Dominican Teaching Sisters Make New Foundation in USA

The Congregation of Dominican Teaching Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus of Fanjeaux, France, opened their 8th school in MASSENA, NY on September 25th after much searching for a suitable property. The Fanjeaux sisters were founded in 1800 in the south of France, with the object of teaching young girls academics and household tasks. In 1885, the secular congregation became affiliated with the Order of Preachers thereby adopting their Third Order Rule and acquiring the charisms of the Dominican Order, particularly of the love of *Veritas*.

Up into the 20th century the congregation expanded, establishing schools throughout France, and though the sisters remained united against governmental attacks and the devastation of both world wars, they were ultimately divided by the subtleties of Modernism, forcing the traditional sisters (under the influence of Dominican Fr. Roger-Thomas Calmel) to make a new foundation in Fanjeaux in 1975. The traditional branch now numbers 150 members and has 6 schools in France and 2 here, with students numbering 1000 girls, 250 of which are in the States.

Very soon after the congregation established St. Dominic's School at Post Falls, ID in 1991, the sisters have needed to expand due to the overwhelming number of girls who have sought admission. The opportunity to achieve such an expansion finally came within the last few years, and after much consideration, a former elementary school in Massena, NY (just across the Canadian border) was finally chosen and named after the congregation's title. Set back from the road on a partialy wooded 40-acre plot, the campus includes a 40,000 square foot building containing the classrooms, residences, kitchen, auditorium, gymnasium and chapel, thus meeting the present needs of the academy, as well as offering the possibility of future expansion, something that is *already* neccesary in order to properly accommodate those in residence.

The Holy Name of Jesus Academy has begun with grades preschool to 7th, and each successive year another grade will be added (so that all the students have the opportunity to finish their high school formation in the same academy). This year the faculty consists of 8 sisters and 3 lay teachers with an enrollment of about 30 day students and 20 boarders.



A view of the modern building that functions as school, boarding facilities and convent. Just behind the school can be seen the scenic wooded portion of the campus.

Fr. Arnaud Rostand (the SSPX's Canadian District Superior), inspects the complex with 2 sisters in May to assist in determining the suitability of the building for the Dominicans.



Despite the lack of heat in the building (note the propane heater in the background) Fr. Niklaus Pfluger (the SSPX's First Assistant to the Superior General) takes on the task of inspecting various property maps.

A view of the general disrepair of the former Twin Rivers Elementary School that greeted the prospective sisters and those (like the gentleman with the flashlight) who came to inspect the building.



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Remodeling began immediately after purchase to ready it in time for the academic year, and here we see steel stud walls being wired and readied for insulation and drywall.



The nearly finished product, the walls now "just" await the mudding with joint compound, sanding, priming, painting, installation of trim and outlet covers.



The inevitable painting had to be accomplished; here the sisters prepare for the job...



Meanwhile, the sisters put their backs into removing the old linoleum tile, and here are stripping the underlying concrete of the old black adhesive in preparation for laying new tile...



...which the sisters also completed (though with some help).



...which even included the spraying painting of metal vents and bed frames! Somehow, they managed to stay white the entire time!



Even the girls attending this year (who came for a few days to help out with their new school) pitched in, and here they can be seen sanding shelves under the guidance of one of their "mothers" as the sisters are called by the students.



No job was too big for either the sisters or girls, and as smiles attest, even moving sheets of drywall can be fun!



Taking a break for lunch in the auditorium



One of the dormitories for the girls who are boarders, an area where the sisters will be expanding next year.



The heart and soul of the school, the chapel, though only temporary, since eventually the sisters will build a separate, permanent chapel.



Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer (center in cope), assisted by independent New York state priest, Fr. John Broderick, blesses the new school complex, after which Mass was celebrated.

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Father John Fullerton District Superior

J.M.J. **DECEMBER 1, 2007**

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

During this Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, let us take extra care to ensure that a spiritual preparation for the Savior's coming be foremost in our intentions. For this, Christ's instructive words in the gospel of St. Matthew should be taken to heart: "Unless you be converted and become as little children, you shall not enter into the Kingdom of heaven (Mt. 18:3)."

