

# Regina Coeli

## REPORT

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# SPRINGTIME EVENTS

This spring saw many spiritual and academic events take place at the various chapels and schools of the United States District, and we dedicate this issue to spotlighting these occasions.

## FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI: IN HONOR OF OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD

Falling extraordinary early this year, the Feast of Corpus Christi was on Thursday, May 22nd, though many chapels observed its solemnity on Sunday, May 25th to ensure sufficient participation. The Mass (and Office) of Corpus Christi was composed by St. Thomas Aquinas and includes an outdoor Eucharistic procession to testify to Our Lord's kingship. The procession in fact is derived from the official royal procession that kings would often make at various times of the year and though once the faithful would line the street to venerate Our Lord as He passed in the monstrance, it is more typical now to have them actually join the procession, thereby forming a veritable Church Militant marching behind its priestly king. Also usually seen during the Corpus

### Corpus Christi Church, Edmonds (Seattle), WA

Starting befittingly with the feast day's namesake church of the SSPX in the Seattle area, the chapel honored the solemnity on Sunday with a High Mass and then the outdoor procession.



The Edmonds' pastor, Fr. Mark Staffki, bears Our Lord in procession as distinguished men of the parish bear the canopy of honor denoting Our Lord's royal dignity. In the back, the master of ceremonies can be seen holding the *umbrellino* which will be used when space cannot accommodate the canopy.

Having returned to the chapel, Fr. Staffki places the Bread of Angels on the altar of sacrifice from whence the Sacrament is derived and then adores It before completing the ceremonies.

► Christi procession is the use of outdoor “altars” along the way. These mainly exist to allow the celebrant to rest during a long procession (as in times past, such procession would often last for hours as they wound through the main thoroughfares), though the celebrant may also bless the crowds with Our Lord at two of the altars, as the third must be done at the concluding church’s high altar. Some of the chapels held their First Communions in conjunction with this feast, whose stories and related pictures we will feature in a following section.

## St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary, Winona, MN

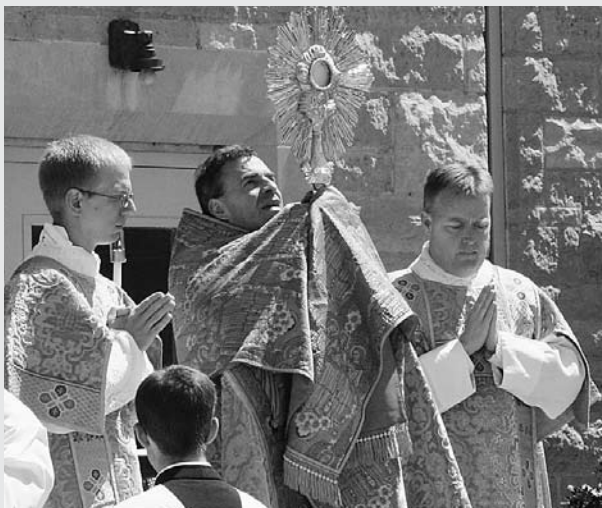
Though Minnesota had been suffering from a chilly spring, the weather finally decided to yield to a little warmth for Corpus Christi, which the seminary observed on the feast day. The North American seminary was honored to have the SSPX’s General Bursar, Fr. Emeric Baudot, offer the Solemn Mass, while the Vice-Rector, Fr. Thomas Asher acted as deacon and Rev. Mr. Daniel Themann as subdeacon. The day before, with some help from able assistants, the artistic Br. Marcel (who is transferring to the La Salette Boys Academy in Olivet, IL after many years of seminary service) laid out a magnificent, multi-colored sawdust motif in the courtyard that the main chapel’s entrance faces.



The procession of the Blessed Sacrament makes its way through the seminary grounds.



A shot of the nearly-finished sawdust motif prepared in the courtyard.



Fr. Baudot raises the monstrance in benediction over all as Fr. Asher (to the right) and the subdeacon, Daniel Themann (to the left) stand in veneration.



This close-up of the processional formation shows the young clerics enthusiastically singing in honor of Our Lord’s Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.



## St. Margaret Mary Church, Allendale (Grand Rapids), MI

The next two chapels exemplify a typical Sunday circuit for an SSPX priest in the United States District. Starting from the District Office in Platte City, MO, the District Secretary, Fr. Joseph Dreher, flies to Grand Rapids, MI to service the first of the two chapels of which he is the pastor, dedicated to the holy promoter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There Fr. Dreher celebrated a morning High Mass followed by the customary procession of the Blessed Sacrament.



