

# Regina Coeli REPORT

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## ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHAPEL FINDS MORE ROOM

The MT. HOLLY (CHARLOTTE), NC chapel that is under the patronage of the “Hammer of Heretics” recently underwent a major expansion and remodeling of its sanctuary, sacristies and nave. With the mission’s Sunday attendance increasing from between 150-75 parishioners to 160-80 in a church that could accommodate only 140 faithful, several options had to be weighed before deciding on a definite course of action.

It was first considered to purchase a new complex, and a promising one in the Mt. Holly area actually came up for bid, but the final auction price was too high for the SSPX to consider. The next choice was to schedule 2 Masses per Sunday, a frequent arrangement at many of our chapels, but one that in this case would not only unnecessarily tax the



The sanctuary and nave of St. Anthony's before the work began. The sanctuary will be pushed back into the former stairwell-hallway and rear room allowing the nave to be extended forward and the stairwell will be shifted to the room just beyond the door seen on the right.



Taken during the first stages of demolition, this shot reveals the large room behind the sanctuary, into which the sanctuary will be partially moved. Just above the wall studs is where the nave intersects with the sanctuary-sacristies forming a “T” which required some fancy carpentry.



The seemingly never-ending task of disposing of plaster and lathe torn down from the adjoining walls of the sanctuary and rear rooms (sacristies).



The main work-team with their “foreman,” Mr. Mike Marbach (on the far left), a parishioner and contractor from the Eddystone (Philadelphia), PA chapel, and their pastor, Fr. Kenneth Novak, who took a week off from his editorial duties at Angelus Press to supervise (and help with) the work.

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pastor, Fr. Kenneth Novak (who after Mass in Charlotte, then travels on the same day to minister to the Raleigh and Goldsboro, NC chapels), but potentially diminish the intimate parish atmosphere that St. Anthony's enjoys, from the entire body of faithful uniting themselves through the Liturgy of the Sunday High Mass to the ability to socialize as one group.

The decision was finally made, with the District Superior's permission, to undertake a remodeling of the church, which would deepen the sanctuary and enlarge the nave to accommodate 50-60 more faithful. To do this, 3 rooms and a stairwell to the basement parish hall all situated behind the sanctuary were modified during a project that spanned approximately 5 weeks, with much of the parish participating, including several all-nighters by some of the men. While the chapel was under remodeling, Mass was held outdoors for 3 Sundays on the church's front steps, while the altar of repose from Holy Week (*cf.* the May issue) prepared in the school house continued to be used for reserving the Blessed Sacrament.



A shot of the young men taking a break from their labors.



Here another view during its installation gives a full effect of what the hip-peak looks like over the altar behind the arch that fronts the sanctuary (*cf.* the picture below).



The most complicated job was rectifying the juncture of the "T" in the ceiling just above the altar. This was ingeniously managed by installing a 22ft high hip-peak which was then paneled with 5" knotty pine so to give (in the words of the pastor) "a Barque of Peter effect".

Meanwhile, during the demolition and construction, Mass was held outdoors setup on a temporary altar.



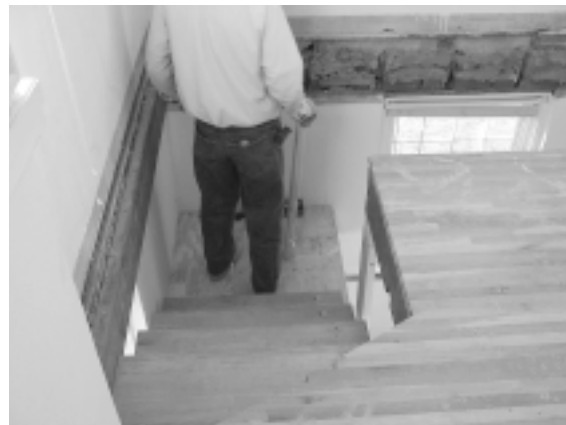
The finished product, the fruits of the entire parish pitching in. In addition to the installation of new maple flooring to match the original in the extended nave, the sanctuary's hardwood trim was restored and eventually a tester (a hanging canopy) will be installed over the altar to complete the liturgical requirements of the sanctuary.

Another remodeling project was the resurfacing of the parish hall floor with ceramic tile and the installation of new acoustical tile and lighting in the ceiling.



Just above the wall that is to the left of the stairwell, is the rear sanctuary wall, while the flat ceiling marks the hallway-staircase access. To accommodate the extension of the sanctuary over this area, the staircase was removed...

...and reused in the corner room behind the Epistle-side of the sanctuary.





