St. Catherine of Siena in Woburn: A Merger of Two Chapels

Recently, the SSPX United States District Office merged two of its "neighboring" chapels, St. Botolph's in Norwood (Boston), MA and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in Salem, NH, to form the new chapel of St. Catherine of Siena in WOBURN (BOSTON), MA.

For years, the various District Superiors in the United States have strived to ensure that the priests under their care are not unduly burdened with the demands of pastoral duties, thereby fulfilling Archbishop Lefebvre's purpose for the SSPX: to form holy priests. One of these efforts has been to lessen the load of the Mass circuits and the amount of traveling that most of the District's priests undertake each weekend for the salvation of souls during this extraordinary crisis in the Church, and in some cases, this has occasionally included the closure of smaller missions that were impractical to administer.

In this case, both former chapels (actually missions) were separated from each other by approximately an hour's drive, and because of shifting priestly duties, would have ended up on the same Mass circuit as St. Anthony of Padua Chapel in North Caldwell (Paterson), NJ, from whence the priest would travel to celebrate Mass in the evening after having previously celebrated two morning Masses. Because these chapels each had a small number of faithful and were simply renting space for Sunday services, the District deemed this merger a practical neccesity.

When it came to obtaining a new, even if only temporary location, Providence stepped in with a gentleman coming forward to offer for free, the use of basement space situated within an office complex he owned at 237 Lexington Street in Woburn, not far from the Boston metropolis. The space was not only large enough to accommodate a small chapel, but even a permanent bookstore. This generouse offer was accepted and the basement was renovated to make a worthy chapel.

Placed under the patronage of St. Catherine of Siena (famous spiritual author of the *Dialogues* and a patroness for Church crisis due to her interventions during the Great Western Schism), the new chapel witnessed its first Mass joyfully offered on the Sunday evening of January 13th by its pastor, Fr. Kevin Robinson. The evening continued after the inaugural Mass with many of the faithful, previously from two separate missions but now unified, staying to hear a conference by guest speaker, Mr.

John Vennari, editor of *Catholic Family News*, titled: "The Tiber Flows into The Tiber: Who was responsible for the hijacking of Vatican II?"



This close up shot shows the marble tile background that frames out the elegantly prepared altar in the basement chapel, reminiscent of the times when Christians were driven into catacombs by persecution for the Faith.

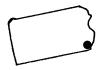


The first Elevation of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus for the sanctification of the newly-formed parish and indeed, the entire world.





The Blessed Sacrament not present and the altar covered, Mr. Vennari speaks about how the Second Vatican Council was hijacked by the liberals, resulting in the "auto demolition" of the Church.



PENNSYLVANIA

St. Jude's Church in EDDYSTONE (PHILADELPHIA), PA hosted its second annual Catholic Family Camping Weekend

from September 14-16 at the Hickory Run State Park situated within the Pocono Mountains. Other participating SSPX chapels were St. Anthony's in North Caldwell (Paterson), NJ, the Child Jesus in Pittston, PA and St. Michael the Archangel's in Farmingsville (Long Island) in NY.

In the spirit of last year's camp, the weekend provided traditionally-minded Catholic families the opportunity to enjoy themselves, especially in the company of other such families.



A group shot of the happy camping families with Fr. Robinson.



In front of the main lodge, Fr. Robinson addresses the campers.



Complete with a banner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the rosary procession prayerfully makes it way through the park grounds.

During the camp, the families were able to participate in such outdoor activities as archery, orienteering (walking trails by aid of map and compass), nature hikes and fishing. Other events included Catholic trivia, campfire sing-alongs, a "Ladies Tea" with Fr. Kevin Robinson (who offered Mass and provided spiritual sustenance during the camp), and some skits and plays by the younger campers. In addition to daily Mass (a spiritual treat for most), the campers also held a rosary procession. Another appreciated amenity were the park's cabins, which provided a slightly less rugged method of sleeping overnight than tents!



A shot of some older children practicing Christian charity by helping a young boy to ford a stream during one of the nature hikes.

2008 SSPX SUMMER CAMPS

MIDWEST (Amery, WI)

Boys (ages 8-15): June 28-July 12

To register, please call St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary at 507-454-8000 (ask for either Mr. John Bourbeau or Mr. Patrick Mackin).

EAST (Scandia [Warren], PA)

Stella Maris Girls Camp, Camp Olmsted

<u>Girls</u> (ages 13-18): July 22-August 1

To register, please call 716-753-7611 during the times indicated: May 5-12 (return campers), May 12-31 (first-time campers).

WEST

(Saint Maries, ID)

Boys (ages 9-14): July 16-24 (\$150 per boy)

Hosted by St. Joseph's Mission, but registration contact is via the Post Falls, ID Priory: 208-773-7442.

