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REPORT

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MORE PRIESTS FOR THE CHURCH

Fulfilling its apostolic mission to form priests, during the last weeks of June the Society of St. Pius X held three ordination ceremonies wherein 24 deacons were raised to the dignity of the priesthood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. These priestly ordinations not only enriched the Roman Catholic Church with more pastors of souls, but pushed the SSPX's international total of priests to 510!

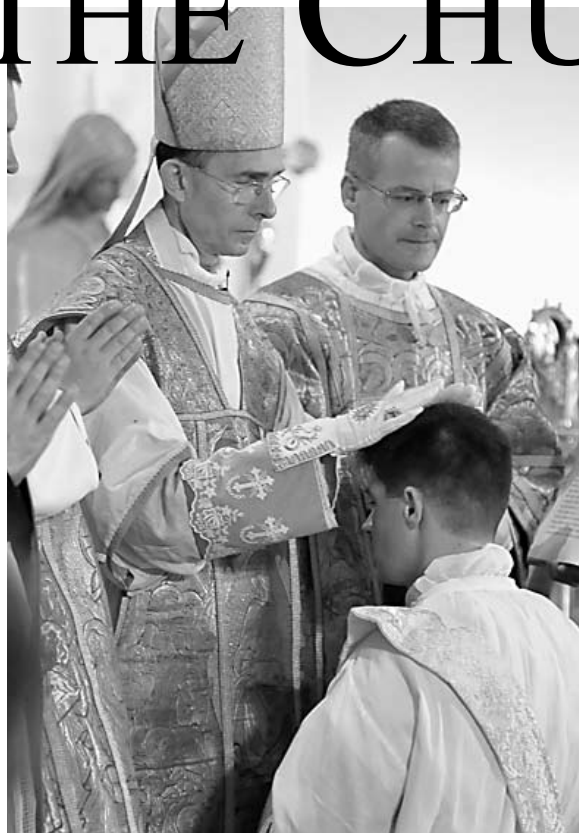
Simultaneously, 23 clerics in the major order of subdiaconate continued their preparation to the priesthood by ordination to the diaconate. These ordinations give further hope for the increase of priests formed according to the wise dictates of Catholic Tradition. Such priests will preserve the doctrinal purity of the Church and practice missionary charity in imitation of, and as intended by the SSPX's founder, Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre.

The first ceremony took place on Friday, June 19th (Feast of the Sacred Heart), with Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais ordaining thirteen priests at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in WINONA, MINNESOTA, giving the SSPX its 500th priest.

The second occurred on June 27th (Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help) administered by Bishop Alfonso de Galarreta at the *Priesterseminar Herz Jesu* in ZAITZKOFEN (BAVARIA), GERMANY, resulting in three priests and two deacons.

Finally, the third was held at the *Seminaire International St. Pie X*, ECONE (VALAIS), SWITZERLAND on June 29th (Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul), where the Superior General of the SSPX, Bishop Bernard Fellay, ordained eight priests and ten deacons.

Unlike in recent years, the pre-announcement of these



ordinations provoked much media attention due to the protests of the German bishops who declared the Zaitzkofen ordinations would be "illegitimate." The seminary rector, Fr. Stefan Frey, responded to this unjust accusation on June 17th, with a succinct letter that admirably summarized the SSPX's position in its first paragraph:

These ordinations are bestowed with the intention of serving the Catholic Church. We bestow these priestly ordinations because we wish to express our unity with the Church of Rome. This unity consists of the same doctrine, the same sacraments, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass of All Time. The newly-ordained priests, as well as all of the members of the Priestly Society of St. Pius X, recognize the office of the pope and the authority of the Church. Just as all other clergy of the Society, the candidates for ordination will pray

by name for the reigning pope as well as the local ordinary — an expression of solidarity, which the Society has practiced since its founding more than 30 years ago. We do not want a parallel Church, but instead wish to preserve the incalculable treasure of Catholic Tradition within the one true Catholic Church (cf. www.sspcx.org for the full text).

