

Regina Coeli REPORT

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SUMMER CAMPS HELP REBUILD CATHOLIC SOCIETY

During the summer, several camps were held throughout the SSPX's United States' District for both boys and girls. The purpose of these camps is to inculcate in the youth good spiritual habits, provide Catholic camaraderie, and teach them how to have innocent fun as well as helpful skills, all of which assist in the restoration of Christendom.

One of the boys' camps held this year in the United States was just outside Clarkia, ID, near Saint Maries from July 19-27, led by the intrepid Fr. Patrick Crane. In addition to being able to attend daily Mass (a spiritual treat for those who come from the missions where Mass is offered only a Sunday), the boys were given conferences on the matters pertaining to the Faith. While as young men in formation, the boys were taught teamwork through the playing of war games, and navigating an obstacle course (as a team). They also learned skills of providing, by building their own shelters and then staying in them overnight. The boys also enjoyed archery, hiking and a variety of other activities.

For the girls on the East Coast, the St. Joan of Arc Society hosted two girls' camps this summer at Camp Olmsted in Russell (Warren), PA.

The first was for the Teen Girls' (ages 13-18)



Under the canopy of two giant redwood trees, Fr. Crane offers Mass upon an "altar" erected between them.



Under careful supervision, this boy is learning how to scale a tree with a rope.



Surrounded by forest, the boys pose with their camp counselors (two of whom were seminarians, having the camp as part of their summer apostolate) and Fr. Crane (center in back row).



Here the girls have "home economics" by learning to make that staff of life in every home, bread.

After enjoying a cookout, the girls kneel down to pray the rosary.



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from July 30-August 10, the theme being Catholic Womanhood. Dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the camp was a balanced mixture of seriousness with entertainment. In addition to daily Mass and rosary, their chaplain, Fr. Gerard Beck, gave conferences and taught catechism to them, instructing and bolstering them in living the Faith. While events such as folk dancing and "outstanding" performances of four Shakespearean plays by the girls (*Julius Caesar*, *The Tempest*, *Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Taming of the Shrew*) taught them to appreciate fine, social arts. The girls also had such activities as an inter-camp volleyball tournament and attendance at an old-fashioned, Western rodeo.

The second camp was the Little Girls' (ages 7-12) held from August 10-16 and dedicated to devotion for the Holy Eucharist. Newly-ordained, Fr. Mark Stafki was their chaplain, and presented a well-developed program of spiritual and physical activities, including crafts, swimming in the Alleghany Reservoir, a campfire, songs, games, skits and even a treasure hunt on the Feast of the Assumption. Another integral part of the Little Girls' camp was that six girls from the Teen Girls' camp joined the counseling staff for the younger girls, which acted as a learning experience for them, and hopefully, will assist in the future continuance and growth of the SSPX's camp apostolate in this country.



The counseling staff and girls from the Teen Girls' Camp pose for a group picture.



The Little Girls' Camp group shot. Fr. Stafki is standing on the left.



During the Little Girls' Camp, the girls have fun learning the Broom Dance.

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

By the end of this month we hope to be residing in our new district house on the outskirts of Kansas City. I thank you for your generosity towards this project, which is also the first step of another project here at the present building. As soon as we have moved, the former district house will not only continue as the priory for Kansas City, but it will also serve as a house of studies for priests who wish to join us in the fight for tradition. Your continued spiritual and material support is very much appreciated.

Let us return now to the consideration of the training children require and which is almost forgotten today. This month we will consider the last of the 3-Rs, namely resourcefulness.

Let us begin by considering why it is important to train children to be resourceful. We can easily answer this question by considering the definition of resourceful. A resourceful person is one who is full of resource or fertile in expedients, in other words, someone who is capable of dealing with a situation or meeting a difficulty

through the means afforded by the mind or personal capabilities. We know, as adults, how we are faced with numerous situations and difficulties each and every day. It is therefore not too difficult to see how important this training in resourcefulness is.

A resourceful child is able to think more creatively and flexibly and therefore, when faced with difficult problems, sees them as opportunities for exploring, experimenting, adapting and inventing. A resourceful child enjoys being challenged. When he overcomes one challenge he looks for a higher one. If he falls short, he becomes even more determined. Dejection and despair are seen as a waste of time and he applies to himself the essence of *"if at first you don't succeed, try, and try again"*, which is simply the virtue of perseverance.

How then do we teach our children to become resourceful?