(Los Gatos, CA)

Boys (ages: 8-15): August 10-23 **Girls** (ages: 8-15): July 12-19

To register, please call Mrs. Knowles at St. Aloysius

Gonazaga Retreat Center at 408-354-7703.

We present here a report given by American priest, Fr. Lawrence Novak, now stationed in Gomez Placio in the Mexican state of Durango, about the ongoing missionary work of the SSPX with our Catholic neighbors to the south.

MEXICO

Gomez Palacio, Durango is one of the five priories of the SSPX's Mexican District. It ministers to northern Mexico. This includes the missions of (moving from north to south on the map, and then to the east) Ciudad Juarez–occasionally, Chihuahua, Saltillo, and Monterrey. Compared to the other priories in Mexico, Gomez Palacio is especially known for the amount of traveling its priests do. In the northern direction we travel 540 miles. In the eastern and northeastern direction we cover 270 miles. Among Mexican district priests it is known as the priory of the northern desert, and its priests are affectionately called the "desert fathers." The closest priory to the north is El Paso, TX (10 hours away), and the closest priory to the south is Guadalajara (10 hours away).

If the terrain is a wasteland, we cannot however say the same for the souls and the future of Gomez Palacio. Started in 1992 by Fr. Thomas Haynos and Fr. Vincent Lethu, Gomez Palacio now has a Sunday attendance of 250 souls, and its missions the following: Ciudad Juarez–100; Chihuahua–120; Saltillo–80; Monterrey–80. There is no school at present, but a recently completed construction project of our church (p.6) begs the continuation of a school construction project on the same property.

There is plenty of activity that happens during the week. There is altar boy practice almost every day at 4:00pm; Tuesday night choir practice; Wednesday catechism for about 40 youngsters, Thursday evening catechism for adults and young adults. There are many organizations which are active at the priory: the S.A.S. (St. Anthony Society) for young ladies 15-25 years old, and the Jacintas and Dolorosas for the younger girls. These young ladies and girls have a meeting twice a month where they have conferences by a priest on Church doctrine and how to avoid the errors of this world. They teach catechism and pass out flyers in the neighborhood which insist on the importance of the Catholic Faith and avoiding the errors of this day, such as feminism, modern entertainment-ism, and seductive fashions.

For boys 5-15 years old there is the C.O.S. (Caballeros de la Orden de Santiago–The Knights of the Order of St. James). These young men meet once a week. They have an instruction by a priest, Latin and English practice, serving practice, recreation, clean-up jobs, and external apostolates–handing out flyers or selling bumper and front door stickers.

For adult men there is the Adoracion Nocturna Mexicana. These men adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament through the whole night at least once a month and participate in Eucharistic conferences. Finally there is the Third Order with various parish responsibilities. These pictures are a glimpse of this Christ-centered business.



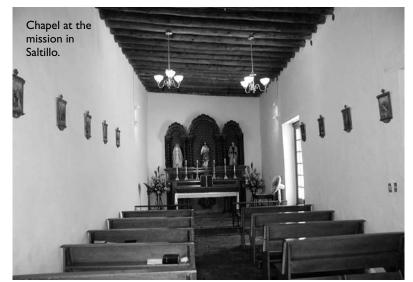
Children of the medical mission entertained for a few minutes by their counselors.



Our Lady of Sorrows in procession during Holy Week.



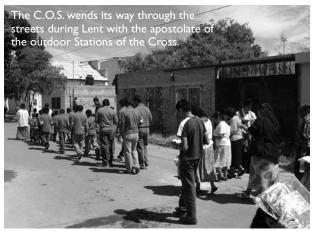
First Communion Sunday with Fr. Gerald Fallarcuna.



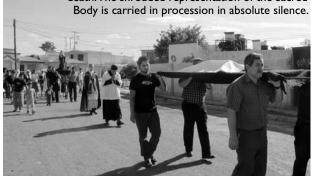




A C.O.S. instruction on how to live a more virtuous



Good Friday funeral march in honor of Our Lord's death. The shrouded representation of the Sacred





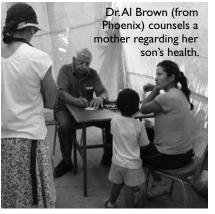
The priests of the Gomez Palacio priory. From left to right, Frs. Cardozo, Fullarcuna, Mario Trejo (the Mexican District Superior) and Novak.

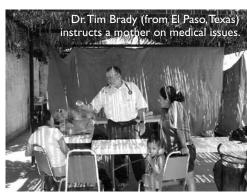


Bishop Williamson at Confirmation Mass in the unfinished sanctuary.

