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## REPORT

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# LOW SUNDAY AT SACRED HEART NOVITIATE

The SSPX's Superior General, Bishop Bernard Fellay, gave the sacred veil to four postulants and received the vows of 13 female religious (one made her first profession while the other 12 renewed their temporary vows) at the Society sisters' Sacred Heart Novitiate in **BROWERVILLE, MN** on Low Sunday, April 19th. Of the four who completed their six month postulancy, three came from different countries. The single novice was from the Philippines, and if she perseveres, after two years she will be able to make her first temporary vows.

Preceding the event was the sisters' annual retreat, attended by the sisters residing at the novitiate, as well as eight from the community at St. Mary's, KS, and preached by Fr. Jules Belisle (stationed in Hampton, Australia).

These advancements in the religious life made on Low Sunday befittingly occurred during a beautiful Solemn Pontifical Mass at the Throne celebrated by Bishop Fellay, with Fr. Daniel Couture (District Superior of Asia) as the assistant priest, Fr. Gerard Beck (First Assistant to the United States District Superior) as the first assistant deacon and Fr. Belisle as the second assistant deacon. Also ministering to His Excellency



The SSPX sisters' Sacred Heart Novitiate in Browerville, MN.

according to their clerical rank were Rev. Mr. Michael Fortin as the deacon and recently ordained Rev. Mr. Sean Gerrity as the subdeacon. These clerics were part of the twelve seminarians and two brothers from St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary at Winona, MN, who sacrificed part of their vacation time to enable the Pontifical Mass for the edification of the sisters.



Prior to the Offertory, the 4 postulants kneel at the altar and listen to the bishop's admonition before exchanging their blue postulant veils for the white veil of a novice.



Having exchanged their blue veils for white, the new novices kneel in readiness for the bishop to continue the ceremonies, while their superior and mistress of novices kneel on each side of the altar rail.

Also in attendance were Frs. Timothy Pfeiffer (Syracuse, NY prior) and Adam Portugal (stationed at the Browerville priory of St. John Vianney; recently renamed from St. Peter's Priory to match the nearby chapel). A contingent of Children of Mary and young college ladies from St. Mary's, KS, and several high school girls from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy in St. Paul, MN also attended. After the Mass, a picnic-luncheon was held on the novitiate grounds, to which all were invited.

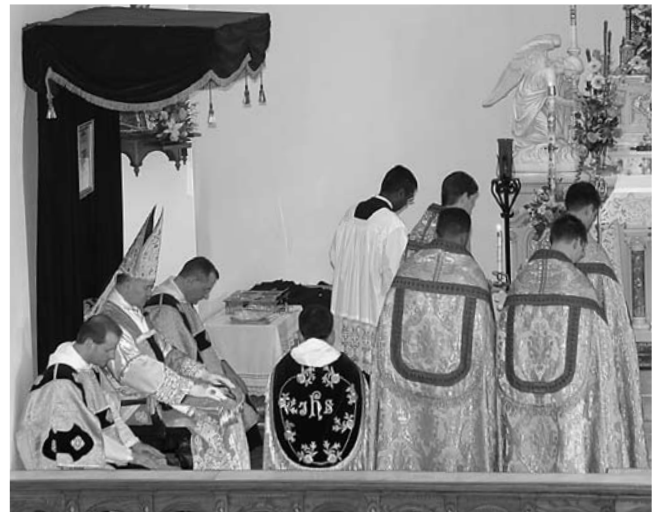
An important branch of the Society of St. Pius X's religious family, the sisters were instituted by Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre with the aid of his blood sister, Mother Mary Gabriel, to assist the priests' apostolate in fulfilling various practical tasks, but most especially to pray for their sanctification. Presently there are nearly 150 SSPX sisters dispersed throughout the world, and we pray that their numbers will continue to increase in the coming years to assist the ever-growing number of SSPX priests (*e.g.*, ten more priests were ordained on June 19th at Winona, MN).



Kneeling at the rail, the 12 sisters (along with the sole novice situated in the sanctuary) renew (profess) their religious vows as Sisters of the SSPX.



Here all kneel during the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary in preparation for the single novice to make her first temporary vows.



A view of the bishop at the pontifical throne with his assistants as they bow for a sacred phrase being sung during the Mass.



A picture of Bishop Fellay while giving the sermon.

