

# Regina Coeli

## REPORT

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## FT. WAYNE CELEBRATES ITS 25TH JUBILEE



St. John Fisher, English bishop, martyred in 1535 for refusing to recognize Henry VIII's divorce and Act of Succession oath wherein Anne Boleyn was illegitimately claimed as the king's wife and queen.

St. John Fisher Church in FORT WAYNE, IN celebrated its Silver Jubilee as a chapel of the Society of St. Pius X with a Solemn Mass and banquet on Thursday, July 9th, the feast day of the chapel's patron. On hand for the jubilee was District Superior, Fr. Arnaud Rostand, the current pastor, Fr. Frank Riccomini, past District Superior and pastor, Fr. Peter Scott, former parishioner, Fr. Michael Harber, and Fr. Michael Lavin and Br. Benedict, visiting from Olivet, IL. Parishoners from the Napanee, IN chapel also attended (see below for their historical link to Ft. Wayne), allowing the choir to be doubled, while the chant propers for St. John Fisher's feast day<sup>1</sup> were graciously provided by the SSPX's District Office in Great Britain.

The history of the chapel has its roots in 1970, when a group of laymen from the metropolitan area secured a Ukrainian Rite<sup>2</sup> priest from Yugoslavia, Fr. Simeon Hromis,<sup>3</sup> to immigrate to the United States and minister to traditionally-minded faithful around Ft. Wayne. A chapel and school were eventually established



The interior of St. John Fisher Church. The pastor, Fr. Riccomini, gives the sermon during the jubilee Mass.

on US Route 27, but around 1972, the Ukrainian Eparchy<sup>4</sup> required Fr. Hromis' transfer to Mishawaka<sup>5</sup> to serve a Ukrainian parish that had no priest. This required Ft. Wayne's traditional Roman Catholics (who had paid for Father's immigration) to make the 80-mile, one-way trip each Sunday to attend a Mass that was not heterodox. Later though, Fr. Hromis began to service another chapel in Ft. Wayne for Ukrainians, thereby allowing the traditional Roman Catholics in the metropolitan area to attend Mass there.

In January 1984, the Ft. Wayne group contacted the SSPX through its acting United States SSPX District Superior,<sup>6</sup> Fr. Richard Williamson, and requested to have a priest come and offer Mass for the area's interested Catholics. With priests flying from Ridgefield, CT, the traditional Roman Mass was offered once a month at the usual assortment of hotels, recreational centers and even homes. About 1986, a small, former Eastern Rite church was eventually obtained in southeast



In front of an Eastern Rite iconostasis screen, Fr. Hromis preaches to the faithful which included many Roman Rite Catholics escaping the New Mass' theological deviances.

<sup>1</sup> As these are not listed in the typical *Liber Usualis*, as the feast day is local to England.

<sup>2</sup> The Ukrainian Rite uses the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (the Greek-Byzantine Rite in Old Slavonic) though it is now celebrated in the Ukrainian vernacular.

<sup>3</sup> Fr. Hromis was ordained in 1939, with his seminary rector being no less than Fr. Josyf Slipyj (1892-1984), the future famous Soviet-persecuted archbishop, and later cardinal. Father endured much persecution and suffering himself during the war years and especially under the Communist reign. As tolerated in the Eastern Rites, Fr. Hromis was married and had five children, and it was through one of his children that a friend of friend discovered him for Ft. Wayne. Father passed away a couple of years ago.

<sup>4</sup> Located in Chicago, IL.

<sup>5</sup> Near South Bend and just a few miles from the SSPX's Napanee chapel.

<sup>6</sup> Fr. Williamson was simultaneously the seminary rector at Ridgefield, CT; Fr. Francois Laisney became the new district superior in May.

Ft. Wayne on E. Senate Avenue and the Mass frequency was increased to twice a month.

