

# Regina Coeli

## REPORT

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## JESUS AND MARY CHAPEL INTERIOR RENOVATION

As reported in the February issue, under the direction of the pastor, Fr. Jorge Diaz, Jesus and Mary Chapel in **EL PASO, TX** has recently undergone some important aesthetic improvements. The most recent project has continued a harmonious enhancement of the quaint Romanesque chapel begun in 2004, when the resident brothers energetically launched a renovation of the sanctuary with pleasing results.

The chapel's original wooden floors were removed, and the sanctuary area's structure (*i.e.*, the raised floor, altar steps, and predella) was reconstructed. Then, beautiful rose and white marble tile imported from Mexico was laid throughout the church. A coordinating new altar was designed by one of the brothers and constructed from wood by a local carpenter. Details to the altar—faux marble colors, gold leaf, and subtle red highlights—were completed by the brothers, with the help of some parishioners.

The master touch was the painting of a mural in the sanctuary apse, a project that took a year and a half to complete. An original artistic work, it depicts (from the Gospel to the Epistle side) Sts. Gabriel the Archangel, Benedict, Pius X (a *vignette* of Archbishop Lefebvre standing beside him), Peter, Anne with the Child Virgin Mary, Veronica and Raphael the Archangel. The colorful scene includes shades of blue, purple, red, gold and silver leafing and a marble floor that matches the sanctuary. The pre-existing niche above the high altar, containing the altar crucifix and Our Lady of Sorrows, was also colorfully embellished.

When Fr. Diaz became the new pastor at El Paso a few years ago, his memories of the classic basilicas he had seen in Rome inspired him to design and commission further embellishments that would continue to enhance the chapel. In preparation for Bishop Bernard Fellay's confirmation visit (see photo on the next page), additional work was begun this year on January 18th. A local painting firm was hired to marbleize (a faux-technique that makes the



The presently decorated chapel prepared for confirmations. Note how the main arch pulls the eye towards the altar, a classic aspect of an ancient Roman basilica. Unfortunately, this black and white photograph does not do justice to the coordinating colors.



The sanctuary as it appeared in 1997 before the first set of renovations.



This circa 2006 picture shows the sanctuary upon completion of the new marble flooring, predella, altar and apse mural.

object appear as marble) the wall columns in a combination of rose (to match the new flooring) and green for the bases (to match the green sanctuary baseboards). The most visually impacting improvement was the redecoration of the sanctuary's triumphant arch. Each side was clad with classical-style columns, and the main arch was tinted gold with green highlighting and embossed with gold lettering echoing the sentiment from propers of the Dedication of a Church: "*Terribilis est locus iste hic. Domus Dei est et Porta Coeli.*" Fr. Diaz, who choose this quote, also had gold lettering added above the niche's opening, appropriately declaring above the crucifix and altar of sacrifice (which both represent Christ in a very profound manner): "*Hic est filius meus dilectus in quo mihi complacui.*"

The project was completed within a month (just in time for confirmations); yet even with all of these major accomplishments to the chapel, the pastor is not quite finished. More aesthetical improvements are contemplated, but these must wait until the funds become available.

The careful consideration that has gone into the redecoration of Jesus and Mary Chapel is edifying, and the fruit is steadily transforming the former sisters' chapel into a liturgically-aesthetical gem.



Another recent improvement, to the exterior of the chapel: a new metal sign to finally replace the aged wooden sign blached by the El Paso sun!



Mr. Javier Diaz (brother of Fr. Diaz) and his son work on painting red highlights on the gilded trim that will encase the top and bottom of the mural. Also assisting with the mural painting were Messers Joseph Drippe and Paul Clements.



Perched on scaffolding constructed for the project, Br. Gabriel gives some finishing touches to St. Veronica's garment. This close up of the mural shows the detail given to match the sanctuary floor.



Br. Rene of Mary (who also marbled the green baseboards) gives a finishing touch to a corner where the seams of two altar trim pieces meet.



As Fr. Diaz assists with the cope, Bishop Fellay invokes the Holy Ghost upon the confirmands during the ceremony which took place on February 21st, resulting in the addition of over two dozen new Soldiers of Christ to the Mystical Body of Christ.



The confirmands have their picture taken with Bishop Fellay, their pastor, and resident priest, Fr. Peter Katzaroff (two to the right of the bishop), on the front porch steps of the historic rectory.

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APRIL 1, 2010

Dear friends and benefactors,

In the February 2010 issue of the Regina Coeli Report, after recalling the very beginning of the Society of St. Pius X, I concluded by saying *“we see in Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, not only our founder, but also one given us by Divine Providence to lead us in these times of crisis when all authority has been shaken.”*

I would like, in this letter to develop this point, which is essential in understanding the crisis in the Church as well as the positions of the Society of St. Pius X.