The reaction of the German bishops is especially ironic considering that Pope Benedict XVI declared 2009 as the Year of Priests and the general ecclesiastical distress over the shortage of priests and vocations. For example in Ireland, which once produced an overabundance of priests, the dropout rate at its *only remaining seminary* is 60%! Even more discouraging is the number of priests ordained for the entire country in recent years: nine in 2003, eight in 2004, seven in 2005, eight in 2006, and a mere two last year! With over three million Catholics and only

4,700 priests, there is not only a severe shortage of pastors, but the ratio of dying priests to newly-ordained priests is nearly 90 to 1, leading to the prediction made by the *Catholic News Service* in February, that at "this current trend by 2028 Ireland will have fewer than 1,500 priests." Of course, liberal proponents cite the "celibate lifestyle" of the priesthood as the culprit for the lack of vocations, rather than the conciliarist spirit which makes the priest a glorified social worker who merely presides over a communal meal, rather than a pastor of souls and sacrificing-mediator.

The negative publicity of the German bishops however did little to deter large attendances at all three ordinations, each averaging about 3000 faithful, many of who came from long distances to witness and participate in these supernatural acts that will greatly benefit Holy Mother Church. In addition to these

ordinations, another two priests are scheduled to be ordained later this year at Holy Cross Seminary in Goulburn, Australia. Indeed another hopeful sign for the Church's future and of the traditional Catholic priesthood is the total of 11 deacons, who God willing, shall be ordained to the priesthood at Winona, MN next year.

Please pray for the perseverance and fidelity of the newly-ordained priests as they go to labor in the Lord's vineyard, as well as for the deacons who are now preparing for the momentous step of the priesthood.

Acknowledgements

Photos taken at Winona, MN courtesy of Fr. John Young

Photos from Econe and Zaitzkofen courtesy of DICI



The priestly ordinands process out of the main chapel at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary, each bearing their specially folded chasuble over their left arm and holding a lighted candle in their right hand.

In a seminary classroom at Winona, the deacons vest in preparation for their priestly ordination. Here, a deacon is securing to his cincture the decorated *manutergium* which will be used to wrap his hands after they have been anointed with sacred chrism.



Also present at the ordinations in Winona was Bishop Fellay, seen here imposing his hands upon each of the newly ordained, then followed by the 79 priests attending the ceremony.

ROSARY CRUSADE NATIONAL TALLY

The District Office will be publishing a running tally of the rosaries said throughout the USA for the intentions of the Rosary Crusade. The monthly totals below are based on the tallies turned in by the chapels and individuals who do not attend an SSPX chapel.

May: 214,488 (turned in so far)

June: 161, 562 (turned in so far)

Grand Total: 376,050

NB: based upon the number of tally booklets distributed amongst the SSPX's chapels, the USA District should potentially be reciting almost 300,000 rosaries per month for this crucial apostolate.

Please help us to storm Heaven with prayers for the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



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AUGUST 1, 2009

Dear friends and benefactors,

In a few weeks, following a hopefully restful summer break, the schools of the Society of St. Pius X across the United States will again open their doors to the many children of our faithful, ready to begin a new year of study.

I would like, first of all, to thank all the benefactors who help to make this possible. To keep our schools open each year is a financial miracle. Every priest with charge over one of our schools wonders each year how he will meet the financial obligations of that school. But Providence watches over us, and for years now our benefactors have made it happen.

The Society of St. Pius X recognizes the great importance of schools. We witness the need, firstly, to protect our youth from the moral corruption of the world. But, more deeply, we understand the necessity of forming their intelligence — enabling them to think and judge properly.

It is easy, and necessary, to see the moral corruption that is brought about by the public schools and even by so-called “Catholic” schools. The recent events, covered in the news, regarding Notre Dame University is just one example. By mixing people with various beliefs, and without any moral guidance, a certain habituation and acceptance of sin is created. This is, even by itself, sufficient reason to stay away from these mechanisms of corruption.