The procession is seen here departing the church after the High Mass and making its way to one of two outdoor altars.

At the first outdoor altar erected on the side of church, Fr. Dreher says the prayer to the Blessed Sacrament before giving benediction.



Here we see Fr. Dreher placing the monstrance on the second altar, complete with a dossal curtain that acts as a suitable backdrop.



Upon returning to the sanctuary, *Tantum ergo* is sung followed by the final benediction.

## Sacred Heart Church, Mancelona, MI

Continuing his circuit, Fr. Dreher drove two and a half hours northward to Mancelona to celebrate another High Mass during the late afternoon and where despite stormy weather, the parish whose patron is the Lord Himself was able to hold a procession in His honor during a clear period between two cloud bursts, though the wind played havoc with the candles.



Proceeded by a thurifer and under the protection of a canopy, Mancelona's pastor, Fr. Joseph Dreher, bears the Holy Eucharist to an outdoor altar....



...where incense is imposed....



....and the Blessed Sacrament is venerated with perfumed clouds of smoke that rise to Heaven as the sweet odor of Christ to please Almighty God to accept the prayers of those who supplicate His Son.



Here we see the action once more at another outdoor altar, while the corporal that the monstrance rests upon gives evidence of the troublesome wind.

Upon returning to the calm interior of the chapel, Fr. Dreher completes the ceremonies with the Divine Praises.



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**AUGUST 1, 2008**

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

Many of you have most likely heard that my term as District Superior will come to an end this August. It has been a pleasure overseeing the work of the Society of St. Pius X here in the United States during this time. I wish also to express my gratitude one last time for all the spiritual and material support you have given the SSPX in the past, especially during the last six years and thank you on behalf of the new superior for the continued support.

On August 15th, I will move on to my next assignment as Rector of St. Mary's Academy and College in Kansas. Taking my place as District Superior will be Fr. Arnaud Rostand, who is

presently the District Superior of Canada.

I ask you all to keep me in your prayers and assure you of mine. May God bless you abundantly.

In the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary,



Fr. John D. Fullerton

## St. Jude's Church, Eddystone (Philadelphia), PA

Dedicated to the Holy Apostle Judas Thaddeus, patron of impossible causes, the parish observed the solemnity of Corpus Christi on Sunday with a public procession through the local neighborhood.



Fr. Johannes Grun, the pastor of St. Jude's, carries the consecrated Host through the streets with an accompanying honor guard of torches while the faithful behind the canopy sing praises to Christ.



At an outdoor altar, Fr. Grun blesses all present with the Holy Eucharist.

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# MAY CROWNINGS

Following is a collection of images from May Crownings that were made in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month dedicated to her.

## St. Joseph & the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, Colton, CA



The Marian procession makes its way through the streets of Colton. Seen up front are the Eucharistic Crusaders, and behind them, the Legion of Mary banner, then the bier with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima.



The specially constructed shrine that was prepared in the church to hold the Fatima statue after the procession.



Here Fr. Grun solemnly crowns Our Lady (a symbol of Our Lady's heavenly coronation by her Son, the Priestly King) after receiving the crown borne by the young lady during the procession.

## St. Jude's Church, Eddystone, PA



A procession and crowning were held on Sunday, May 11th, and here we see the children dressed in white (and the girls wearing wreaths of flowers on their heads) who participated kneeling on the grass in front of Our Lady's statue.

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel, Los Gatos, CA



The parish held its annual Marian Procession on Saturday, May 24th, in downtown San Jose at Cesar Chavez Park. Seen in attendance, was Dominican, Fr. Albert (of Avrille, France) at the podium, and Fr. Alphonsus Maria (one of the Transalpine Redemptorists of Papa Stronsay who refused to join his confreres in their recent compromise with the Vatican), who played the keyboard for the choir.



During the procession which nearly 140 people attended, all 15 decades of the rosary were recited and hymns between each decade. Seen just to the left of the Legion of Mary banner is the retreat center prior, Fr. Jacques Emily.



On Sunday, May 25th, Fr. Albert led another Marian procession that preceded the crowning of Our Lady on the grounds of the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Retreat Center. Here the procession leaves the parish chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.



A little distance uphill from the chapel, Our Lady of Fatima was crowned and some hymns were sung. Seen in the center of the crowd (circled), is Benedictine Br. Bernard (of Silver City, NM) who was also on hand for both events and gave a presentation about Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery during a pot-luck banquet that followed.



