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SILVER PRIESTLY JUBILEE FOR BISHOP FELLAY

On Tuesday, June 12th at ST. MARY'S, KS, the SSPX's Superior General, Bishop Bernard Fellay, offered a Pontifical Solemn Mass to celebrate his 25th anniversary as a priest of the Roman Catholic Church. Born in Wallis, Switzerland in 1958, he entered the Econe seminary in 1977 and was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre on June 29, 1982; little though could Fr. Fellay guess what Providence would have in store for him only 6 years later. In the meantime however, he would serve the SSPX's General House (international headquarters) as the General Bursar (which office oversees the Society's finances and properties throughout the world) up until 1994.

On the momentous day of July 30, 1988, Fr. Fellay became *Bishop* Fellay during "Operation Survival for Tradition" wherein he received the fullness of the priesthood (the episcopacy, the last sacrament of Holy Orders) from the hands of his spiritual father, Archbishop Lefebvre and the "Lion of Campos", Bishop Antonio de Castro Mayer.

Another 6 years passed and in July 1994, during the SSPX's Second General Chapter, Bishop Fellay was elected the Society's Superior General, continuing the diligent and uncompromising work of Fr. Franz Schmidberger, who since 1982 had served firstly as the SSPX's Vicar General and later its Superior General.



The future Bishop Fellay (circled) on the day of his priestly ordination in 1982 at Econe.

After serving his 12 year term, Bishop Fellay was reelected to another 12 year term as Superior General during the SSPX's Third General Chapter in July 2006.

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Archbishop Lefebvre anoints Fr. Fellay's tonsure during the episcopal consecration ceremonies of 1988.



Archbishop Lefebvre (center right) and Bishop de Castro Mayer (center left) with (from left to right), Bishops Alfonso de Galarreta (of Spain), Bernard Tissier de Mallerai (France), Richard Williamson (England) and Fellay.



An angled shot showing the large number of attendees at the jubilee Pontifical Solemn Mass in honor of Bishop Fellay.



Sporting his famous grin, Bishop Fellay opens the package containing the St. Anthony of Padua icon from the District Office.

When it was realized by that Bishop Fellay would be in the States during his tour to assist in administering the sacrament of Confirmation, it was decided to honor him with a jubilee celebration of his priestly anniversary. Several places in the Midwest were considered to hold the event, but eventually the St. Mary's, KS priory won out, due to its ability to host the expected large number of priests who would attend and need overnight accommodations for possibly an overnight stay.

And indeed what a turn out for a Tuesday! From the SSPX, over 40 priests and religious were in attendance. Also present to honor Bishop Fellay, were Benedictine Frs. Cyprian and Thomas Aquinas (of Brazil) and Br. Bernard from Our Lady Guadalupe Monastery in Silver City, NM, and from various parts of the United States, 4 secular "independent" priests, Frs. Brian Hawker, Richard Voigt, Thai Trinh and Christopher Pieroni. Edifyingly, several hundred faithful (some having traveled from across the nation) joined the jubilee too to celebrate this joyful event.

After the Mass, a banquet was held in the academy's basement cafeteria accompanied by live string music performed by students followed by songs and skits. During the banquet, Bishop Fellay thanked the District's priests for their apostolic labors, stating that a general is only as good as his soldiers and consequently without the priests' efforts in the field his work would be nothing. Several gifts were presented to His Excellency, one of which was an antique miniature painting of St. Anthony of Padua that had a bit of history attached to it. Lady Kinnoull¹ had bequeathed it to the United States District upon her death in 1985; the District in turn befittingly gave it to a grateful Bishop Fellay



Standing in front of the ruins of the Immaculata Chapel, the priests and brothers who attended the ceremonies pose for a group shot with His Excellency after the ceremonies.

who as the former General Bursar was keenly aware of her Ladyship's beneficence to the SSPX.

On the behalf of the faithful at St. Mary's, Fr. Vicente Griego presented a spiritual bouquet, while the Benedictine monks gave a large St. Benedict's Cross.

We wish Bishop Fellay *ad multos annos* for his priestly life and pray that in the years to come the Holy Ghost will continue to guide him in shepherding the SSPX and the movement of Catholic Tradition.

FOOTNOTE:

¹ Lady Claude Kinnoull was an English countess and a convert to Catholicism who in her later years moved to Carmel, CA. In addition to fighting with Franco against the Communists during the Spanish Civil War (1936-39), throughout her life she devoted her energy and wealth to other Church apostolates. Aware of the dangers of the post-Conciliar orientation, she met with Archbishop Lefebvre in 1966 and promised her support should he have future need. Nearly 20 years

later, the Archbishop would declare that she "showed herself to be utterly devoted to the work of the Society... and [during his last visit to her] told her that she could consider in a certain sense the young priests as her sons, because were it not for her assistance at the very beginning, I would not have perhaps been able to accomplish this priestly undertaking." (in a memo dated July 23, 1985 to the Econe seminarians requesting prayers for her repose)

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

From February 27 to March 7, 51 pilgrims from the United States ranging from the ages of 18 to 87 journeyed to the Middle East to visit the sacred sites in the Holy Land. Accompanied by Frs. Trevor Burfitt (pastor in Phoenix, AZ), Johannes Grun (Ridgefield, CT) and Christopher Danel (Atlanta, GA), the pilgrims also benefited from daily Mass, sometimes offered in the most hallowed places of Christendom.

