

# Regina Coeli

## REPORT

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## BISHOP FELLAY'S ALASKAN VISIT

**O**n the morning of Easter Tuesday, April 14th, Bishop Bernard Fellay, the SSPX's Superior General, arriving directly after his Holy Week engagement at the seminary in Winona, MN (see the previous May issue), touched down in ANCHORAGE, for his first visit in the state of Alaska. With its breathtaking topographical features, at 586,412 square miles, Alaska is the largest state in the United States of America.

The object of Bishop Fellay's visit was to become acquainted with the Society's St. Theresa, Patron of Alaska Mission in Anchorage (previously cited in the December 2006 and April 2009 issues), because as he stated to the faithful there, as Superior General, he tries to see all the SSPX's missions since all of them are important regardless of their size.

The faithful at the Anchorage mission are accustomed to normally have Mass only once a month, so they felt very blessed to have daily Mass offered in their chapel during Bishop Fellay's brief visit.

One of the highlights of his visit was a chartered flight to see Mt. McKinley. Before departing, the charter company pointed out to His Excellency the route they would be flying. Bishop Fellay commented that the mountains in Switzerland were higher and more rugged (Anchorage is surrounded by small mountains which unbeknownst to His Excellency the locals refer to as "hills"). The man at the charter



Bishop Fellay stands in front of the plane with a few Anchorage faithful before departing on his Mt. McKinley tour.



A view of Bishop Fellay during the three-hour, one-way flight from Anchorage's international airport to Mt. McKinley, a distance of 350 miles. A stop was made in Talkeetna, where climbers meet before leaving for the base camps to start their ascents.



The most important aspect of Bishop Fellay's visit was pastoral and here he is seen about to distribute Holy Communion during one of the daily Masses offered.



The mission's pastor, Fr. Christopher Hunter (who flies from St. Thomas Beckett Priory in Veneta, OR), enjoying dinner with Bishop Fellay and some parishioners during His Excellency's visit.



After giving the conference in the auction hall (hence, the items in the background), Bishop Fellay poses for a picture with some of the children at the mission, a sign of hope for its continual growth.



One of the many pictures of the breathtaking view of Mt. McKinley that Bishop Fellay took during the flight.

company replied that in about an hour the bishop would see which mountains were bigger and more rugged! During the

northward flight Bishop Fellay was able to view wandering moose, pass over several active volcanoes blowing off steam and then finally, majestic Mt. McKinley. His Excellency was awed at the sight of Mt. McKinley, which at 20,320 feet is the highest in the United States, the second highest in the northern hemisphere and nearly 5,000 feet taller than the highest of the Alps.

Another trip south of Anchorage was made to visit Portage Glacier, the Mt. Alyeska ski resort, and the Wild Life Rescue Center to see moose, bears, musk ox, reindeers, eagles and other specimens of Alaska's wild life.

Also during the visit, after an evening Mass, a potluck dinner was held at an antique market owned by parishioners. This was followed by a three-hour talk given by Bishop Fellay about the SSPX and the state of the Church.

For the faithful at St. Therese, Patron of Alaska Mission, the happy visit came to end all too quickly on the morning of Friday, April 17th, when Bishop Fellay boarded a flight to Browerville, MN to visit the Sacred Heart Novitiate of the SSPX sisters (as will be featured in the upcoming July issue).

## SACERDOTAL RECHARGING

In keeping with their continual sanctification and focus on the priesthood, the priests of the SSPX's United States District are annually required to attend the district's Priests' Meeting and a priests' retreat. The meeting allows the Society, and even non-Society, priests to gather in community for nearly a week to rekindle the sacerdotal camaraderie that exists in the district, while the speakers provide some valuable insights during their conferences. The retreat of course gives these pastors of souls the chance to concentrate on their supernatural priestly formation away from the hustle and bustle of their missionary duties. Here we present a few images from these important annual priestly events.

### Easter Priests' Retreat

Every year there are two retreats offered for the priests' convenience, and recently one of them was held from April 20-25, hosted at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center in Phoenix, AZ.



Preached by Asian District Superior, Fr. Daniel Couture (seated third from left), the retreat's theme was based upon Our Lady and the conferences included pertinent anecdotes from his lengthy missionary experience. Amongst the satisfied SSPX priests can be seen several affiliates who assist the Society with its apostolic work.



### Priests' Meeting

St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN was bursting at the seams to accommodate all of the priests who attended the meeting held February 16-20.



First Assistant to the Superior General, Fr. Niklaus Pfluger, gives a conference about the priesthood, which was the reason why Archbishop Lefebvre founded the SSPX.