## Sacred Heart Church, Mancelona, MI



On Sunday, May 4th, a procession and crowning was held before Mass outside. Here those involved in the little ceremony process to the Marian statue placed on the church grounds.



Here a young girl places a wreath of flowers on the statue of Our Lady to symbolically crown her Queen of Heaven and Earth.



Afterwards, Fr. Dreher beseech Our Lady's intercession with her Divine Son, and the parish sang a hymn in her honor as the Mother of God.

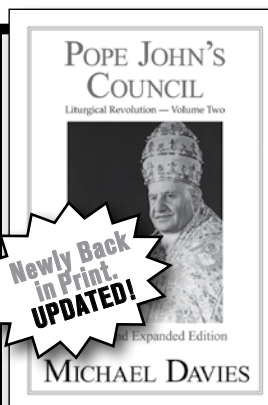
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Here on Sunday, May 4th, we see the children who presented flowers to Our Lady during the May Crowning being lined up in good order in the church's vestibule.

## EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the transfer of the apostolate's secretariate from El Paso, TX to the District Office in Platte City, MO, the Eucharistic Crusade totals for March, April, May and June will be published in the September issue of the *Regina Coeli Report*.



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# FIRST COMMUNIONS

“Suffer the little children, and forbid them not to come to Me: for the Kingdom of Heaven is for such.”

## Corpus Christi Church, Edmond (Seattle), WA



On Trinity Sunday, May 18th, here the ten children who partook of the *Panis Angelicus* for their first time pose with their pastor, Fr. Stafki and the altar servers.

## St. Michael's Church, Mandan (Bismarck), ND



The visiting pastor of St. Mary's, KS, Fr. Matthew Clifton, was the honored guest and celebrant who administered First Communion to three young parishioners on Sunday, May 18th. Here they are seen holding their lighted candles (representing the first grace they received at baptism which Holy Communion continues) in front of the church with Fr. Clifton and the servers of the High Mass.

## St John Fisher, Fort Wayne, IN



Posing with their former pastor, Fr. Kenneth Dean (recently transferred back to the seminary in Winona, MN), the six young Catholic souls who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday, June 1st, happily have their picture taken outside the chapel after Mass.

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



After the Corpus Christi ceremonies on Sunday, May 25th, the twelve children who received the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ at their First Holy Communion have their picture taken with their pastor, Fr. Michael Goldade.

## Queen of Angels Church, Dickinson (Houston), TX



During the solemnity of Corpus Christi, Sunday, May 25th, 19 young communicants joyfully approached the altar rail to receive their Eucharistic Savior for the first time. Here after the ceremonies, we see their pastor, Fr. Stephen Stanich, placing the brown scapular on them.



After receiving their brown scapulars, the First Communicants had their picture taken with Fr. Stanich.

## St. Michael the Archangel Church, Spring (North Houston), TX



That afternoon Fr. Stanich traveled northwards to the nearby town of Spring and administered the Bread of Angels to six First Communicants.

## Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, North Richland Hills (Fort Worth), TX



On the solemnity of Corpus Christi, Sunday, May 25th, the ten communicants stand with their pastor, Fr. Peter Katzaroff and the altar servers outside the church after Mass.

## St. Jude's Church, Eddystone, PA

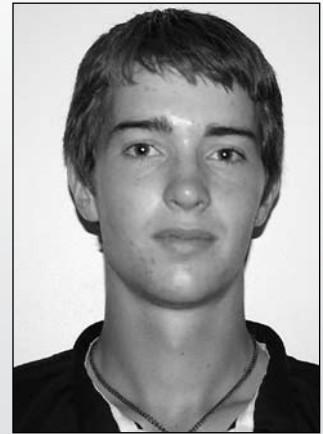


On Sunday, May 18th, the parish witnessed 16 children partake at Our Lord's Mystical Banquet, and here we see them as they are enrolled into the Confraternity of the Brown Scapular after Mass.



# NATIONAL RELIGION TEST WINNERS

A District-wide religion test was administered to all 8th and 12th grade students in the Society's schools in February. Congratulations to the following:



## Best Scores — 12TH GRADERS:

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Martin Wilson (Post Falls)    | 90% |
| Theresa Peterson (St. Mary's) | 89% |
| William DeTar (Olivet)        | 84% |

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## Best Scores — 8TH GRADERS:

|                                |     |
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