First of all, it is important that parents are themselves able to distinguish between what their children simply want and what they truly need. This is important because children cannot do this for themselves. To a child, the state of want and the state of need feel exactly the same. Their wants become their needs and are more urgently expressed. Most of us have probably witnessed the darling little child who throws a temper tantrum when refused something he wants, *e.g.*, candy or toys. The same child is likely to also throw a fit when he is told that there will be no dessert until he eats the meal set before him even if he doesn't like it. It is therefore up to parents to draw the line between wants and needs in every aspect of a child's life. In doing so, they should understand that children want ten times the toys, freedom, help with homework and other tasks, and even attention than they need.

Parents are obligated to give their children all they truly need and only some of what they want. A child who is given an excess of their favorite food at every meal will soon become sick. Likewise too much parental attention will harm a child by keeping them from learning to stand on their own two feet. When parents fulfill this obligation then children are given the opportunity to figure things out for themselves and they learn how to organize their time, occupy themselves, solve academic and social problems, and so on. But when parents give excessively to their children, in whatever area, not only do children not have to figure anything out for themselves, but they are incapable of doing so and they will be unable to persevere in the face of adversity or tolerate frustration.

Take for example the subject of homework. Years ago, when a child went to school, he was informed that

his homework was indeed his. More often than not, when a child asked for help he was told *"You can do that on your own."* The child learned that success was often less a matter of ability and more a matter of keeping the nose to the grindstone (perseverance).

Today however, more often than not, a child doesn't even have to seek for his parents help. One of them (usually the mother) is sitting right there beside him prodding him on to complete his homework. The child may get good grades, but he is not learning to take initiative or manage his time properly, or use trial and error, or set priorities. In short, he is not learning to be resourceful or accept responsibility for himself and it should be no wonder that such children are so often bored, or whiny, or dependent.

Another example is the number of things children possess. Years ago, children were given very few toys and the few they had they took good care of. Such children rarely complained of being bored. They simply learned to do a lot with the little they had (resourcefulness). The wealth of resources the mind contained more than compensated for the lack of material possessions.

This is quite a contrast with today's children who have been given all kinds of toys and gadgets. From day one such children are taught that their ability to occupy and entertain themselves is in direct proportion to the number of things they have and that only the latest and greatest thing will bring them happiness.

This is not to say that parents who give their children what they want necessarily intend any harm to them. Most parents want their child to have a happy childhood. But, by pandering to their wants, they teach them to chase after false notions of happiness, which will be detrimental not only to their temporal and eternal welfare but also to the welfare of others dependent on them later in life.

Nor should we expect children to solve every problem on their own. Proper supervision requires that parents step in at times to buffer, deflect, or even eliminate certain problems, especially if dangerous. However, the fact remains that parents cannot run constant interference for children and then expect that as adults they will successfully anticipate and deal with life's numerous problems on their own. Parents then have an obligation to help their children stand on their own two feet.

Sincerely in Christ the King,



Fr. John D. Fullerton

EPISCOPAL, SACERDOTAL, AND RELIGIOUS

Since the Spring, throughout the District, chapels have hosted a variety of special events involving bishops, priests and religious, and here we cite a few.

Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center, Phoenix, AZ

Throughout the year, fulfilling their role as "sacramental bishops", the 4 bishops consecrated by Archbishop Lefebvre for the work of the SSPX (and thereby Catholic Tradition), tour the globe to administer the sacrament of Confirmation, in which young men and women become soldiers of Christ for the Church Militant. This regularly occurs in this country in the Spring, and this year was no exception.

On the evening of Thursday, April 20th, Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais confirmed 36 faithful from the chapel, of which 23 were young and adult men, and 13 were young ladies and women. It is one of the largest confirmation classes that the Phoenix chapel has had, and the pastor, Fr. Trevor Burfitt, reports that the parish is indeed growing. One of the reasons for the growth is due to the actions of the local ordinary, Bishop Thomas Olmsted, when he rescinded on an agreement to allow a *Novus Ordo* bishop to perform the traditional rite of confirmation for the local Indult parish. The other cause of growth is from the youthfulness of the parish, resulting in nearly 2 baptisms a month, while this year, the school's attendance doubled from 30 to 69.



A new, young Soldier of Christ is anointed with the sacred chrism, while Fr. Christopher Leith (in the background wearing a stole) stands ready with a cotton ball to wipe off the confirmand's forehead. Fr. Burfitt, sitting on the opposite side of the bishop, is out of view.

St. Isidore the Farmer Mission, Watkins (Denver), CO

On the Feast of the Precious Blood, Saturday, July 1st, for a second time within the past few months, a Benedictine ceremony of taking perpetual vows was made within the Romanesque confines of the Denver chapel. This time it was Br. Thomas Aquinas, and it occurred during a Solemn High Mass celebrated by Benedictine Fr. Cyprian, who is the prior at Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery in Silver City, NM.



Kneeling before the altar, Br. Thomas Aquinas makes his four-fold monastic vows of chastity, poverty, obedience and (the special Benedictine vow) of stability.



