, like every other virtue, enters into the Christian categorical imperative: “decline from evil and do good”; and, therefore, it implies not only the obligation to do good to others, but also that of not impeding or injuring the rights of others.

Ultimately this is a problem that is caused by the fact that the principles of penance and atonement are not functioning in many people’s lives today. When someone does something bad, that person should be made to feel bad (penitent) about it and held responsible for correcting the problem caused by

his misdeeds (atonement). In many families, these principles have been turned upside down so that when the children misbehave, it is the parents who feel bad about their misdeeds and it is the parents who try to solve the problem, which only the children can solve; starting with their feeling bad about it themselves. Without penance, atonement will never take place. Unless complete responsibility for a problem involving misbehavior is assigned to the child in question, that problem will never be solved. Parents must, therefore, unload these problems onto their children’s shoulders, or better yet never take them upon themselves in the first place.

In the past, when children misbehaved in school, they were routinely assigned the consequences of their own misbehavior. They were made to shoulder the consequences and parents were expected to support the disciplinary actions taken and even amplify them at home if need be. Even if parents felt that the teacher wasn’t the best in the world, or that the teacher wasn’t handling the behavior properly or was even overreacting to their children’s behavior, they realized that none of this was as relevant as two solid facts: their child had misbehaved and thus required punishment. Parents felt that their first obligation was to back authority and thus even when there was a doubt they gave the benefit of the doubt to the teacher and not to their child. Thus the child who created a problem at school had an agonizing walk home knowing that he was “in for it”.

But today, there are many parents who have swallowed the bait, hook, line and sinker, of modern propaganda spread by “parenting professionals” and so do not want their children to suffer any “negative consequences” caused by the “old fashioned disciplinary methods, which were cruel, hurtful and even abusive.” This results in their being overprotective, and because they don’t want to be considered as “mean” by their children, they no longer use disciplinary techniques that are memorable

and thus persuasive. When there is a problem, they blame the teacher for their children's misbehavior and so teach their children that irresponsible behavior is inconsequential. Thus, no matter what action the school takes, it cannot correct the problem because of the improper values taught at home.

These same "professionals" equate discipline with punishment, meant to break children's wills to make them passively subservient. But parents must recognize that this is not the goal of proper discipline and that discipline and punishment are not the same thing. Ultimately, the goal of parental discipline is to produce adults who require minimal "management" of their behavior; in other words, self-disciplined, or adults who are able to successfully take discipline into their own hands. Punishment may be part of the whole process of discipline but parents should keep in mind that punishments are given primarily for helping not punishing children. Parents must let the punishment fit the crime and the only one that does so is the one that stops the crime from happening again. Children will not stop misbehaving because their misbehavior makes their *parents* upset but only when it makes *them* upset.

Nor should we think discipline to be the breaking of wills but rather the bending of wills toward their proper end in order to make children autonomous. To do this, parents must establish reasonable yet challenging expectations by setting and enforcing limits, which they themselves model as socially appropriate behavior. Parents need to discipline their children but they must first be disciplined themselves if they hope to instill the same in their children.

Too often, parents themselves lack discipline and so correct, or rather punish, even the smallest mistakes with great drama and passion. But disciplined parents know where they stand

and where they want their children to stand and they understand that a key to successful discipline is the projection of proper self-confidence. By communicating their expectations in no uncertain terms, coming straight to the point, telling (not asking!) the child what to do, parents project this self-confidence. If enforcement is needed, it is done in an evenhanded way without brutality or bribery. When children misbehave, self-confident parents make sure that those same children get upset, while they themselves remain calm. Only the penitent atones.

Discipline is the process of making a disciple, i.e. one who voluntarily follows your lead. The result for parents who discipline correctly will be that their children will respect their wisdom and seek their guidance. They will place great value on their parents' approval and so want to behave in ways pleasing to them. Well-disciplined children will thus be guided toward accepting ever-increasing amounts of responsibility for their lives.