In 1992, the small chapel rejoiced when one of its own parishioners, Michael Harber, was ordained to the priesthood for the SSPX. The following year, the new District Superior, Fr. Peter Scott, became the pastor at Ft. Wayne and recommended that the steadily growing parish acquire a larger property. That very summer this became a reality, when the present church property was purchased from Episcopalians. The 120 by 60 feet building, located on seven acres, would allow for future expansion. Its proximity to the airport made it easily serviceable by the Society. After some work to convert the former Protestant building into a Catholic church, the chapel was solemnly blessed by Bishop Bernard Fellay on June 12, 1994. A few months later in November, a steeple and blessed bell were added, and in 1997, a 30 by 35 foot addition (containing offices and the pastor's living quarters) was completed.

The faithful of St. John Fisher Church always believed that once they obtained a large enough chapel, the parish would begin to grow. As witnessed during the jubilee celebration, the many children of the parish's younger families prove this to be true and the chapel continues to flourish.

#### Sources

St. John Fisher 25th Anniversary Jubilee book (compiled by Mr. Joseph Kretschmer, chapel coordinator)  
District Office archives



Fr. Rostand elevates Our Eucharistic Lord during the jubilee Mass. Assisting as deacon (raising the chasuble) is Fr. Scott and as subdeacon (center, wearing a humeral veil), Fr. Harber.



Inside the parish hall, several talks were given, with Fr. Riccomini leading.



Former pastor Fr. Scott humorously tells of how he had once nicknamed Ft. Wayne the "geriatric chapel" due to its elderly attendance, a moniker that no longer sticks!



The jubilee activities for the children included horse and pony rides, a petting zoo, games and an inflated castle to bounce around in.



Several music recitals were also given in the parish hall, including this trio of strings and a piano duet by a pair of ladies.



After Mass, the faithful of both Indiana chapels pose with the sacred ministers and servers after Mass in front of St. John Fisher Church.

# Society of Saint Pius X

*District of the United States of America*

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**Fr. Arnaud Rostand**

**J.M.J.**

Dear friends and benefactors,

The season of Advent is a time during which we prepare ourselves for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Through our prayers and sacrifices we open our hearts and our souls to receive Our Savior, and to let His many graces reach us.

The modern world in which we live will not truly celebrate Christmas. The world refuses the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We see Christmas trees, Santa Clause, all the folklore about Christmas — but the true celebration of the birth of Our Savior will scarcely be mentioned. The celebration of Christmas as a Catholic feast, or even as a “Christian” feast, is not acceptable to the world. You have all noticed, for example, that people no longer say, at least in public, “Merry Christmas,” but rather, “Happy holidays!” All expressions with any sort of religious connotation are taboo, as they are too much a reminder that there is no true Christmas without Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Contrary to the spirit of the world, we as Catholics will proclaim the rights of Our Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true Man. And there are three rights of God that must never be forgotten, of which we are reminded in the first three Commandments:

I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt not have strange gods before me.

God has the right to command us to adore Him, to recognize Him as the true God, to humble ourselves as poor creatures and to admit that He is our Creator. God has the right to ask us to love Him above all else. God has the right to demand that all men worship Him, the one true and living God. God has the right to forbid us false worship, false gods, false religions. “It is written, the Lord thy God shalt thou worship, and Him only shalt thou serve” (Matt. 4, 10). And therefore, Our Lord Jesus Christ, being true God and the second Person of the Holy Trinity, has all of these same

rights. “At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, of those in heaven, on earth and under the earth” (Phil. 2, 10).

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

God has the right to require that we respect His name: “God is not mocked” (Gal. 6, 7). He has the right to punish us for any blasphemies against Him, His Mother, the Church or any holy things. Our Lord Jesus Christ has, of course, the same rights for His Holy Name.

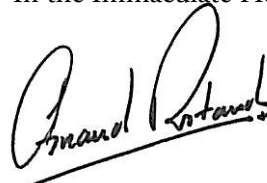
Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath Day.

God has the right to command us to worship Him in a special manner; on specific days, Sundays and other days of obligation.