In this passage Christ presents to His followers the ideal to be pursued. A child's natural guilelessness and innocence symbolizes in a sensible fashion the supernatural and spiritual perfection Christ seeks for and loves in His true followers. He wants them to become by grace what children are by nature. In His children of grace He wants to find supernatural simplicity of soul.

Simplicity, as applied to a person's character, implies an absence of duplicity or complexity, which results when someone's behavior becomes prey to varying moods and passions. If a person habitually yields to the suggestions of his passions or feelings, his thoughts and judgments will be colored by them and they will produce this complexity in his life. Whether it concerns dealing with the daily situations that arise or the many different people one meets, if someone acts upon his constantly changing likes or dislikes there will be an almost complete absence of unity and harmony in his life. Likewise if one's affections are set on created objects which are not all-satisfying and variable they too will constantly change.

Thus, in order to simplify our lives, we must control the tendencies of our passions by simplifying our affections and setting them upon the only object which does not change and is able to satisfy all our desires. God alone can fill this need and so if we love and prize Him above all things then our feelings and emotions will no longer be affected by the various objects which come before us. We will still experience emotions but because they are centered on Him they will not dissipate the energy of our soul by drawing us away from Him. Our behavior will be unified as we seek God's good pleasure and His glory in all things while setting aside the undisciplined play of our passions. St. Gregory says: "Whoever has by the discipline of a virtuous life, reduced his passions to order, becomes as it were a child with regard to them, being insensible to their stirrings."

Simplicity becomes more perfect as this love takes the form of filial piety where the love for God becomes more like that of a child's love for his parents. Those who become children of God in heart and soul, cultivating their joyous dependence on His Heavenly Paternal care, spiritually clinging to His Hand, have become what God wants them to be. Their lives conform to the ideal in His mind as revealed to us by the life of His divine Son.

In those who have attained this childlike simplicity there is an exterior charm that captivates all who have contact with them. One notices a certain candor and limpidity of soul that radiates from their countenance, apparent especially in their eyes. The soul, as it were, mirrors the light of divine simplicity from its Heavenly Father. "The light of thy body is thy eye. If thy eye be single, thy whole body shall be lightsome (Mt. 6:22)."

Simplicity grows from the virtue of humility. But whereas the humble soul gains knowledge by making a certain act of reflection upon oneself, the simple character has developed to the point of being so outwardly fixed on God that it is no longer conscious of self. The soul looks to and pursues only God and thus everything is weighed in His balances and evaluated according to His standards. It has no ulterior motive in life besides this. All its acts are animated with this same spirit, which has become the unifying principle, giving harmony, unity and consistency to its life.

Such souls however, although devoid of self-ambition, are not without magnanimity. Nothing is seen as too arduous when demanded by the Will of God and the childlike soul gives prompt and ready obedience to His orders whether given directly by Him or through His appointed authority. Nor does the nature of the work matter to them as they are quite detached and able, without difficulty, to leave one occupation for another as requested by their superior.

As with a child, the simple soul does not assume airs of superiority and is not affected by distinctions among persons. It accepts superiority, not as a personal prerogative but as a fact due to circumstances and so, while not inattentive to distinctions, their manners towards individuals are free from either subservience or haughtiness. Thus they are respectful and courteous to those placed over them and considerate to those beneath them.

Another trait by which simplicity is compared to children is that it is free of susceptibility. A child will usually forget the punishment he is given and move on to other things very quickly. Similarly, the simple soul will not be disturbed by harshness from others. Because they are wholly concerned about God and not themselves, it is only what tends of its nature to hurt His interests that hurts them. All their dealings with others are conditioned by this attitude which also prevents such things as jealousy, sentimentality and partiality. They shape their life with all its enterprises according to the maxim of the Gospel: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His justice: and all these things will be added unto you (Mt. 6:33)."

Fr. Faber sums up simplicity in one of his conferences on the Blessed Sacrament.