After the Mass, the bishop, various ministers, visiting clergy and sisters posed for a group picture in front of the novitiate complex.



Archbishop Lefebvre with his sister, Mother Mary Gabriel, taken when both were still members of the Holy Ghost missionaries in Africa.



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**J.M.J.**  
**JULY 1, 2009**

Dear friends and benefactors,

One point on which we can never place enough emphasis, is that the world — especially the Western world — is more and more falling into atheism, materialism, and hedonism.

The atheism of the modern world is not exactly the same as that of 20th century Communism. The new atheism does not require a formal denial of the existence of God, an official statement that God does not exist; it is more treacherous, more dangerous and evil. It is an atheism in which the existence of God has no importance. Whether one believes God exists or not, who He is and what He wants of us has no importance. It is an atheism or agnosticism in which, even if God exists, He does not interfere with the world. In other words, He does not care.

This is a denial of the Revelation that God does love us and has revealed Himself to us; that He has sent His only Son to tell us the Truth about Himself and to give us the means of Salvation.

The modern world rejects the possibility of God revealing Himself — telling all men, all nations, Who He is, what He wants of us, His plans to save us. The denial of the possibility itself of reaching the truth about God is the worst atheism — or more exactly, agnosticism — because it can leave people with the illusion of a “good conscience.” Everyone is free to make up his own god, a god that does not bother him, a false god that lets him do whatever he wishes. When man starts making idols to his liking, he rejects the True God, and replaces Him with himself. Man becomes God.

The world we live in also promotes and praises materialism and hedonism, “*a thirst for the goods and pleasures of the earth*,” as Pope Pius XI defines it in his encyclical *Divini Redemptoris* (1937). The world teaches that we must look for the goods of the earth, and work for a materialistic happiness on earth. “The more I have, the more blessed I am” mentality is infiltrating even the most Catholic families — a contradiction of the words of Our Lord: “*Blessed are the poor....*”

We, indeed, should always remain “*poor in spirit*.” This means not placing our happiness in the things of earth, not even spending our best efforts to acquire them, but considering ourselves only as stewards of earthly goods, and using them only for what is really necessary; while also, and most importantly, giving to the poor and to the Church.

“*All Christians, rich and poor, must keep their eye fixed on Heaven, remembering that, ‘we have not here a lasting city, but we seek one that is to come’* (Hebrews 13, 14),” as Pope Pius XI wrote.

We easily become infected with a materialistic spirit. The modern world makes us no longer care about the poor. Perhaps this is because we are not often in direct contact with them, or because poverty is not that visible. Yet many around us struggle, and we should try to help them. Think, for example, of the large families who struggle to pay their children’s tuition. Sponsoring a child from such a family is a great way of fighting a materialistic spirit.

On the other hand, we hear occasionally — although thanks be to God, not very often — that sometimes parents would chose to buy unnecessary things, or take expensive holidays, while not meeting their financial obligations, such as tuition payments. This too, is an effect of the materialistic spirit of this modern world, and an injustice.

In fact, the only answer to the modern materialism is detachment from worldly goods, and Christian charity. These only will protect us and keep us real followers of Our Lord Jesus Christ — Catholics by faith and by good works.

To conclude this letter, dear faithful, friends and benefactors, I would like to remind you that these observations about the modern world — as dramatic as they are — should not affect or disturb our Catholic hope. It is important and necessary to see and understand clearly the errors, the dangers around us. If we make it a point to comment on these errors, it is to be aware of them, in order to be protected from them and to keep a deep Catholic spirit in everything that we do. At the same time, however, we must keep a strong and unfailing confidence in God, in our Lord and in His Blessed Mother. We must never be discouraged or overcome by pessimism because we have God on our side.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,



Fr. Arnaud Rostand

# NEW BELLS FOR LAS VEGAS MISSION

For many years, Our Lady of Victory Church in Las Vegas, NV had a lone bell sitting in a storage room. Recently, the parish added a bell-wall that surmounted a side entrance of the chapel, and purchased two more bells. Finally, on Sunday, November 23, the pastor, Fr. Jacques Emily (also prior at Los Gatos, CA) blessed all three bells according to the simple form (the more elaborate rite of consecrating, or “baptizing,” bells is reserved to a bishop) in preparation for their installation.