PRIEST'S MEETING CONTINUED ➡

# Society of Saint Pius X

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**J.M.J.**  
**JUNE 1, 2009**

Dear friends and benefactors,

On March 4, 1991, near the end of his life, Archbishop Lefebvre wrote:

The restorer of Christendom is the priest by the offering of the true sacrifice, by administering the Sacraments, by teaching the Catechism, by vigilantly looking out for the salvation of souls. It is around these truly faithful priests that Christians must gather, and there organize the whole of Christian Life. Any spirit of distrust toward priests who deserve confidence weakens and destabilizes resistance against the destroyers of the Faith.

The crisis in the Church is essentially a crisis of Faith, the novelties and reforms issued by the Second Vatican Council have weakened, and in many cases, even destroyed the Faith. Although it is primarily a crisis of Faith, there are also other effects: one of them is a loss of confidence in the Church and in the clergy. This is a real danger, and Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre both experienced it and warned the faithful against it.

The virtue of hope supposes the Faith and is founded on faith. As any good catechism teaches, Faith alone will not save us without good works; we must also have hope and charity. Hope is the supernatural virtue by which we firmly trust that God will give us eternal life and all the means necessary to obtain it if we do what is required of us.

Indeed, the virtue of Hope includes trust in the means of salvation, and confidence in Our Lord Jesus Christ, the only Redeemer. It entails as well not only trust in the Catholic Church, which is the prolongation of Our Lord Jesus Christ, but also trust in the representatives of Our Lord, the bishops and the priests. They receive authority from Our Lord Jesus Christ; they offer the means of salvation, they are teachers of the Revelation in His Name, and are distributors of His grace through the Sacraments.

To deny the need of these means of sanctification would be equal to doubting God Himself and His Divine plan. That is

why the loss of confidence in the clergy is a real danger. The crisis is at the origin of this distrust. *"We have been betrayed by priests and bishops, so we have to watch."* This we hear sometimes as if it would be a duty to be watchful of everything, even with priests who deserve confidence, as the Archbishop warns. Thanks be to God, most of the faithful who come to the Society of St. Pius X chapels trust its priests and superiors, but this danger does exist.

Once again, it is understandable as a consequence of the terrible crisis we are in. Nevertheless, it is an obstacle to personal sanctification and weakens one's resistance against the enemies and destroyers of the true Faith.

Our goal, for both priests and faithful, is to restore everything in Christ. It is to rebuild around our priories and schools a Catholic spirit: where the Faith is protected and, by the teaching of the priests, radiates everywhere; where hope in God and in His Church is intensified by the example of conscientious priests; where charity towards God and neighbor is more and more put into practice.

During this month of June, which is consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, let us renew our steady intention to work for this restoration in our personal life, in our family life, in our parish life, and in the whole of society. May the new Rosary Crusade for the intentions of the consecration of Russia help us to be more generous in praying and offering sacrifices.

Be assured of my prayers and receive my blessing.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,



Fr. Arnaud Rostand



District Superior, Fr. Arnaud Rostand, addresses the priests with some practical directives that affect their pastoral duties.

Taken with a special lens, this unique shot during Compline shows the seminary's main chapel filled to capacity with priests, seminarians and religious: *Deo gratias!*





# ACADEMIC EVENT

Following are some events that have during the academic year at the Society's schools in the United States District.

## INTER-SSPX HIGH SCHOOL TRACK COMPETITION

During the Fall of 2008, between October 10-24, the Second Annual Inter-SSPX High School Track Competition was run by high school boys at the participating high schools of the Immaculate Conception Academy in Post Falls, ID (ICA), Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Academy in Syracuse, NY (BVM), Notre Dame de La Salette Academy in Olivet, IL (NSD) and St. Mary's Academy in St. Mary's, KS (SMA).

The event was hosted by the Post Falls, ID academy and coordinated by resident priest, Fr. Mark Stafki. Following the regulations outlined in the 2008 *NFHS Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Interpretations* book, the track competition consisted of a 100-meter dash and a 2-mile cross country run held at each respective school, who then submitted their results to Fr. Stafki for totaling. Each competition had an academy overall winner and an individual winner who were as follows:



Fr. Stafki prays with the young men at Post Falls before they begin their runs, reminding them of the words of St. Paul about completing the race to reach Heaven.

Of course another important preparation is stretching and warming up. The Post Falls academy was fortunate to have access to the sports field of the local public high school for the event.

