

Regina Coeli REPORT

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REGINA COELI HOUSE CHAPEL BLESSING

Although nearly 5 months have passed since the District Office actually moved from its nearly 15-year location in Kansas City, MO to its new building 30-miles northward in Platte City, MO, the climax of this transition occurred on the Feast of the Annunciation, (transferred this year from Sunday, March 25th to Monday, March 26th). It was then that the SSPX's Superior General, Bishop Bernard Fellay,



The sprinkling of the exterior of the church with holy water follows, as an act of purification that Bishop Fellay compared in his sermon to that of the preparatory exorcisms given at baptism, wherein "the Prince of the World" is told, this building now belongs to the Lord!



Beginning the simple pontifical blessing of a church, the bishop faces the empty building and asks God through the prayer, *Actiones nostras*, to bless the actions and prayers that are about to follow.



After the *Litany of the Saints* is chanted, the bishop sprinkles the interior chapel walls....

...then the floor of the nave in the shape of the cross, further distinguishing the building as *domus Dei*.





Here during the Solemn High Mass that followed the blessing of the chapel, United States District Superior, Fr. Fullerton, chants the Epistle.



Bishop Fellay explains the importance of the ceremony of blessing a chapel, particularly how it is "another door to Heaven", and it is "where Heaven touches Earth" truly making the structure separate and reserved from worldly uses.

After the Mass, the sacred ministers pose with the servers, schola and other clergy who were in attendance: from left to right of the second row: Frs. Beck, Dreher, Arnaud Rostand (Canadian District Superior), Vicente Griego (prior at St. Mary's, KS), and in the third row: Frs. Jean Violette (prior), Stephen, OFM, Thai Trinh (all of Kansas City). Absent from the picture are Fr. Steven Soos (prior at St. Louis) who assisted in the sacristy, and the photographer, Br. Gabriel Marie (who was sacristan).

blessed the headquarters' Regina Coeli Chapel and celebrated a Solemn High Mass, assisted by Frs. Alain Nély (Bishop Fellay's Second Assistant) as deacon and Fr. John Fullerton (District Superior) as subdeacon.

Fulfilling the other liturgical duties during the Mass was an edifying District Office staff effort. On the part of the schola, Frs. Gerard Beck (First Assistant) and Joseph Dreher (District Secretary) ably rendered the beautiful chant that accompanied the blessing of the chapel as well as the Mass for the Feast of the Annunciation, while the inferior ministers in the ceremony included: Fr. Patrick Crane (District Bursar) as Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Louis Tofari, Thurifer, Br. Rene of Mary and Mr. Joseph Rausch the Acolytes, and a boy from St. Vincent's parish had the privilege of being the Crossbearer.

In addition to the District Office priests and staff, several priests and faithful from some of the Midwestern priories and parishes also attended the ceremonies, which demonstrated the District-wide significance of this event.



Though small, nonetheless the Regina Coeli Chapel was able to accommodate the full solemnity of chanting the Gospel by Fr. Nély.



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J.M.J.
April 1, 2007

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

As we celebrate the greatest feast in the Church's calendar, Easter, with its three admirable manifestations of divine power and love, the Resurrection, the Ascension, and the Descent of the Holy Ghost, I wish you many graces. May these produce in you the true spiritual joy that every soul risen with Jesus Christ possesses. *"Joy is not mirth, neither is it clever speeches nor repartees; . . . it is habitual serenity."* (Golden Sands)

Holy Mother the Church so desires to impart this joy, which is a foretaste of eternal happiness, to all her children that She urges us to consider it a duty to keep within us. Thus, after Lent, when we are reminded of the necessity to expiate and given forty days to do penance, there follows fifty days of gladness, light, life, joy and the sweet hope of immortality without a single fast. Furthermore, She seeks to produce such sentiments even in those who have no elevation of soul, so that all, both fervent and tepid, unite to praise our risen Christ. What a happy time it was, says St. Bernard when there was not one in the whole Christian army who neglected his Easter duty; a time when both sinner and just walked on the same path of the Lenten observances.

Unfortunately, many today are influenced by a worldly spirit at variance with the Church's. This spirit produces a love of ease and a false conscience in Christians, who either treat the law of Lent with such indifference as to deny its very existence or think it too severe and so refuse to observe the fast or abstinence even in its mitigated form. Nor is this spirit accidental, for the Resurrection puts the seal of truth upon the deposit of faith which Christ left us. If the enemies of Christ can mislead people regarding this fact then the whole of Christian doctrine is open for attack. For as St. Paul says: *"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins"* (I Cor. xv. 17).