Next month I will continue with this consideration on responsibility training. Suffice it to say for now that old-fashioned discipline still works and is a key element in teaching responsibility to children.

I look forward to seeing many of you at this year's ordinations in Winona, which will take place on Friday, June 23, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This year there will be four Americans ordained to the priesthood and one to the diaconate. Please keep the ordinands in your prayers.

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

*Fr. John D. Fullerton*

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## IDAHO

From April 2 – 8 during Passion Week, the faithful at Immaculate Conception Church in **POST FALLS, ID** were fortunate to have a parish mission given by Fr. Alphonsus Maria of the traditional Redemptorists from the Orkney Islands (Papa Stronsey) in Scotland.

More than 500 faithful attended the evening sermons that ranged from the subjects of salvation, confession, death,

hell, the mercy of God, prayer and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Each evening talk was followed by a Holy Hour with Benediction and then Mass, while confessions were heard during the week. At the week's close, Fr. Alphonsus led the faithful in making devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (the patroness of the Redemptorist congregation) after which he bestowed 3 blessings upon them: his personal, the papal (accorded after a parish mission following the normal rules of indulgence) and then finally of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



Concluding the parish mission, Fr. Alphonsus bestows the papal blessing upon the faithful.

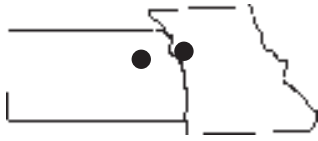


From high above the sanctuary, Fr. Alphonsus Maria gives a sermon on the importance of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with her famous image of Perpetual Help prepared below.



Here Fr. Alphonsus leads the packed church in honoring Our Lady

# ST. JOSEPH TABLES



On the feast of St. Joseph, March 19th, St. Vincent de Paul Church in KANSAS CITY, MO and the Immaculata Chapel in ST. MARY'S, KS held their annual festivities in honor of the provider for the Holy Family.

The events consisted of elaborately decorated tables piled with baked goods, holy images, and auction items for sale, the proceeds of which went to different causes. At St. Vincent's, as has been the custom since 1979, the funds were used to have Masses said for priests of the Society (from 1979 until 2005, 7,075 Masses have been offered so far). At St. Mary's, the money (\$10,500 this year) was used to have 700 Masses said for the Poor Souls in Purgatory and for religious vocations.



Here some of the ladies of St. Mary's diligently work at transforming mere tables into...



...this beautiful, symmetrical layout.

## ST. MARY'S, KANSAS



A close-up of some of the food stuffs and auction items that were available.



Here the pastor, Fr. Vicente Griego, blesses the table.

# S IN THE MIDWEST



With much experience, the ladies at St. Vincent's utilize nearly every square inch of space in the cramped, basement parish hall to layout everything for the St. Joseph's table.

Between the 2 Sunday Masses, the pastor, Fr. Kenneth Dean, blesses the table.



## ST. VINCENT'S, KANSAS CITY



Posing with a bottle of Cana wine obtained while on pilgrimage recently in the Holy Land (cf. page 7 of this report), the lady who organizes the event every year stands in front of the special table prepared for the Holy Family.



The "Holy Family" stand for their portrait before they sit down to their special dinner, though the parish Italian dinner was actually held the previous day.

# INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Second from the left standing, Fr. Albert confers the veil on a new daughter of St. Dominic.



The sisters joyfully pose after the Mass. Newly-veiled Sister Marie-Thérèse is wearing the white veil.

## NEW ZEALAND

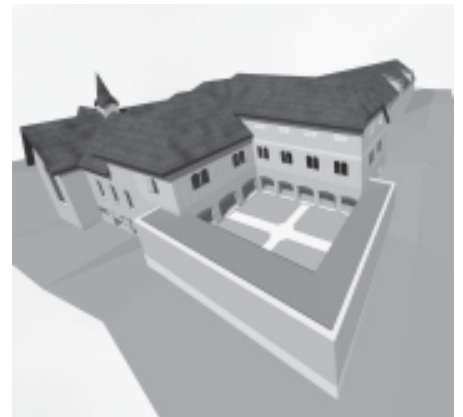


Formerly, those SSPX houses and missions in New Zealand were part of a joint Australia-New Zealand District, but recently, the New Zealand region was attached experimentally to the Asian District, based in Singapore City, Singapore. From Wanganui, New Zealand, Fr. Francois Laisney reported of the following events that occurred on his side of the world.