## GEORGIA

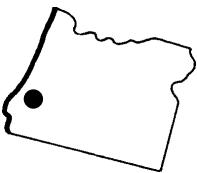
Complementing its provision of sacred music, St. Michael the Archangel Church in **ROSWELL (ATLANTA), GA** recently acquired a new, digital pipe organ from Phoenix Organs of Peterborough, Ontario (Canada). Installed by coincidence on the feast of St. Gregory the Great (the Roman Church's patron of sacred music), the organ has 3 manuals and 35 speaking stops, and was "voiced" (*i.e.*, accommodating its sound signatures to the chapel's acoustical characteristics) by experienced organist, Fr. Scott Gardner, despite his busy schedule. The new organ was first played for the Mass of the Easter Vigil, the first piece being *Adoramus Te Christe* written in 1867 by the famed Parisian organist, Théodore Dubois (1837-1924).



Fr. Gardner hard at work voicing the organ.



Taken from below in the nave, Fr. Christopher Danel, the pastor of St. Michael's, watches as Fr. Scott Gardner voices the organ in the choir loft.



## OREGON

St. Thomas Becket Church and its academy in **VENETA (EUGENE), OR** has had some recent property improvements. One of them, a 2-acre cemetery capable of accommodating 1500 burials was blessed and opened, and already has received its first occupant, a saint in fact, 8-month old Cyprian Heidt (grandnephew of the late Fr. Eugene Heidt, the first pastor).

The school received an addition in the way of a second building that contains 4 classrooms and a large gymnasium. Presently the academy has grades Kindergarten through high school with 93 students and 13 lay teachers, which is not bad for a parish of 400 souls.



A view from the cemetery wall overlooking the front of the St. Thomas Becket's parish complex.



The new combination school building which has the classrooms on the second level.



A view of the new cemetery.



# SPRING PILGRIMAGES

## HOLY HILL PILGRIMAGE

On Saturday, May 12th, the SSPX's chapel of St. Pius V in **MUKWONAGO (MILWAUKEE), WI** made its first pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians, more commonly known as "Holy Hill" located just outside Hubertus, Wi.

The shrine's roots go back to an old diary and map dated "1676" and found in a Quebec, Canada library, when the French explored the area and mapped the conical hill. The diary went on to say that a stone altar and wooden cross had been erected on the hill by a priest in order to dedicate it to Mary for perpetuity. Who this priest was is still unknown (it was once thought it was Fr. Marquette, but under critical historical scrutiny, this idea has been rejected), nevertheless it is certain that there was Jesuit missionary activity in the area from 1673 to 1679 and even the local Potawatomi and Menomonee tribes told the story of a "blackrobe" who prayed on the hill.

In the early 1840's, the Irish settled in the area and named the 289ft high stony mound "Holy Hill". In 1862, a French hermit, named François Soubrio (the discoverer of the diary and map) was found living a life of penance on the hill making reparation for his past life. The Irish left and in 1854 the Germans came, and the hill, which they named *Maria Hilfberg* (Mary's Mountain of Help) was purchased by Austrian native, Fr. Paulhuber, who predicted that someday "*tens of thousands*" of pilgrims would "*come [to the hill] to do homage to the Virgin Mary and her Son...*"

In June 1858, a 15ft high wooden cross was erected on the hilltop, which is still preserved at the shrine. In 1863, the first building, a log chapel named the Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians, was blessed. In Spring 1879 a new chapel was constructed to be replaced in 1925 by the present-day neo-Romanesque church



With the basilica seen in the background, Fr. Scott hears a confession of a pilgrim.



At an altar erected on Holy Field, Fr. Scott incenses the cross during the pilgrimage's High Mass.

Fr. Scott speaks a few words inside the beautiful shrine basilica dedicated to Our Lady, Help of Christians to the pilgrims who have completed their journey.



Rising above the scenic Wisconsin countryside, ascending the hallowed heights to the Basilica of Holy Hill was the goal of the pilgrims.



Here with cross and banners, the group steadily makes it way upwards.

which was completed in 1931. In the meantime, in 1903 the shrine was granted the *Portiuncula Privilege*, and in 1906, Discalced Carmelites from Bavaria arrived to administer the shrine (unto the present) due to the ever-increasing number of pilgrims that came annually (still at over 500,000) just as Fr. Paulhuber prophesied. In November 2006, the shrine was elevated to the status of a minor basilica by Pope John Paul II.

The pilgrimage made by the St. Pius X Church was a great success with over 100 faithful walking the 6-mile long trek led by their pastor, Fr. Thomas Scott. Unable to celebrate Mass within the confines of the magnificent basilica, the pilgrims instead had it at a picturesque park dubbed "Holy Field" situated about halfway up the hill.