As a sacramental, blessed bells form an important function in Catholic life, uniting society to its central focus, the parish church as aptly expounded by Longfellow, the author of *The Golden Legend*:<sup>1</sup>

I praise the true God, I call the people,<sup>1a</sup>  
I assemble the clergy;<sup>1b</sup>  
I bewail the dead, I dispense storm clouds,<sup>1c</sup>  
I do honor to feasts.

In later centuries, church bells were also rung to commemorate the Angelus prayer, thereby thrice daily reminding Catholics of the mystery of redemption.

Because of the sacramental power of church bells, as well as their ability to remind Catholics of their spiritual duties and the triumph of Christ, the enemies of the Church are often keen to have church bells silenced (by way of example, bells are forbidden in most areas under Muslim domination).

<sup>1</sup> Or to further explain his words, *a)* to the religious ceremonies; *b)* not only to the liturgical rites, but also to their clerical duties (such as chapter meetings in monasteries and cathedrals), synods and other functions; and *c)* referring to the sacramental ability of ringing to drive away evil.



A view of the mission style bell-wall erected at Our Lady of Victory Church with the newly installed bells after their blessing.

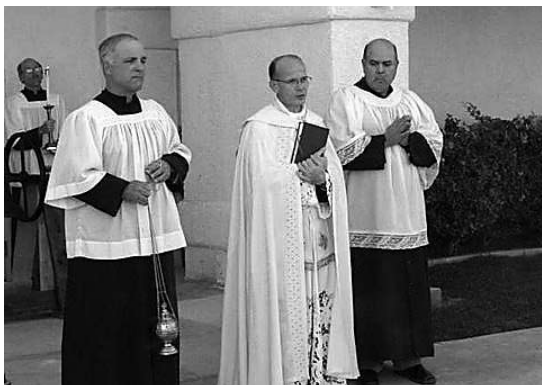


Assisted by two acolytes, Fr. Emily circles and sprinkles with holy water one of the bells placed in a temporary belfry for the occasion.



Here Father blesses another of the bells, located at the church's side doors.

After sprinkling the bells with holy water, Fr. Emily then proceeds to incense them.



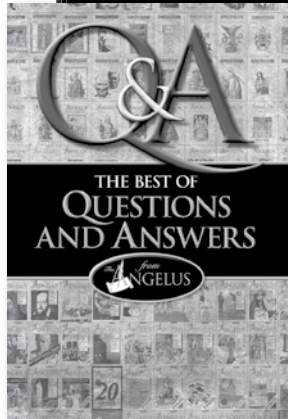
Fr. Emily takes a few moments to instruct the faithful about the importance of blessed bells.

Unrelated to the blessing of the bells, a recent visiting priest at the Las Vegas, NV chapel was Fr. Gregory Obih (a Nigerian priest stationed at the Winona seminary) seen here on Palm Sunday returning from the palm procession.





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**July:** For governments, that they may desire to please God and obey His commandments.

**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.

### U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE

#### **April 2009**

Daily Offering	13,655
Masses	6,043
Sacramental Communion	4,738
Spiritual Communion	10,679
Sacrifices	27,782
Decades of the Rosary	61,277
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# WOMEN'S DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

Continuing the work of sanctifying souls, recently several recollection days were hosted in the United States District for the spiritual benefit of the ladies, whether married, single, and young school women. These days of recollection included morning Mass, spiritual conferences, confessions, recitation of the rosary and Benediction.

## Immaculate Conception Church, Post Falls, ID

Travelling to Idaho from the North American Seminary in Minnesota, professor Fr. Patrick Abbet gave a day of recollection to over 100 ladies on Friday, November 21.



Here in basement parish hall, the ladies listen attentively to the spiritual points given by Fr. Abbet.



Just before the day of recollection began, the ladies enjoyed a light breakfast where they were allowed to talk to one another.

## Sacred Heart Novitiate, Browerville, MN

The SSPX sisters hosted two different Lenten Days of Recollection preached by Fr. Adam Portugal, the first on March 7th for the high school girls at St. John Vianney Academy in nearby Long Prairie, MN, and the second for married women on March 14th.



Here the 31 married women who came from as far as Belle Plaine and St. Cloud, MN pose with Fr. Portugal in the church. The women requested the day of recollection, and the SSPX sisters were happy to assist in making it possible.



The 21 young women who attended the academy's annual day of recollection, a custom now in its 9th year.

## HOLY FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND

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United States District Chaplain

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**MIXED:** Nov. 16-21 (Third Order)

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