What is more difficult to see, but as necessary if not more so, is the corruption of minds — indoctrination of the intelligence, formation of the mind according to the revolutionary spirit of the “rights of man,” according to Freemasonic principles. This spirit penetrates virtually everything in our world, but it is fostered and cultivated especially in the modern school.

We see this intellectual corruption in the way history is taught in the modern school. The history of Christian Civilization is veiled in enforced silence. Young people are kept in ignorance of their Catholic or even Christian roots, and of the true — Christ-centered — history of the world. The only accepted studies are criticisms of the Church; a distorted and disfigured approach to the Inquisition, Galileo and the like — a well-planned attack on the Truth and on the Church.

Still more grave, thinking itself, the mechanism of thinking, is being corrupted. The mind is created to know the truth, to learn about what is true and what is not, what

is reality and what is not. Undermining this most basic understanding of the intelligence, the modern school says, “*Nothing is really true; we are in fact unable to reach or grasp the reality of things with certainty.*” It’s an old philosophical error, now very widespread. But if we are not able to know the truth or reality of things, well then the only thing that matters is the utility of a thing. “*What is the usefulness of this thing? How can I use it? What can it do for me?*” The function or utility of a thing becomes more important than the nature of the thing itself.

This may sound a bit philosophical, but it is the root of modern thinking, and in reality the *ruin* of thinking — “*The intelligence in danger of death,*” as Marcel De Corte put it. It really *is* the destruction of intelligence. Because if you can’t know the truth or reality of things, then you cannot judge; you cannot hold any judgment to be absolutely true. Any idea becomes just an opinion among many others; your own point of view.

Even your religion becomes just one among many. For the Catholic Church to stand up in this world and say, “*There is only one true God, one revealed and true Church*” — that is more and more heroic. The origins of the ecumenical heresies of today are firstly philosophical, and it is this thinking that the public schools enforce in the minds of the children. It is this thinking that the media are conveying. It is the politically correct way of thinking, and all are supposed to follow.

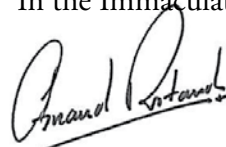
I apologize for being a bit philosophical here, but I think it is important to understand the roots of the civil and religious crisis in the world.

It is also here that we find the profound reason for all the sacrifices made for the good of our schools. We want to save the souls of our youth, and for that we must save their intelligence; we want them, like us, to believe in Christ the King, Master of our minds and of our lives.

Your efforts for our traditional Catholic schools are thus deeply appreciated, and we thank you sincerely for the generosity that makes them possible.

We assure you of our prayers, and our blessing.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,



Fr. Arnaud Rostand



The chasuble is placed on the ordinand, outwardly signifying his ordination to the priesthood.



Then the bishop anoints the ordinand's hands with sacred chrism in preparation for touching the consecrated Host during the celebration of Mass...



The priest, his anointed hands wrapped with a *manutergium*, is given a chalice and paten to touch signifying the reception of the power to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.



At a special credence, their *manutergiums* and remaining sacred chalice with lemons, bread and chasuble are the 3 new priests at Winona: the middle for Avrille, France, and Benedictines for Silv...

A unique feature of the ordination Mass is the concelebration of the newly-ordained with the bishop. Kneeling in the chancel, one of the priests, assisted by a veteran priest (Fr. Daniel Couture, District Superior of Asia), prays the Canon in unison with Bishop Tissier de Mallerais (who uncommonly is saying it aloud).



PRIESTERSEMINAR HERZ JESU, ZAITZKOFEN, GERMANY



Bishop de Galarreta is absent from this picture taken of the 3 new priests and 2 deacons, though Bishop Fellay, who attended the ceremonies, can be seen on the left.



A view of Bishop de Galarreta preaching during the ordination Mass at Zaitzkofen.