### OVERALL TRACK COMPETITION WINNER:

1st NSD: 77 points  
2nd ICA: 111 points  
3rd SMA: 130 points  
4th BVM: 132 points

### 100-METER DASH BY SCHOOL:

1st NSD: 31 points  
2nd BVM: 39 points  
3rd ICA: 41 points  
4th SMA: 107 points

### FASTEST INDIVIDUAL RUNNERS IN 100-METER DASH:

1st Mark Hinzpeter (BVM) 11.9 seconds  
2nd Edward Campbell (BVM) 12.0 seconds  
3rd Michael Maki (NSD) 12.3 seconds

### WINNER OF 2-MILE RUN BY SCHOOL:

1st SMA: 23 points  
2nd NSD: 46 points  
3rd ICA: 70 points  
4th BVM: 93 points

### FASTEST INDIVIDUAL RUNNER IN THE 2-MILE RUN:

1st Michael Williams (SMA) 10 minutes 47 seconds  
2nd Timothy Bryan (SMA) 10 minutes 58 seconds  
3rd John Schiltz (NSD) 11 minutes 17.5 seconds



Here two of the Post Falls' boys exert themselves to take the lead in the 100-meter dash.



## NOTRE DAME DE LA SALETTE BOYS ACADEMY, OLIVET, IL

This academic year marked a milestone for La Salette, as this year's graduating class will be the first class to have attended all four years at Olivet (the bulk of students of previous classes had come from St. Joseph's Boys Academy in Armada, MI).



A group photo taken on June 13th, the opening day of the academic year, after the Solemn Mass celebrated by headmaster, Fr. Michael McMahon (center behind cross), assisted as deacon by Fr. Frank Riccomini (on left) and as subdeacon by Fr. Michael Lavin (on right). Newly-transferred Br. Marcel can be seen on the far left (in surplice).

Shown here is the nearly completed Our Lady of Victories Academic Building, whose classrooms will free up space in St. Joseph's Hall, which presently houses classrooms, dormitories, the refectory, and teachers' offices.

# 's FOR 2008-2009

## OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS ACADEMY, ARCADIA (LOS ANGELES), CA

On Friday, February 20th, the academy held a Catholic Culture Fair allowing the students the opportunity to study, display, demonstrate and perform the various customs of a country in order to appreciate its unique Catholic characteristics. During this study, the students learn the height of faith that the country attained, the trials of the Church, and the great saints and leaders who arose from both.

Represented were France, England, Ireland, Italy, Germany, and Mexico, for which the students presented a variety of visual and written information about their assigned country, including timelines, art, and maps. All of these details demonstrated the cultural aspects of artistic and intellectual pursuits and products (e.g., famous works of art and literature), education and training (special trades and skills of the people), ways of living (food, crafts and celebrations) and great leading figures (saints and Catholic leaders of the country). Finally, each class prepared a short performance about the country they had studied.

Representing Mexico, the second grade class performs a dance complete with traditional clothing.



Here the fourth and fifth grades have a great time performing an Irish dance.



From Merry Olde England, the seventh and eighth grades perform a scene from *The Blue Cross*...



... a literary work by G.K. Chesterton's featuring the inquisitive priest-detective, Fr. Brown (seated on the left).



The La Salette varsity boys exercise their minds in a chess tournament.

The La Salette Lions basketball team posing for a shot with their trophy in the "Big Gym" at St. Mary's, KS after playing the home academy's team, the Crusaders.



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## St. Michael's Academy, Carmichael (Sacramento), CA

Though the violet pall of Passiontide had already set upon the parish on Passion Sunday, March 29th, nonetheless it rejoiced to see the fruits of its labors rewarded with the blessing of a newly-constructed school building by the pastor and principal, Fr. Michael Harber. The new addition provides the K-12 academy with two more classrooms and a dedicated library. The parish is also proud of the fact that the majority of the construction work was completed by its own parishioners.



One of the two classrooms that the building accommodates.



A view of the new building on the right, next to the existing wing on the left.



Assisted by an acolyte, Fr. Harber blesses the school building.

This interior view shows the academy's new and well-appointed library.



After Mass and the academy's blessing, parishioners enjoy some breakfast including muffins, orange juice and of course, coffee!

## Idaho

Presently meeting at the Community Center in FERDINAND, ID, a small prayer group attached to the Catholic Tradition has been gathering since the year 2000 on the third Sunday of the month for Mass under the title of the North Central Idaho SSPX Group. Situated in Idaho opposite the southeastern corner of the bordering state of Washington and the northeastern corner of Oregon, the faithful come from a handful of nearby Idaho towns such as Cottonwood, Ferdinand, Grangeville, Kamiah, Kooskia, Orofino and Stites, as well as from Clarkston in Washington. Serviced by a priest from the Immaculate Conception Priory in Post Falls, ID (a three-hour, one way trip), in addition to the baptism of a new infant, the group has been fortunate to recently host several special priestly visitors.