Simplicity aims at one end, seeks only one object, is occupied with one work, and loves with singleness of heart. Its strength lies in its unity of purpose and in its concentration of effort. It clothes its possessor from head to foot in Christ-like gracefulness. It gives an unworldly air to all they do, an astonishing persuasiveness to all they say and their very silence and inaction have something so celestial about them that that very silence and inaction exorcise evil and convert souls.

With the end of 2007 rapidly approaching, I wish to thank you for the spiritual and material support you have given to the U.S. District of the Society of St. Pius X. May God repay you a hundredfold and bless you especially during this anniversary of his birth with simplicity.

Sincerely in Christ our Savior,

Fr. John D. Fullerton

FESTIVITIES FOR THE FEAST

The **Assumption Chapel** in **ST. MARY'S, KS** celebrated the Feast of Christ the King with great festivity and rightfully so! The feast signifies the necessity of the recognition of Our Savior's Social Reign by States and individuals, and as Archbishop Lefebvre surmised, it is the underlying crux of the struggle of Catholic Tradition. Promulgated by Pope Pius XI in December 1925 through the encyclical *Quas Primas*, the feast is especially marked by specially-composed liturgical propers (in both the Divine Office and the Mass) and a Eucharistic Procession.

A morning Solemn High Mass was offered by the District Superior, Fr. John Fullerton, in the auditorium, which easily accommodated the nearly 1200 faithful in attendance, after which the Eucharistic Procession made its way through the town's streets.

After the liturgical ceremonies, the festivities were continued outdoors in the spacious "Quad", and included various cultural activities that help to promote and preserve various forms of Catholic culture (an essential component in the framework necessary for the restoration of Christ's Social Reign), such as dances and music from Germany, Mexico, Ireland and the Philippines, and various samples of ethnic food. Other activities included a juggling act, songs by the parish chorale, raffles and a chicken wing cook-off dinner that followed the singing of Vespers in the chapel (for those who wished to continue in the Church's liturgical festivities), or the recitation of the rosary in the Quad.

The party (at which it was reported that over 1700 were present during the height of the afternoon) in honor of Our Lord's Kingship was completed with a large bonfire in the Quad, ending just a little after 9pm. All these events in St. Mary's fulfilled in a befitting manner the purpose that Pope Pius XI had instituting the feast of Christ the King.



Brothers Tom and Ben Pouliot, students at St. Mary's from upper New York State, show off their juggling skills (here with flaming sticks!) to the delight of the crowd of young boys.

Following are some examples of Catholic culture: a Mexicano folklorico dance...



Fr. Fullerton carries Our Eucharistic Lord during the Eucharistic Procession through St. Mary's.





...a Vietnamese food exhibit...



...German polka dancing...



...and Irish folk dancing.

OF CHRIST THE KING

Here are a couple of pictures from the Christ the King Procession held at the chapel of **Our Mother of Perpetual Help in LOS GATOS, CA.**



Under a canopy (used to show the royalty and dignity of Jesus Christ) borne by the officers of the Los Gatos' chapter of the Holy Name Society, Fr. Jacques Emily (the pastor) carries Our Eucharistic Lord.



From above and behind, a view of the servers preceding the Blessed Sacrament and the choir following as the procession makes it way through the grounds of the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Retreat Center.

IDAHO

For several years now, the apostolate of the International Rosary March promotes at the SSPX's chapels within the United States District a Marian procession during which the 15 decades of the rosary to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of October which is dedicated to her.

This year the march was to occur on Sunday, October 6th, and the parish of Immaculate Conception Church in POST FALLS, ID, turned out in force with over 300 parishioners marching through the nearby town of Coeur d Alene.



With the formidable Fr. James Haynos leading the rosary, the procession, complete with a statue and banners of Our Lady, makes it way down the Sherman Avenue in Coeur d'Alene.



MINNESOTA

Going back to the Spring, in May of this year, Holy Family Academy in **BELLE PLAIN**, MN, held a Jog-a-Thon to raise funds for their academy. The event successfully raised \$4200 and was concluded by a lunch of Subway sandwiches, graciously donated by a parishioner.



A shot of the students attempting to make as many circuits as possible (the more laps they complete, the more money they raise).