Visited during their travels, were places such Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jericho, the Caves of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Cana, Mt. Tabor, Capernaum (home to the Apostles, Sts. Peter, Andrew, John and Matthew, and even of Our Lord), the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, Mt. Carmel, Bethany, Ein Karem (St. John the Baptist's birthplace), and the holy city of Jerusalem, the Mt. of Olives, the Via Dolorosa and of course the climax, the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

The pilgrimage was of course marked throughout with

such spiritual high points as following the life of Our Lord from Bethlehem to Nazareth, then from within Jerusalem to its outskirts at Golgotha, hiking up Mts. Temptation and Tabor, hearing Mass on the Mt. of the Beatitudes, sailing on the Lake of Galilee. In another instance, 35 of the pilgrims in imitation of the Desert Fathers actually walked through the desert from Jericho to the mountainside-perched monastery of St. George Koziba (begun in the late 6th century) at Wadi Qelt.

The pilgrimage afforded the pilgrims a wonderful firsthand way of familiarizing themselves with the places that we so often hear about in Scripture, either in the Old or the New Testaments (particularly in the Gospels), as well as serving as an excellent preparation during Lent for the graces of Easter, where in the Holy Land itself, our redemption was won by Our Divine Savior.



Inside the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, the pilgrims gather in front of the tiny chapel that marks the spot where Our Lord took flesh after Our Lady's fiat to the Archangel Gabriel's message.



Looking towards the Dome of the Rock (the former Temple site on the right), this is where Our Lord wept when He prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem



Facing the River Jordan where Our Lord was baptized by St. John the Baptist, the pilgrims renewed their baptismal promises. At Cana, some couples had the privilege of renewing their wedding vows where Our Lord instituted the sacrament of matrimony.



The Dome of the Rock and the ancient walls of Jerusalem behind them, the pilgrims (which included SSPX Brs. Gabriel and Rene, and Oblate Sr. Mary Marcel) happily pose for a group shot.

SSPX Sisters Com



After declaring her desire to join the community, a Filipino postulant kneels at the altar while Fr. Fullerton assisted by Frs. Violette (left) and May (right) blesses her white veil that marks her rank as a novice.



The postulant is then escorted out of the church to don her novice's habit (here she is shown in her postulant's garb).



Now attired as a novice and bearing a candle, she pronounces her vows and receives her new name in religion: Sr. Mary Monica.

On Quasimodo Sunday (aka "Low Sunday"), April 15th, the Sisters of the Society of St. Pius X at the Sacred Heart Novitiate in **BROWERVILLE, MN**, rejoiced to have a new member join their community, while several others renewed their vows and one made her perpetual religious profession. The event was preceded by a 6-day retreat given by District Superior, Fr. John Fullerton, the theme of which appropriately was: "God alone is good". From the community at St. Mary's, KS, 8 sisters traveled to Browerville to benefit from the retreat and join their fellow sisters for the ceremonies.

Within the liturgical context of a Solemn High Mass, celebrated by Fr. Fullerton, and assisted by Frs. Jean Violette (prior in Kansas City, MO, and whose sister made her perpetual profession) as deacon and Dominic May (from Ontario, Canada and whose cousin made her first vows) as subdeacon, the ceremonies particular to the SSPX sisters took place, as explained within the photo captions.

Also present at the event were about 120 faithful, which consisted of local faithful, relatives (even 2 grandmothers who traveled great distances to be present for their granddaughter) and 2 groups of girls, a delegation from Syracuse, NY and the Children of Mary from St. Mary's, KS.

In addition to providing religious formation, 2 apostolates are practiced at the Sacred Heart Novitiate thereby assisting them in fulfilling the intentions of Archbishop Lefebvre and his blood sister, Mother Marie Gabrielle, when they founded the Society sisters: 1) the making of liturgical vesture, from altar linens to vestment sets thereby assisting in the beautifying and instilling great devotion to the Liturgy, and 2) the operation of Our Lady of Fatima Correspondence Catechism which presently has an enrollment of 375 students and 9 different levels of a well-structured program of doctrine (including instructional on the Liturgy), Biblical history and instructive stories.

May the numbers of the sisters continue to grow and thereby assist the apostolate of the priests of the Society of St. Pius X.



After the ceremonies, the sisters pose in front of the novitiate's brick chapel with the sacred ministers and altar servers. In the front row are from left to right: Srs. Mary Antonia, Mary Monica and Mary John Bosco.