These are the first rights of God. How are they respected in our days? Christmas is a reminder of these rights of Our Lord Jesus Christ over every creature, every man, and that is why the world wants to remove all religious aspects of this “holiday.” We, for our part, will prepare ourselves during the time of Advent to receive worthily Our Savior. There is no Christmas without Our Lord Jesus Christ, true Man and true God.

With my prayers and blessing

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,



Fr. Arnaud Rostand

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## ACCEPTING MASS STIPENDS

The USA District Office is presently collecting Mass stipends for priests in need. The suggested donation is \$15.00 per Mass. NB: we cannot receive stipends for Gregorian Masses (e.g., 30 consecutive Requiem Masses).

Checks should be made out to the SSPX and sent to:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Dreher, District Secretary  
REGINA COELI HOUSE  
11485 N. Farley Road  
Platte City, MO 64079

*Please ensure to include a separate note outlining the Mass intention.*

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# USA District Camps

Here we highlight a few of the camps that were sponsored in the United States District this year.

## Maria Stella Maris Girls Camp

On the East Coast, a camp hosted under the direction of Fr. Gerard Beck and a twelve-member staff for girls aged between 13 and 18, was held at Camp Olmsted near Russell, PA, from July 28 to August 7. A total of 67 girls attended with great enthusiasm and an excellent spirit. In addition to the usual camp activities (such as roller skating, square dancing, various games, and swimming), the girls honored Our Lady with a procession to an outdoor shrine which they prepared. Each team of girls prepared a Marian symbol of sawdust to decorate the processional path. At the end of the procession each girl presented a flower as a token of her personal resolution to Our Lady. The camp's Marian theme was also emphasized by each girl making a devotional wall plaque of Our Lady in craft class.



The 67 girls pose with Fr. Beck and the camp's staff members.



A view of the girls making their Marian plaques.



Another project was making colorful sawdust motifs representing Marian titles. One of the motifs (laid out on a board) is carefully moved...



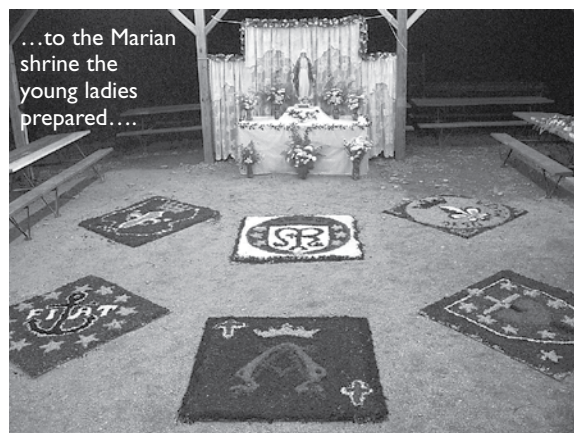
The finished work, complete with decorative borders.



...for the special procession and ceremony of presenting themselves to Our Lady via the gift of a flower...



...to the Marian shrine the young ladies prepared....





## Arcadia Boys Camp

During Easter week vacation (April 15-18), Fr. Charles Ward, the prior and pastor of Our Lady of Angels Church in **ARCADIA (LOS ANGELES), CA** led a camp at the Sequoia National Forest for the academy boys. Camping in the woods, these boys could easily acquire an appreciation of God's work in creation, and they had an opportunity to climb mountains, cross streams, live in the wild, and conquer their own fears of the unknown. Other masculine traits developed during the camp included assertiveness, decisiveness, determination, courage, and independence (hence a reason camping should be encouraged among young men).



Here the boys work as a team to raise a tent for their dwelling.



Cutting firewood with an axe provides an excellent opportunity for young men to get a taste for male conquest which further gives them the strengthen necessary for dwelling in the forest (as well as for the supernatural life).



The boys warm up by the fire before attending Mass. A bear box (a reinforced storage container for food) can be seen in the background. The boys learned to lock up their food at night to keep the bears from eating it during their nightly scavenging expeditions.