On September 1, 2008, Fr. James Haynos proudly shows little Jacob Kuther whom he has just baptized into the Mystical Body of Christ. Earlier, Father offered a Requiem Mass for the passing of Jacob's grandfather. Incidentally, the Kuther family helped (along with the group's Hatstrup family) to build the first Catholic churches in the area back in the late 1880's.



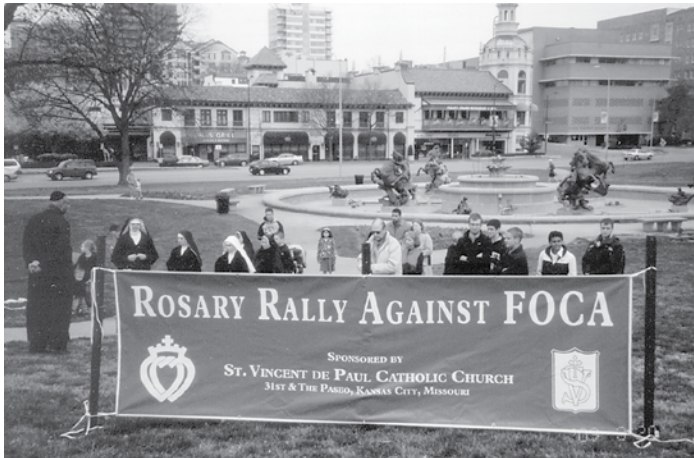
Visiting from the subcontinent of India, a bearded Fr. Francois Chazal (center of back row) poses with the group after Mass in the Community Center.



Silver City, NM Benedictines Fr. Cyprian and Br. Paschal (on far left) came to celebrate Mass for the group on January 18th of this year.

## Missouri

In prayerful protest against the forthcoming Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), the Holy Name Society chapter at St. Vincent de Paul Church in **KANSAS CITY, MO** hosted a rosary rally on the Saturdays of Lent at a prominent location at the Country Club Plaza where protests are regularly held.



Accompanied by their blue and white banner and led by Fr. Samuel Waters (seen on the far left), the protestors (which included the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the King) employ Our Lady's weapon against the proposed legislation whose immorality has its roots in the doctrinal denial of the rights of the Kingship of Christ (e.g., liberalism).



## EUCHARISTIC CRUSADE

### MONTHLY INTENTIONS

- June:** For new priests and for all priests to obtain to sacerdotal holiness.
- 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.

### U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE

#### **March 2009**

Daily Offering	17,301
Masses	5,773
Sacramental Communion	4,955
Spiritual Communion	13,038
Sacrifices	31,326
Decades of the Rosary	61,732
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	7,680
15 minutes of silent meditation	8,546
Good Example	19,271
Number returned	495

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**Location:** Veneta, OR

**Camp Dates:** July 31 - August 8

**Ages:** 9-17

**Cost:** \$190 for first girl and \$150 for each thereafter.

Only written registrations postmarked April 1st or later, is allowed for each camper. Information needed: name, age, date of birth, address and telephone number of each camper.

Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Notice of acceptance will be received by mid May 2009. Forms and other information will be sent out in May.

**For further information, please contact:**

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# RETREAT SCHEDULE

**ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT HOUSE**  
**209 Tackora Trail, Ridgefield, CT 06877**  
**(203) 431-0201**

**MEN:** July 20-25, Sept. 21-26, Nov. 9-14

**WOMEN:** Aug. 10-15, 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)

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

**MEN:** June 1-6, Aug. 24-29, Sept. 28-Oct 3, Nov. 2-7, Dec. 17-20 (weekend)

**WOMEN:** June 22-27, Sept. 7-12, Oct. 19-24, Dec 3-6 (Weekend)

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

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

## CATALDO PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to the Cataldo Indian Mission  
of the Sacred Heart

**July 24-26**

Please contact the Post Falls, ID priory for registration and further details: 208-773-2231

## 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

## Regina Pilgrimages

(accompanied by an SSPX priest)

### Catholic Treasures of IRELAND & SCOTLAND

**OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

Render homage to Our Lady and to cornerstone saints of these emerald lands: Our Lady of Knock, St. Patrick, St. Kevin, St. Columba, St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Modan, St. Cuthbert, and more. Visit Dublin, Kildare, Glendalough, Clonmacnoise, Croagh Patrick, Knock, Armagh, the Trossachs Lakes, Iona, Stirling, Edinburgh, and more.  
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Price: \$2,495 pp with air from New York (plus \$370 of air taxes)

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

**APRIL 2010**

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