The group picture of ordinands...



ice, the priests remove
and specially wash the
rism from their hands
and water. Seen here in
monastic priests ordained
le priest is a Dominican
nd the other 2 are
ver City, NM.



The climax of the
priesthood: the
consecration of
the Sacred Species
during the Holy
Sacrifice.



While the bishop lays his hands on the ordinand
to bestow the power to forgive sins, a server
unloosens the ties to unfold the chasuble,
signifying the ability to hear confessions.



A new priest bestows a first blessing
after the ceremonies and group pictures.



ds, ministers, and clergy in front of St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary's chapel.

INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY OF ST. PIUS X, ECONE, SWITZERLAND



Bishop Fellay
preaches on the
importance of
priests for the
Church. Some
may recognize
the crozier he is
holding, which was
used by Archbishop
Lefebvre when he
consecrated the
4 bishops for the
SSPX.



This group photo of 10 deacons at Econe foretells more traditional
priests to come.



The 8 priests ordained at the International Seminary of St. Pius X in
Econe (...the bearded priest belongs to the Capuchin community in
Morgon, France).



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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:

Daniel Bloch (Notre Dame de La Salette Boys Academy, Olivet, IL)	91%
Bernadette Morgali (St. Mary's Academy, St. Marys, KS)	90%
Jake Kleinsmith (Notre Dame de La Salette Boys Academy, Olivet, IL)	89%

Winners received \$1,500, \$1,250 and \$1,000 respectively toward future tuition in a Society institution of higher learning, or towards an SSPX-sponsored pilgrimage.



Best Scores — 8TH GRADERS:

Nicholas Crowell (Our Lady of the Angels Academy in Arcadia, CA)	98%
Nicholas Kracht (Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy in St. Paul, MN)	90%
Eric Franco (Our Lady of the Angels Academy in Arcadia, CA)	89%

Winners received \$500 (tied for 1st) and \$200 (2nd) toward future tuition in a Society school.

Schools (4 or more students tested) scoring the highest:

12TH GRADE: Notre Dame de La Salette Boys Academy in Olivet, IL
8TH GRADE: Our Lady of the Angels Academy in Arcadia, CA
Olivet ranked first on the 12th grade exam for the fourth consecutive year.
Arcadia ranked first on the 8th grade exam for the third time in four years.

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MEN'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Men's Slowpitch Softball Tournament
Hosted by Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel,
St. Paul, MN

Saturday, September 12

Sign-up deadline: August 1
For more information please contact
Miss Erin Fitzpatrick: 651-249-6591



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MONTHLY INTENTIONS

August: For the return of those lost, for all
who have left the Church, and that
the Jews may recognize their Savior.

September: For Catholic schools and Catholic
families.

October: For religious and priestly vocations.

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE

May 2009

Daily Offering	10,777
Masses	4,807
Sacramental Communion	4,308
Spiritual Communion	9,132
Sacrifices	53,685
Decades of the Rosary	53,685
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	4,422
15 minutes of silent meditation	5,789
Good Example	17,516
Number returned	410

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AUGUST 9-18, 2010

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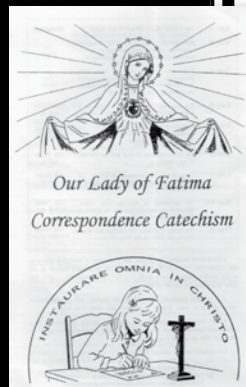
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(203) 431-0201

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WOMEN: Oct. 12-17, Dec. 14-19

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

MEN: Oct. 12-17

WOMEN: Nov. 16-21

MIXED: Dec. 17-19 Matrimony Retreat (begins 12/16 PM), Dec. 28-Jan 1 Mixed Marian (tentative dates)

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MIXED: Nov. 16-21 (Third Order)

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

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Thank you, Fr. Scott Gardner
United States District Chaplain

Regina Pilgrimages

(accompanied by an SSPX priest)

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NOVEMBER 6-17, 2009

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