Continue to Flourish



wearing her white veil demarking her as a novice, Sr. Antonia kneels in front of the opened tabernacle to face her spiritual Spouse and consecrates herself through the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience to Her Beloved, Jesus Christ. Afterwards, she will receive the black veil of a professed sister of the SSPX.



climax in the life of a religious: Sr. Mary John Bosco (in the foreground kneeling to the tabernacle) makes her perpetual profession of faith to her Divine Spouse. The other sisters kneeling at the altar have joyfully renewed their professions as well.



view of the beautiful Solemn High Mass that the organ and choir accompanied.

Here a sister tailors a surplice. The sewing of liturgical vesture helps to foster devotion in the sisters while providing beauty and dignity to the august mystery of the Church's greatest treasure.



In the foreground a sister works on the May Catechism mailing, while the other completes her homework corrections. The Correspondence Catechism program is available for a small fee to all in the United States, Canada and other countries around the world!

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Sacred Heart Novitiate

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CALIFORNIA

On the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25), the parish of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Chapel (part of the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Retreat Center) in **LOS GATOS, CA**, was consecrated by the pastor, Fr. Jacques Emily, according to the St. Louis de Monfort method, to the

Immaculate Heart of Mary. The event, sponsored by the parish's Legion of Mary chapter, was preceded by a good portion of the parish making the 5 weeks of preparation for the Total Consecration of themselves to the Immaculate Heart, and climaxed at an outdoor shrine prepared in Our Lady's honor. After the consecration, a St. Joseph's Table potluck lunch auction followed.



Before the Legion of Mary's shrine, Fr. Emily leads his congregation in consecrating themselves totally to the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary.



The St. Joseph's Table showing some of the devotional items that were up for auction.



A view of some of the faithful that participated in the Marian event on the picturesque retreat house grounds.

THANK YOU FROM THE SOUTH AMERICAN DISTRICT!

April 25, 2007

...Last Holy Wednesday, St. Joseph remembered the South American District of the Society by means of the American SSPX faithful, from whom we received an important financial support...

Since I'm unable to contact all the benefactors, may I ask you to express my deep gratitude to them and to the priests of your district through the *Regina Coeli Report*? You will find in attached files some pictures of our mission, where the collected money will be invested in the near future.

May the benefactors be assured of our prayer for themselves, their families and all their intentions. Our district, and particularly our mission in the Dominican Republic, is thankful towards the faithful of the Catholic Tradition in the USA.

Dear Fr. [Fullerton]: may your district, your faithful and your work be blessed by the Lord. Assuring you of my fraternal prayers in Our Lord and his Blessed Mother,

Fr. Christian Bouchacourt
District Superior



Construction of the bell tower for a new chapel in Santo Domingo continues.



The newly-built priests' priory (in front) at Santo Domingo.



MICHIGAN

During the Sunday High Masses on January 7th and Pentecost, May 27th, St. Anne's Chapel in **REDFORD (DETROIT), MI**, held ceremonies for their chapter of the Eucharistic Crusade. On January 7th, 4 Crusaders were promoted to the rank of knight and handmaiden, and 10 Pages to the rank of Crusader, while 9 children were received into the children's sodality as Pages with an additional 7 Pages being admitted on Pentecost Sunday.

Between these events, on Sunday, May 6th, the parish's May Crowning ceremonies took place, and the Eucharistic Crusaders were present in the procession sporting their new vesture, capes with colored crosses, blue for the Knights and red for the Crusaders, but none for the Pages. The chapel's pastor and chapter director, Fr. Jaime Pazat, justified this change of habit because: *"1) they were scapulars (allegedly) which is a religious habit, and our crusaders are not religious. 2) As part of a religious habit, scapulars are made to be worn over a habit or cassock, not over pants or skirts..."* and testified that the children *"love the capes"*.

We rejoice to hear of more children joining this apostolate, of which Archbishop Lefebvre himself was a member as a child, thereby learning good spiritual habits and contributing to the sanctification of the Mystical Body of Christ.



The boys and girls belonging to the Eucharistic Crusade in the front pews sing their special hymn at the beginning of the ceremony.



Now kneeling at the altar rail, the children renew, or for the first time, make their pledges, and then receive from Fr. Pazat their blessed cross-shaped pins, which are colored according to rank.



The joyful Crusaders posing after the High Mass with their pastor and the altar servers.



Seen during the Marian May crowning procession, the Eucharistic Crusaders proudly wear their new insignia with their pastor, Fr. Pazat, following.

EUCHARISTIC CRUSADE

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- July* For the work of the spiritual retreats
August For the return of the schismatics and the conversion of the infidels

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Daily Offering	14,277
Masses	6798
Sacramental Communion	5662
Spiritual Communion	15,058
Sacrifices	25,264
Decades of the Rosary	62,148
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	6540
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Number returned	532

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(203) 431-0201

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(602) 268-7673

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Please contact the retreat house in question to
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