Church of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Roman Catholic, Traditional Latin Mass every Sunday, 10:00am. Confessions 9:00am.



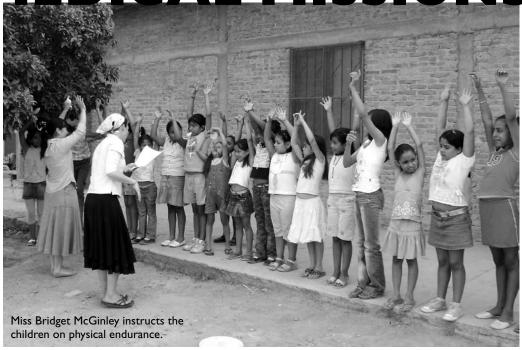




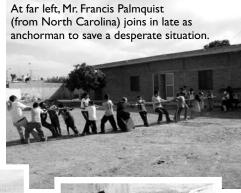
In May of 2005 and 2006, a team of 6-10 Americans came down to join a Mexican group of about the same size to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy by giving a medical mission. Attendance reached over 100. For one week the local youngsters from around our church came for medical treatment, games, catechism, prizes, and instructions. The idea originated with Miss Bridget McGinley from Pennsylvania, who heads up this apostolate. There has already been some good fruit from this work—new members of our parish. Arrangements are already being made for Medical Mission III, which is scheduled to happen May 26-30, 2008.



MEDICAL MISSIONS











Francis Palmquist with a future soccer star.



Miss Ann McGinley looks after the less sport-orientated group.

EXPANSION

Thanks to the grueling fundraising projects of former pri-

or, Fr. Jorge Amozurrutia, and the arrival of priest engineer, Fr. Ernesto Cardozo, our parish church (separate from the priory) has seen an incredible makeover.







Confirmation Schedule

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

BISHOP BERNARD FELLAY

Wednesday, June 11 Armada, MI Sunday, June 15 Honolulu, MN Wednesday, June 18 Winona, MN Sunday, June 22 St. Paul, MN

TEACHERS NEEDED

The United States District is seeking teachers, both men and women, for some of its schools.

If interested, please contact the superintendent of schools, Fr. Gerard Beck, at the district office:

REGINA COELI HOUSE 11485 N. Farley Road Platte City, MO 64079 816-753-0073

AMERICAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

From February 14-25, 75 pilgrims guided under the expertise of the St. Pius X Pilgrimage Company and accompanied by Fr. Kevin Robinson, made a tour of the Holy Land in preparation for Lent, of which here we present a few highlights.

The Garden of Gethsemane. Still preserved in Jerusalem is the place where Our Lord prayed and began to sweat blood while contemplating His Passion. Adjacent to the garden is the Basilica of the Agony, which enshrines the stone on which Our Lord prayed.



The remnants of the olive garden situated on the slopes of Jerusalem with the basilica in the background.



Fr. Kevin Robinson, assisted by his very own Simeon (Mr. Robert di Cecco, who with his wife runs the pilgrimage apostolate), makes the Way of the Cross along Our Lord's very path made on Good Friday.



A group shot of the pilgrims with the Dome of the Rock, which sits upon the site of the Old Temple, and the ancient walls of Jerusalem in the background.



A view of the basilica's front porch and mosaic covered facade.



A close up of the rock on which Our Lord prayed during His Agony in the Garden.

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WOMEN: May 26-31, July 21-26, Sept. 8-13, Nov. 17-22

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

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

MEN: May 12-17, June 30-July 5, Sept. 29-Oct. 4,

Dec. 11-14 (Weekend)

WOMEN: June 2-7, Sept. 8-13, Oct. 20-25,

Dec. 4-7 (Weekend)

MIXED: Nov. 10-15 (Third Order Retreat)

OUR LADY OF SORROWS RETREAT CENTER 750 E. Baseline Road, Phoenix, AZ 85042 (602) 268-7673

MEN: Jun. 9-14 (Vocation), Oct. 8-11 (3-day Virtue),

Oct. 22-25 (Matrimony)

WOMEN: Nov. 10-15, Dec. 15-20, May 28-31 (3-day

Virtue)

MIXED: Dec. 27-Jan. 2, 2009 (Marian–tentative dates)

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

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EUCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS

April To make reparation for the outrages made to Jesus in the Eucharist.

May For the triumph of our Heavenly
Mother

June That God will give us holy priests.

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE-January 2008

Daily Offering	10,750
Masses	5200
Sacramental Communions	4403
Spiritual Communions	10,048
Sacrifices	22,334
Decades of the Rosary	51,158
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	5508
15 minutes of silent meditation	3979
Good Example	13,634
Number returned	470