The pilgrimage gathers in front (though off the property) of the magnificent *Mission Concepción* whose sacred confines were refused to Catholics whose only "crime" is their adherence to Tradition.

## SAN ANTONIO PILGRIMAGE

The annual San Antonio Mission Trail Pilgrimage was held on Tuesday, May 12th and attended by nearly 300 faithful from the SSPX's chapels of St. Joseph's (San Antonio, TX) Queen of Angels (Dickinson, TX), and St. Michael the Archangel (Spring, TX) and Frs. Steven Stanich, Gregory Post, Stephen Zigrang and Br. Gregory.

The persecution against Catholic Tradition continues, as this year the pilgrimage group was prohibited by the local ordinary, Archbishop Jose Gomez, from even *entering* the *Mission Concepción* situated at the beginning of the mission trail (*cf.* the September 2006 issue for details and history of the missions), let alone offering Mass inside, stipulating that the group was not Catholic! One can only imagine how in the false spirit of ecumenism he would have treated a group of Buddhists if they had arrived! Not to be deterred, the group had Mass offered outside of the mission grounds on public property, a few feet away.

Though the group was not barred by the archbishop from the other missions on the trail, unfortunately they could not likewise enter 2 others due to public ceremonies being held in both, necessitating the pilgrims to perform their devotions at the church doors, though the *Mission Espada* was accessible.

Upon the conclusion of the pilgrimage, the pilgrims returned to St. Joseph's Church where it all began earlier that day with Mass offered by Fr. Zigrang for a barbeque cooked by one of the parishioners.

Fr. Post takes a look at the informational sign that includes a map outlining the mission trail that runs 10 miles south from San Antonio.



Congregated inside the *Mission Espada*, Fr. Zigrang gives his blessing to the pilgrims.



The various "brigades" (or chapters) from each chapel make their way along the mission trail, retracing the steps of the Franciscan padres who not only evangelized the native Americans, but instilled them with Catholic culture and European technology.





# INTERNATIONAL NEWS



## MEXICAN MEDICAL MISSION

In the city of Gomez Palacio located in the northern Mexican state of Durango, the second annual Medical Mission was held from May 21-25, spearheaded by a group of 7 Americans that came from the SSPX's chapels in Philadelphia, Phoenix, El Paso and North Carolina who joined up with a fellow group from SSPX's chapels in Mexico. The mission, which was opened to the entire neighborhood in which the SSPX's chapel, *Sagrados Corazones de Jesus y Maria* is located, focused not only on teaching children good personal hygiene and adults how to deal with various medical concerns, but also the Catholic Faith.

In addition to 3 doctors (2 from the USA and 1 local of Gomez Palacio) being available for free consultation, the daily activities consisted of such hygienic classes as washing hands and hair, brushing teeth and physical health, catechism classes, Rosary processions, singing and of course, games and treats. About 100 children attended daily and thanks to the opportunity to evangelize the neighborhood the mission brought about the fruit of attracting new members to the chapel.

One of the games played was: "Who can keep their arms outstretched the longest?" The winner gets the superball held by the young man (facing) on the right...



Still going!



A shot of the youngsters lining up at the end of each day to receive their treats.



This loudspeaker van was hired to announce the invitation to the mission.



Here the children have a sing-along in honor of Our Lady.



A picture of the mostly American team who headed up the Medical Mission, which included 2 doctors and 2 nurses.



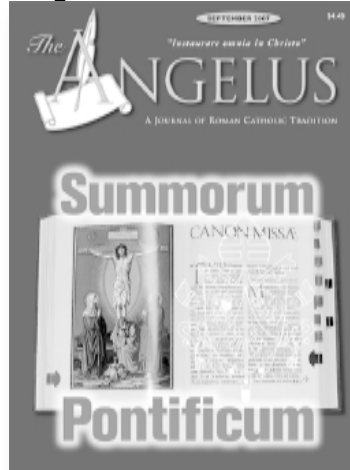
No stranger to medical missions, Dr. Albert Brown from Phoenix gives some advice after examining a young boy in the makeshift room. In the left foreground, his nurse, Mrs. Monica Armstrong, translates.



The daily Rosary procession with its climax on the last day carrying banners.

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### MONTHLY INTENTIONS

**September** For the elderly

**October** For the conversion of sinners

**November** For the deceased, especially for priests

### U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE—June 2007

Daily Offering	7,234
Masses	2,168
Sacramental Communion	1,898
Spiritual Communion	6,073
Sacrifices	28,837
Decades of the Rosary	31,884
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	1,761
15 minutes of silent meditation	2,433
Good Example	20,035
Number returned	269

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