After the ceremonies, newly-perpetually professed Br. Thomas Aquinas (left of Fr. Stephen Delallo holding the ribbon-wrapped document of profession) poses with his superior, Fr. Cyprian (center in vestments), his monastic community and other clerics.

Immaculate Conception Church, Oak Park (Chicago), IL

Priestly ordinations were held this year on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 23rd, during which 3 new priests were ordained for the Catholic Church at St. Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN. Just days later, newly-ordained Fr. Paul Robinson celebrated one of his first Masses at Our Lady Immaculate Church on the Feast of the Holy Apostles, Sts. Peter and Paul, Thursday, June 29th. Assisting him during the Solemn High Mass were Fr. Steven McDonald (as deacon, and the former pastor) and Fr. Adam Purdy (as subdeacon).



A scene during the Gospel at Solemn High Mass, during which the celebrant listens as the deacon chants the reading while the subdeacon holds the book, both being surrounded by the acolytes bearing candles and the thurifer and master of ceremonies, all of which have rich symbolic significance.



After the Mass, Fr. Robinson gives his first blessing to the faithful with the special form that newly ordained priests are privileged to use that includes the offering of the priest's sacramental hands to be devoutly kissed.

S ACTIVITIES ABOUND IN USA DISTRICT

Assumption Chapel, St. Mary's, KS

Stationed as the pastor at the Assumption Chapel, Fr. Wolfgang Goettler celebrated his priestly Silver Jubilee with the parish holding a reception in his honor. Though from Germany and ordained at the SSPX's International Seminary of St. Pius X in Ecône, Switzerland, for most of his 25 years as a priest, Fr. Goettler has labored as a harvester of Our Lord in the United States. He first arrived in 1983, spending his first 4 years in Ridgefield, CT as a seminary professor, returning to Germany briefly from 1987 to 1989. He returned to the seminary (then moved to Winona, MN) in 1989 and remained there for 15 years, all the while, tending on the weekends to various missions in the Midwest. Finally, a well-deserved break was given to Fr. Goettler, and so he spent a sabbatical at the traditional Benedictine monastery in Silver City, NM, finally coming to St. Mary's one year later to act as its pastor.

At the banquet, several priests and seminarians were present to congratulate Fr. Goettler, and the parish gratefully offered him an expensive sterling chalice completed with intricate enamels.



Fr. Goettler examines in smiling gratitude the wonderful chalice that he has just been presented by the parish. The Marian statue next to him was a gift on his ordination day from his parents.



Modestly standing far off to the right, Fr. Goettler listens as Fr. Vicente Griego, the prior and schoolmaster, pays tribute to Father's laborious years in the priesthood.

Pictures of Fr. Goettler's seminary days, priestly ordination and First Mass were set up on an easel for the faithful to reminisce upon.



St. Vincent de Paul Church, Kansas City, MO

On Tuesday, August 22nd, the faithful at St. Vincent's organized a welcoming party of food and singing for the various priests and brothers who had recently come to Kansas City, either to work for the District Office, or for the parish.

Replacing Fr. Kenneth Dean, the outgoing pastor of eight years at St. Vincent's were newly-arrived Fr. Jean Violette (formerly the Canadian District Superior) as the pastor, and Fr. Damien Fox (formerly a teacher at Georgetown, IL) as the academy principal, leading to the comment, *"it takes two to replace Fr. Dean"*. While for the District Office, replacing Fr. Steven McDonald as District Secretary was Fr. Joseph Dreher (formerly the Vice Rector at seminary in Winona, MN) and the addition of Brs. Gabriel and Rene (from El Paso, TX) to assist with various tasks.

Also residing at the priory is Fr. Christopher Peroni, the first to enter the District's program for assisting priests in returning to Tradition, having come in contact with the SSPX while ordering an altar missal from Baghdad, Iraq, where he was serving as a military chaplain. Fr. Peroni, formerly a priest of the Phoenix, AZ diocese, has also served as a campus ministry chaplain, and so he has much himself to offer our own priests in way of pastoral insight.

Because the move to the new District Office has not taken place as anticipated, these additional persons have temporarily resulted in rather cramped conditions at the Regina Coeli House, provoking some jovial comments about *"living on top of one another"*. Pray that this will be alleviated soon, and that much fruit will be born by SSPX's continuing apostolate in forming good priests.



Fr. Dean symbolically turns over the "keys" of St. Vincent's to its new pastor, though the real set of keys to the parish complex is much more substantial, and for 8 years, was Fr. Dean's "penance".



To rounds of welcoming applause, Fr. Dean introduces the newly arrived priests and brothers to the faithful of St. Vincent's.