Facing the rising sun, a symbol of Our Lord's Resurrection, Fr. Ward offers Mass during the early morning hours in a special tent erected for the camping trip.



The boys pose for a picture with Fr. Ward on a trail overpass that enables an easy crossing of the swift moving river below.

## Atlanta Girls Camp

In the South, St. Michael the Archangel Church in **ROSWELL (ATLANTA), GA** hosted a girls' camp from July 14-17. From the southern states of Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Florida, 30 girls attended the camp which was staffed by several parish women and Sisters Mary Athanasius and Mary JoAnna from the SSPX's Sacred Heart Novitiate in Browerville, MN.

One of the crafts taught during the camp was sewing altar linens, which we can see some of the older girls doing here.



The younger girls learned how to make prayer cards.



Another skill learned was floral arranging...



...and Celtic dancing. The girls were also kept active with a recreational hike in the north Georgian mountains and capture the flag!



The girls enjoy an evening bonfire with singing.



The girls and staff happily pose for a group picture.

## INTERNATIONAL ROSARY MARCH

The International Rosary March generally takes place on the first Saturday of October (the 3rd this year), the month of the Holy Rosary, and consists of a solemn procession with the recitation of all 15 decades. This long-time apostolate went perfectly in hand with the SSPX's ongoing 12-Million Rosary Crusade. Here we cite a couple of the Society's chapels where the Rosary March was held.

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



The parish held its procession through the streets of Mandan on Sunday, October 4th, led by its pastor, Fr. Benjamin Campbell.

### Annunciation Chapel; Ft. Collins, CO



With the Rocky Mountains in the background, the morning procession makes its way down a country road with visiting District Secretary, Fr. Joseph Dreher (barely visible at the rear) leading the rosary after having offered Mass.



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## 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.

**Aug: 386,685 (turned in so far)**

**Sept: 381,388 (turned in so far)**

**Oct: 352,808 (turned in so far)**

**Grand Total: 2,111,647**

**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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**209 Tackora Trail, Ridgefield, CT 06877**  
**(203) 431-0201**

**MEN:** Jan. 18-23, Mar. 8-13, May 17-22, July 12-17,  
 Sept. 13-18, Nov. 15-20

**WOMEN:** Feb. 15-20, Apr. 19-24, June 21-26, Aug. 9-14,  
 Oct. 11-16, Dec. 13-18

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

**MEN:** *Awaiting 2010 schedule*

**WOMEN:** *Awaiting 2010 schedule*

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

**ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA RETREAT CENTER**  
**19101 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos, CA 95033**  
**(408) 354-7703**

**MEN:** Jan. 4-9, Feb. 15-20, Mar. 22-27, Apr. 26-May 1,  
 Aug. 30-Sept. 4, Oct. 11-16, Dec. 16-19 (Weekend)

**WOMEN:** Jan. 25-30, Mar. 8-13, Apr. 12-17, May 24-29,  
 Aug. 9-14, Sept. 20-25, Nov. 1-6, Dec. 2-5 (Weekend)

**TEACHER'S RETREAT (WOMEN ONLY):** June 7-12

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

## Regina Pilgrimages

(accompanied by an SSPX priest)

### THE HOLY SHROUD OF TURIN & SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

**APRIL 15-26, 2010**

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## EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

### MONTHLY INTENTIONS

**December:** That the spiritual retreats may  
 sanctify many souls.

**January:** The unity of the Church and the return  
 of Rome to Tradition (in particular,  
 the success of our discussions with  
 Rome)

**February:** Princes and heads of state

### U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE

**September 2009**

Daily Offering	10,951
Masses	3,971
Sacramental Communion	3,634
Spiritual Communion	7,752
Sacrifices	19,482
Decades of the Rosary	53,923
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	3,552
15 minutes of silent meditation	3,647
Good Example	12,205
Number returned	