The veiling of a postulant from New Zealand as a Dominican sister took place on December 22nd (a Marian feast in the Dominican Rite), receiving the name of Sister Marie-Thérèse after a retreat given to the Dominican sisters' community<sup>1</sup> by Fr. Albert from the traditional Dominican monastery in Avrillé, France. During the retreat, Fr. Albert explained St. Thomas Aquinas' teaching on religious life, and how it is characterized by the stability of pursuing perfection by the vows of religion (poverty, chastity and obedience) and practice of the evangelical counsels.

The second event was the groundbreaking for the new St. Dominic's College in Wanganui, which is adjacent to the SSPX's chapel and St. Anthony's primary school. This was a momentous occasion, as the building project was being constantly delayed by the city council through legal complications. Finally on February 22nd, the building permit was received, then the ground could be marked, blessed and the first shovel-full of dirt turned over. Being built in two stages, the complex will ultimately consist of a convent cloister (on the second floor) and school (on the first floor) and will also serve as a Dominican novitiate, and novices are expected soon from various parts of Asia.

<sup>1</sup> It was founded by Mother Micaela Dillon, who once belonged to the Dominican Sisters of Dunedin, New Zealand, where she had served for many years in their school at Auckland. However, modernist pressures forced her out of her convent, and then she served some homeschooling families for a while, moving in November 1997 to SSPX's primary school, St. Anthony's in Wanganui. The new community has close ties to Dominican Teaching Sisters of Fanjeaux and was approved by Bishop Fellay.



A computer architectural rendering of the convent-school complex, complete with a classic cloister.



Fr. Laisney readies to break ground on the new convent-school complex. Behind him is the SSPX's own buildings.

## HOLY LAND

From March 3 - 13, 2006, under the guidance of the St. Pius X Pilgrimage Co., and the spiritual direction of Fr. Benoit Wailliez (the prior and pastor at St. Joseph's in Armada, MI), 37 pilgrims from various chapels throughout the United States went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Some of the highlights were ascending to Mt. Tabor, sailing on the Sea of Galilee (we are informed that none of the pilgrims caught any fish for dinner though), walking through the Shepherd's Fields, performing the *Via Dolorosa* in Jerusalem, and visiting many places known well by the Holy Family, from the Church of the Miracle at Cana, to the Mount of the Beatitudes to the Garden of Gethsemane. Of course, also visited were such sacrosanct shrines as the Calvary Chapel and the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.



Fr. Wailliez and pilgrims stand for a photograph outside one of the entrances to the Holy Sepulchre.

## EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

### MONTHLY INTENTIONS

<i>July</i>	For the poor
<i>August</i>	For the Catholic hierarchy
<i>September</i>	For good schools

### U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE—March 2006

Daily Offering	17,118
Masses	8,152
Sacramental Communion	6,881
Spiritual Communion	15,560
Sacrifices	42,504
Decades of the Rosary	69,211
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	7,238
15 minutes of silent meditation	8,120
Good Example	20,841
Number returned	635