May Crownings

During the month of May, the Queenship of Mary the Mother of Our Savior is publicly honored and observed within our chapels in the United States through such devotions as rosary processions and the customary crowning of an image of Our Lady, and here we highlight a few examples. Such outpourings of filial affection for our Queen and Mother should deepen our devotion to and strident desire for the triumph of her Immaculate Heart which includes public recognition of her role as Queen of Nations in conjunction with the Social Kingship of her Divine Son.

ENDWELL (Binghamton), NY

On Sunday, May 7th, St. Athanasius Church held its crowning and outdoor procession after Sunday Mass which is celebrated at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, as the chapel is on the later part of their pastor's (Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer) circuit.

Complete with an ornate and canopied bier bearing the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, the Marian procession wound through the neighborhood, and concluded with Fr. Pfeiffer crowning the image in front of the church for the public to witness.



With Fr. Pfeiffer leading the faithful in singing hymns and reciting the rosary, the procession leaves the chapel to take Our Lady's image to the streets.



The procession makes its way through the neighborhood and back to the chapel proudly proclaiming the Queenship of Our Lady.

DICKINSON (Houston), TX

Queen of Angels parish held their Marian devotions outdoors on Sunday, May 21st, with a gift of flowers, the crowning of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and then a procession around the spacious complex.



Gathered in front of the rectory, the parish watches as some young girls present flowers to Our Lady.

The crowning complete, the procession including blessed incense, cross and candles makes its way amongst the various buildings.



The elaborate bier that has been prepared to bear the statue of Our Lady Immaculate during the outdoor procession, complete with blue silk-damask, white trim and bows, and a bed of tastefully arranged flowers.



Preceded by Eucharistic Crusaders bearing Our Lady's statue, the former pastor, Fr. Steven McDonald (recently transferred to Armada, MI to become the prior and pastor there) leads the faithful in reciting the rosary.

OAK PARK (Chicago), IL

On Sunday, May 14th, Our Lady Immaculate Church held its Marian ceremonies, complete with an outdoor rosary procession.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



The SSPX's autonomous house of Help of Christians Priory in Karen (Nairobi) Kenya has recently reported some news about its ongoing apostolate in this country on the midwestern side of the African continent.

Frs. Christopher Nouveau (the superior) and Denis Bedel were rather busy during the last few months, starting in February, in heeding the calls of the faithful to be nourished in the pure Catholic Faith not only within Kenya, but also in neighboring countries. This resulted in Fr. Bedel travelling to Mwanza, Tanzania for a few days to administer to a group of 60, then nearly a month later to spend 3 days in Kampala, Uganda. While in Kenya, he journeyed to Mombasa on Palm Sunday in hopes of obtaining a permanent chapel, returning again in June for the same purpose, though unfortunately without result.



Bishop Fellay poses with faithful who have come from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda to attend the ceremonies of confirmations.

On Holy Thursday, through the generous donation of a parish family, the chapel was embellished with this beautiful stained-class window made in Kenya, featuring the namesake mystery of the church.



The recently completed Holy Cross Church in Karen.

Meanwhile, Fr. Nouveau went to Djibouti in the later part of April to give spiritual support to nearly 30 faithful, during which 3 children made their First Communion, then in the middle of May to Uganda to administer to the faithful, and recently in early June, to a small group in the town of Nyeri, situated at the foot of rugged Mount Kenya, whom he told he would visit 3 times a year.

As for the priory itself, on Sunday, March 12th, Bishop Bernard Fellay came to solemnly bless the newly-built Holy Cross Church and administered confirmation to 10 parishioners, while during the same week, the parish rejoiced at its first pre-seminarian joining Holy Cross Seminary in Goulburn, Australia. During the Easter Vigil ceremonies, 6 adults and young adults were baptized, while on Easter Sunday, 4 infants became children of God through the regenerative waters of Baptism. Finally, solemnizing the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 18th, for the first time in the Lavington neighborhood, an Eucharistic Procession was held.



Unchanging in its beauty and significance, the traditional Roman rite of confirmation is administered in a small chapel of Kenya by Bishop Fellay just as it would in an ancient European cathedral.



A view of the Corpus Christi Procession through Lavington; one can only surmise how the angels invisibly rejoiced to see their Eucharistic King being honored so for the first time.

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MONTHLY INTENTIONS

- October** For devotion to the Most Holy Rosary
- November** For the dying and the souls in Purgatory
- December** For the heads of states

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE—July 2006

Daily Offering	8,420
Masses	3,481
Sacramental Communion	3,135
Spiritual Communion	11,706
Sacrifices	22,983
Decades of the Rosary	38,233
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	2,444
15 minutes of silent meditation	3,771
Good Example	13,273
Number returned	314