We may well find ourselves among those who take up the spirit of the Church by lamenting our shortcomings during the time of Lent. Yet instead of truly rising with Christ to new life at Easter we return to our spiritual maladies and find ourselves as slothful and negligent, as talkative, as curious or as infected as ever with our various vices. Thus we return rather than pass on, we fall rather than rise and so empty the holy Resurrection of the Lord of the title of Pasch. St. Bernard tells us what the Pasch signifies in his first sermon for Easter Sunday: *"For Christ, dearest brethren, has not fallen back today, but has arisen; He has not returned, but passed on; He has transmigrated, not retraced His*

steps. The very word Pasch, the name of the feast we are celebrating, signifies, not a going back, but a passing over; and the name Galilee, where it is promised us that we shall see Him Who has arisen, means a transmigration, not a return."

But how is it that we relapse so easily? After all, we show Christ reverence during the time of His passion and prepare lodging for Him in our hearts by confessing our sins with tears, chastising our bodies, and distributing alms to the poor. Unfortunately we easily forget that the reverence His resurrection demands is no less. Christ no sooner becomes our Guest when we oblige Him to withdraw from our souls because we readmit our former vices. By acting such we show that we have no respect for the Resurrection or the Passion. For if we really died together with Him we would also rise to a new life together with Him. In the same sermon St. Bernard says: *"Now the humility practiced by you worldlings during the time of Lent is proved to have been only conventional and simulated by the fact that it is not followed by a spiritual exaltation."*

It may very well be that the spirit of the world is silently creeping in, drawing our attention away from the purpose of our creation. If so, let us remember the words of St. Paul: *"Therefore, if you be risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Mind the things that are above, not the things that are upon the earth"* (Col. iii. 1).

Let us recall that everything here on earth, both in the order of time and in the Liturgy, is a preparation for Easter. The four thousand years that followed the fall of our first parents and the promise made to them by God were crowned by the Resurrection. Likewise all that the Church does from the beginning of the ecclesiastical year has this same event in view. It should be the same for us. We should consider it a duty to keep the spiritual joy of this holy season within us throughout the year, by ardently seeking to rise to that life found in our divine Head, and by carefully shunning sin which causes death. By so doing we will imitate our divine Model and prepare for that union which St. John says is *"born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."*

Sincerely in Jesus Christ our Risen Savior,



Fr. John D. Fullerton



Fr. Johnson bestows a first blessing to a religious sister after his ordination.



During the first Mass that he offered the day after his priestly ordination, Fr. Johnson holds aloft Our Lord for all to view and exclaims: "Ecce Agnus Dei..."

“I WILL GO UNTO THE ALTAR OF GOD; TO GOD WHO GIVES JOY TO MY YOUTH.”

As reported in the International section of last month's issue, American Fr. Michael Johnson was ordained to the priesthood at Holy Cross Seminary in Goulburn, Australia, where he had spent his last 4 years of study, having first attended the SSPX's seminaries in Flavingy, France (*Seminaire International Saint Cure d'Arz*) and in Econe, Switzerland (*Seminaire International Saint Pie X*). He was ordained during the Octave of the Nativity on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, December 27th by Bishop Richard Williamson, along with 2 of his fellow deacons. Many though are perhaps unaware of his edifying story of perseverance and fidelity to not only Catholic Tradition, but more especially the Catholic priesthood, despite trials and adversities.

Though originally from the Washington D.C. area, Fr. Johnson lived in California for most of his adulthood and was a late vocation, having entered the SSPX's seminary program at the age of 62. His path to the priesthood actually began in 1962 when he entered the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales with whom he made temporary vows. However, he sought a traditional formation and way of priestly life, and so due to the Modernist changes made within the congregation following the Second Vatican Council, he was forced to leave.

Fr. Johnson then spent 4 years in the Air Force after which he gave his vocation another try in 1971, this time entering the Cistercian's St. Mary's Monastery in New Ringgold, PA, but again, due to the effects of Modernism, he had to leave this order in 1975. He then spent the next 20 years as an accountant, payroll manager and computer programmer analyst in California while tending to his elderly mother.

In 1996, his mother passed away, and again he attempted to find a conservative diocese wherein he could pursue a priestly vocation, but again to no avail. However, during his search he discovered the SSPX, and came into contact with the then District Superior, Fr. Peter Scott. Because of Fr. Johnson's advance age, he could not be promised admittance to one of the Society's seminaries, nevertheless, he quit his job, sold his possessions and came to spend

a couple of months at the Regina Coeli House for a probational period, after which, he was admitted to the Flavigny seminary in October 2000. After 6 years of seminary training, he was finally ordained to the priesthood, and has returned to the United States to take up his first assignment at St. Peter's Priory in Browerville, MN.