# RETREAT SCHEDULE

## ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT HOUSE

209 Tackora Trail, Ridgefield, CT 06877

(203) 431-0201

**MEN:** July 10-15, August 21-26

October 16-21, December 11-16

**WOMEN:** June 26-July 1, August 7-12 (Third Order), September 18-23, November 6-11

## ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

19101 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos, CA 95033

(408) 354-7703

**MEN:** August 21-26, October 2-7, November 9-12 (weekend)

**WOMEN:** June 26-July 1, September 11-16, October 23-28, November 16-19 (weekend)

## OUR LADY OF SORROWS RETREAT CENTER

750 E. Baseline Road, Phoenix, AZ 85042

(602) 268-7673

**MEN:** October 9-14, December 4-9

**WOMEN:** September 18-23 (Virtues), November 13-18

**MIXED:** December 26-31 (Marian)

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SEMINARY

21077 Quarry Hill Rd., Winona, MN 55987

(507) 454-8000

**MEN:** July 3-8

**WOMEN:** July 17-22

# 2006 SSPX SUMMER CAMPS

## Syracuse, NY

Champions for Life Campgrounds  
Auburn, NY.

### **COMMANDOS OF THE IMMACULATE CAMP**

**Boys** (ages 13-18): August 6-12

### **EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE CAMP**

**Boys** (ages 7-13): August 13-19

Camp Grounds near Nicholville, NY

**Girls** (ages 13-18): August 6-12

### **EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE CAMP**

**Girls** (ages 7-13): August 13-19

**Contact: BVM, Mother  
of God Church: 315-422-8127**

## Los Gatos, CA

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Retreat  
& Camp Center

**Boys** (ages 9-16): July 9-22

**Girls** (ages 9-16): July 30-August 5

## Phoenix, AZ

Held in Prescott, AZ

**Girls** (ages 14-19): August 14-19

**Contact: 408-354-7703**

## East Coast

Camp Olmsted, Scandia (Warren), PA

**Girls** (ages 13-18): July 30-August 10

**Girls** (ages 7-12): August 10-16

**Contact: St. Joan of Arc Society: 716-753-7611**

## Young Adults Gathering

August 10-14, 2006

(ages 21-39)

Estes Park, CO

**For details contact,**  
Mr. Grider Lee: griderlee@saintisidores.org

## Saint Pius X Pilgrimage Co.

(Fully escorted pilgrimages accompanied by an SSPX priest)

### ITALY WITH THE SAINTS

(AUGUST 2 - 13, 2006)

Pompei • Padre Pio • Monte Angelo • Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano • House of Loretto • Home of St. Francis of Assisi • St. Rita of Cascia • Rome including Papal Audience and Scavi Tour • Genazzo with the Miraculous Image of Our Lady • Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto • St. Catherine of Sienna • Florence • St. Catherine of Bologna • St. Anthony of Padua • St. Mark in Venice • and more.

**Price: \$2995.00**

### HOLY LAND

(FEBRUARY 2-MARCH 7, 2007)

Nazareth • Bethlehem • Jericho • Caves of the Dead Sea Scrolls • Cana-Mount Tabor • Capernaum • Sea of Galilee • River Jordan • Mount Carmel • Bethany • Ein Karem • Jerusalem • Mount of Olives • Holy Sepulche • Stations on the Via Dolorosa

Price per person includes direct flight from Newark, NJ, transportation, hotels, 3 meals a day, double occupancy, etc.: \$2485.00 **NB:** this will be our last pilgrimage to the Holy Land!

### TURKEY

(AUGUST 5-17, 2007)

This pilgrimage is limited to 30 pilgrims, so sign up early! *Price not yet available*

Adana • Antioch • Tarsus • Cappadocia • Hierapolis-Ephesus (the House of the Blessed Virgin Mary) • Patmos where Saint John wrote the Book of Revelation • Troy • Istanbul and more • following Saint Paul in His preaching

### IRELAND, ENGLAND, FRANCE

(JUNE 2008)

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For itinerary brochure, reservations contact: Saint Pius X Pilgrimage Co., Robert & Christine di Cecco, 38 Ten Coat Lane, Shelton, CT 06484; telephone 203-922-0096; or e-mail: info@stpiusxpilgrimage.com

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## BLESSING OF THE NEW REGINA COELI HOUSE

All are invited to attend this event on June 15th, the Feast of Corpus Christi. Bishop Fellay will bless the new building at 3:00 p.m.

For details, call the District Office: 816-753-0073