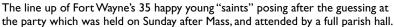
Enjoying a free and healthy lunch!

ALL SAINTS' DAY PARTIES

Throughout the USA District, chapels held All Saints' Day parties on or around the Feast of All Saints (November 1) as an alternative to the secular Halloween customs found in the United States. While most of these practices seem "innocent", they are in fact ancient Druidic (pagan) practices that the Protestants resuscitated to supplant the Catholic customs (*i.e.*, thereby aiding in the destruction of Christendom). For example, the Germanic custom of begging for *Seelenbrot* (a soul bread in return for prayers for the household's deceased), has been replaced with Trick or Treating (which traces its roots to an immoral Druidic practice). Here are 2 examples of All Saints' Day parties from this year.

St. John Fisher Church, Fort Wayne, IN







Two of the saints give their biographies, but in a way that they hope will stump the guessing judges so they can win a prize (judging was also on presentation, acoustics and costume)! The top prize this year for the winning boy (St. Francis de Sales) and girl (St. Joan of Arc) was \$10.00, prompting at least one adult to consider entering next year's contest!

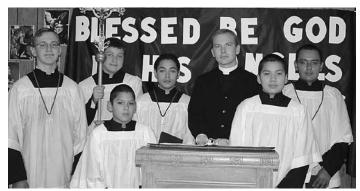
Our Lady Immaculate Church, Oak Park (Chicago), IL



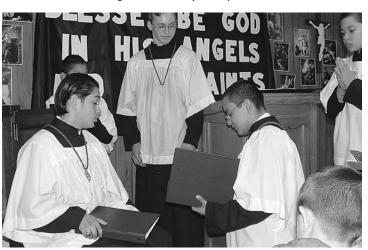
Also held on Sunday after both Masses, here the children ages 3-5 pose for a shot; can you guess which saints they are?



Here we see a St. Francis of Assisi (or is it St. Bernard of Clairvaux?) from the group of children aged 6-7 years old, being interviewed by their pastor, Fr. Michael Goldade.



During the party, the Knights and Knights Aspirants of the Eucharistic Crusade (ages 13-17), reenacted the Council of Chalcedon (451 AD). Here the Council Fathers (who apparently were members of the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen!), which included the likes of the Papal Legate Paschasinus (bishop of Lilybaeum) and St. Anatolis (patriarch of Constantinople) pose after their successful ecumenical council which condemned the Monophysite heresy (which combined the divine and human nature of Jesus Christ into a single, *mono*, nature, *physite*).



In the aftermath of the council, Pope St. Leo I (left, sitting) admonished St. Anatolios (right, kneeling) for his ambitious confusing of his see's imperial importance (the seat of the Roman Empire) with the Apostolic See and succession, an error that he repented of and repudiated.

MISSOURI

St. Mary's Assumption Church in ST. LOUIS, MO hosted their 12th annual soccer - volleyball tournament at Buder Park on October 13th, a crisp, Fall Saturday. Teams

from the SSPX's chapels in Kansas City and Mexico, MO, St. Mary's, KS, Dickinson, TX, Cleveland, OH, Richmond, MI, and St. Louis converged on the Midwestern fields in friendly competition!

St. Louis made almost a clean sweep this year, with their adult and under-11 soccer and their women's volleyball teams

taking first place, while the Cleveland team took first place for their under-15 soccer team.

Sports however was not the only activity, as the day began with first things, first: Mass, breakfast and prayers, then the various competitions, a chili and hot dog lunch, stew and bread for dinner, a marshmallow roast with a large bonfire and an outdoor rosary to commemorate the 90 th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's apparition of the "dancing of the sun".



Starting first with a prayer led by their coach, Fr. Stephen Soos, the Gateway City prepares to meet the competition.

And not about to be out done by the men, here the St. Louis women's volleyball make their "Wheaties, the breakfast of champions" pose.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

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With Fr. Soos proudly clapping in the background for their achievement on the field, the St. Louis adult men pose for a well-earned trophy shot.

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Masses	3390
Sacramental Communions	2744
Spiritual Communions	10,805
Sacrifices	14,729
Decades of the Rosary	33,755
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