However, before he arrived at his first assignment, he offered several of his First Masses, one being in Fiji (having been "volunteered" by another priest), which so happened to be along his flight back to the States from "Down Under". There in weather that registered over 100 degrees and a similar percentage of humidity, he offered one of his first First Masses and embarked upon his apostolic ministry for a small group of faithful that periodically receive the sacraments from the priests of the Society.

Then he continued his journey back to the States, arriving



After the *Missa Cantata*, Fr. Johnson poses with a few of the over 200 faithful that attended his first Mass at Archangel Gabriel Chapel, his home parish so to speak. The Glendale chapel has been associated with the SSPX for over 20 years and is serviced by Fr. Joseph Melito, who preached the sermon.



Taken from the second floor balcony, this picture shows the full crowd that attended the festivities held at Drexel Hall, which included various live songs, instrumental music and even a humorous *Prairie Home Companion* style skit.

home in balmy California, and offering another one of his first Masses on Sunday, January 14th, at the Archangel Gabriel Chapel in Glendale (Los Angeles), CA, where he used to attend the traditional Mass and direct the choir when still a layman.

Then radically changing climates, he returned to where he began with the SSPX, St. Vincent de Paul Church in Kansas City, MO, amidst freezing temperatures, snow and ice (“*so much for global warming*” he quipped!) where he offered the Sunday High Mass on February 4th. After both Sunday Masses, a banquet was held in his honor at the nearby Drexel Hall which was well attended by clergy, religious and laity alike.

Fr. Johnson’s arduous journey to the priesthood is an inspiration for all, and one cannot but see in it an echo of the Psalmist’s longing plea uttered during the Mass’ Prayers of the Foot of the Altar: “*Et introibo ad altare Dei, ad Deum qui laetificat juventutem meam.*”

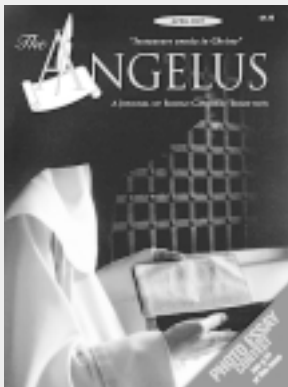


The pastor of St. Vincent’s, Fr. Jean Violette, makes a few comments about the priesthood and adds a “correction” to Fr. Johnson’s sermon given earlier that day: “*the priesthood is not hard, it’s fun!*”



Fr. Johnson talks about his experiences in general, while humorously commenting about the far-reaching apostolates of the SSPX and how it allows one to experience incredible climate changes in a short time: “*I tried to keep warm while celebrating Mass today by thinking of Fiji!*”

Look what you’re missing this month:



- **Letter from the Editor**
- Quick-reference-sheet for **dealing with Muslims**
- **How the Romans viewed the early Christians** and why they persecuted them
- The life of the **Cloistered Dominican Nuns** in Avrillé, France
- Why the **Resurrection** is the central dogma of Catholicism
- Fr. de Chivré explains **why parents must reject the world** if their children are to keep the Faith
- Book Review: **Garcia Moreno**
- **Cardinal Castrillón Hoyos** talks about the current situation in the Church
- Q&A: **Should a wife and mother work outside the home?**
- **The Angelus Photo Essay Contest**

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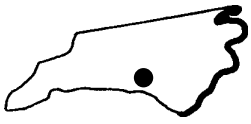
EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS

- April** For the schools (of the SSPX)
- May** For reparation of the offenses made to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and so that love of Mary may grow.

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE—January 2007

Daily Offering	14,580
Masses	7764
Sacramental Communion	6400
Spiritual Communion	17,119
Sacrifices	45,263
Decades of the Rosary	60,065
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	6350
15 minutes of silent meditation	5736
Good Example	19,066
Number returned	539



NORTH CAROLINA

St. Anthony of Padua Church in MT. HOLLY (CHARLOTTE), NC held its 7th annual Epiphany Talent

Night on its namesake feast day, Saturday, January 6th. Orientated on the idea of imitating the 3 Magi by presenting our best talents to Our Lord, members of all 3 chapels in the state of North Carolina (the aforementioned, Holy Redeemer

in Wake Forest [Raleigh] and Old St. Mary's in Goldsboro) delivered an entertaining program of nearly 40 performances over a period of 2½ hours.

Included in the host of musical renditions were solo instrumental acts (on piano, violin, classical guitar, cello, dulcimer, recorder and even by whistling!), singing and music making by family bands (one of which included an Irish jig dancer), singing sololists and by one of families, "A Medley of Classical Poems".

EPIPHANY TALENT NIGHT



The various members of the Spinelli family present recite some poetry for the audience's enjoyment.



The Watner family's Mountain Dew Band played some traditional Bluegrass pieces on the guitar, fiddle and mandolin.



The Palmquist family (of whom the father is self-taught in playing the guitar) sings the melancholic ballad about the demise of American passenger rail travel in *The City of New Orleans*. A wooden train whistle was included, played by the youngest, so the entire family was involved!



To the delight of his parishioners, the pastor of the North Carolina chapels, Fr. Kenneth Novak, even gave a performance on the trumpet!



Here a young man entertains the audience with one of several piano solos performed throughout the evening's successful program.

MUSIC CAMP

On the following day on Sunday inclusive until Monday, was a girls' music camp hosted also at the Charlotte chapel and attended by girls from the other 2 North Carolina chapels. The music camp of 13 girls was led (for a second time in fact) by Kansas City, MO parishioner, Miss Shannon Timmons, and in addition to singing practice there was time for such fun activities as learning how to dance the Virginian Reel, bowling, and an assortment of other games. The camp included 2 musical presentations, the first to a nursing home on Sunday afternoon, and the second to the girls' parents on Monday evening which concluded the camp.

Certainly essential to the restoration of Christendom is that of the musical arts which helps to give audio expression to truth and beauty and assist in forming the intellect, and so it is encouraging to see families taking such a role seriously, while having fun in doing it!



Here the girls dosey-do while dancing the Virginian Reel accompanied by a live guitar and fiddle, also played by 2 of the girls.



A group shot of the girls that attended the music camp. Miss Timmons is standing on the far right.



Taking some time out from singing, the girls enjoy a spell of bowling.



OHIO

St. Peregrine's Academy's in **RICHFIELD (CLEVELAND)**, OH held a religious art contest that concluded with an exhibit on the Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (October 17th). The contest showcased the Sacred Heart of Jesus and all of the academy students (grades Kindergarten through High School) were involved. Though every grade level had a winner, 2 outstanding winners were chosen from grades Kindergarten-5th, and 6th-12th.

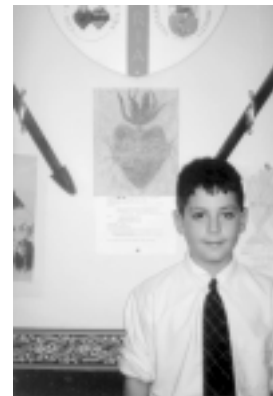
Other recent academy events have been an All Saints' Party, a visit from St. Nicholas, rosary processions, and concerts given by its orchestra.



A sample of some of the Sacred Heart of Jesus renditions that were on display.



The overall winner for grades 6-12 was Jessica Ketchum...



...while for grades K-5 it was Charles Galvin. Both are posing with their artistic renderings.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

These are the dates for the chapels in the United States of America District

BISHOP BERNARD FELLAY

Saturday, May 5	Phoenix, AZ
Sunday, May 6	Dickinson, TX
Saturday, May 12	Kansas City, MO
Sunday, May 13	Post Falls, ID

BISHOP ALFONSO DE GALARRETA

Sunday, June 24	Ridgefield, CT
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RETREAT SCHEDULE

ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT HOUSE
209 Tackora Trail, Ridgefield, CT 06877
(203) 431-0201

MEN: May 7-12, July 9-14, Aug 6-11, Oct 15-20, Dec 10-15

WOMEN: April 9-14, June 25-30, July 23-27 (Marian),
Sept 17-22, Nov 12-17, Jan 14-19, 2008

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19101 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos, CA 95033
(408) 354-7703

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Oct. 22-27, Nov. 29-Dec 2

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Dec. 13-16

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750 E. Baseline Road, Phoenix, AZ 85042
(602) 268-7673

MEN: June 11-16 (Vocations),
Sept. 10-15 (Virtues), Nov. 12-17

WOMEN: May 7-12 (Virtues), Oct. 8-13, Dec. 17-22

MIXED: May 23-27 (Matrimony),
Dec. 27-Jan. 1, 2008 (Marian)

ENGLISH RETREATS IN THE CANADIAN DISTRICT

ST. PIUS X RETREAT HOUSE,

905 Rang St-Mathieu E., Shawinigan, QC, G9N 6T5
(819) 537-9696 tel, (819) 537-6562 fax

MEN: June 3-8, November 4-9

WOMEN: April 29-May 4, October 14-19

Please contact the retreat house in question to
ensure availability before making any travel plans

2007 SSPX SUMMER CAMPS

Los Gatos, CA

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Retreat & Camp Center

Boys (ages 9-16): July 1-11

Girls (ages 9-16): July 21-28

To register, please call the priory at: 408-354-7703

East Coast

Camp Olmsted, Scandia (Warren), PA

Girls (ages 13-18): July 17-27

Girls (ages 8-12): July 29-August 4

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