First of all, the history of the Catholic Church shows that God, in His infinite mercy, has always provided a leader, a saint, whenever the good of the Church required it. In different crises or difficulties, when problems arose within or around the Church, God has sent a special guide to bring the answer and eventually make the desired reformation.

St. Benedict, the founder of Western Catholic monasticism, is the first example that comes to my mind. His role in the Christianization of Europe is undeniable. It is through the monasteries that the Christian world was established, converting souls, educating them, and being models of the perfect Christian life. God fostered St. Benedict and his monastic order to convert the decadent Roman world invaded by barbarians into a Christian one.

St. Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order, was sent at a time when the Church was attacked by heresies, especially Catharism. He brought to the Church an order that dedicated itself to studying theology and which responded to all manner of heresies. St. Thomas Aquinas was a product of this great order, who brought to the Church an age of great clarity in doctrine.

St. Francis of Assisi founded the Franciscans, who were dedicated to the evangelic counsel of poverty. Church history shows at that time a real need for a return to the spirit of poverty and the true practice of this virtue. Up to the pinnacle of the Church, a worldly spirit had diluted the teaching of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Once again, God sent a remedy to that difficulty—a saint, to bring about the needed reformation.

To cite another example, which took place earlier in the history of the Church, but which might be closer to the situation we are in today: St. Athanasius arose to stop the Arian heresy that affected the Church up to the highest authority, the pope himself.

These are just a few examples amongst so many. Church history is full of their names; those who came forth to

enlighten their times by pursuing their unique vocation and mission according to the special graces God gave them.

To try to apply this standard to the history of the past 40 years, we cannot but ask ourselves who God has given to our times to enlighten us. The Church is going through a crisis that has no precedent, a crisis, which is worse than all previous crises. Could we have been left without a leader? Without someone to enlighten us, and give us the sound principles that would guide us? This is difficult, even impossible to conceive.

Without forestalling the decision that the Church will one day ascertain, knowing that only the Church can and will, in the future affirm—we recognize and avow that Archbishop Lefebvre was given to the Church and to the world to enlighten us and to give us the line of action we need to follow in these days of crisis. This becomes more evident as time goes on.

Those who received the grace to know the Archbishop, even if only for a short time, know the example of holiness that he gave; a life resigned to the will of God, guided by Providence.

Providence truly drew us along. But I was sluggish, I assure you; I followed with leaden footsteps. But I was pulled along, pulled along, pulled along, always a little more, a little more, until I was taken. And now you know the story of the Society.

So you see, I cannot say that it was really I who said, *“I want to do this... it will be this way... and I think that... and I want that...”* It was not at all like that. I realize, and you have likewise noticed, that it has been the same throughout my entire life. It has always been Providence which decided everything. On my part, I rather resisted, I did not really agree, I was not very eager. But it pulled me on anyway, *“Ah no, you must come!”* Then afterwards... well... I now see that God has, in fact, blessed, blessed everything, and that it has all worked out fine. *Deo Gratias!* Let us hope that it will continue like that... (*The Little Story of My Long Life*, Epilogue, p. 119)

Archbishop Lefebvre not only showed us an example of submission to God’s will, but he also handed down to us what he had received: the Catholic Faith, the Mass, the priesthood (by giving both priests and bishops)... All that he had received, he passed on; and with that, he gave us the doctrinal and practical principles to follow in order to enable us to remain faithful to the Church and to God.

That is why I iterate that the Archbishop’s mission, in this time of crisis, was to enlighten us and give us the necessary standards of action. He also entrusted to us a mission that we must continue.

What were Archbishop Lefebvre’s main doctrinal, as well as practical decisions?



Firstly: his refusal of the New Mass, because *“the Novus Ordo represents, both as a whole and in its details, a striking departure from the Catholic theology of the Mass as it is formulated in Session XXIII of the Council of Trent.”* (Cardinals Ottaviani’s and Bacci’s Preface to “A Short Critical Study of the New Order of Mass”) He refused the New Mass, and instructed his priests to celebrate according to the rubrics of 1962. The Archbishop was, in this practical instruction, a leader in times of confusion; a leader that some refused to follow, but nevertheless, the most able as evinced by his past and by his role in the present.

Archbishop Lefebvre refused and even called to account, the novelties, the new teaching of Vatican II—I Accuse the Council and many of his other writings, express his views on the main errors of Vatican II, which he had denounced during the Council itself. *“We refuse and have always refused to follow the Rome of neo-Modernist and neo-Protestant tendencies, such as were clearly manifested during the Second Vatican Council and after the council in all the resulting reforms.”* (Declaration of November 21, 1974)

One of the main positions of the Archbishop concerns the Holy See. The Archbishop explicitly conveyed his love of Eternal Rome, his deep respect for the papacy, his firm intent not to break away from Rome, the seat of the Catholic Church. Recall the letter that His Excellency Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre wrote to the future bishops in August of 1987: “I beseech you to remain attached to the See of Peter, to the Roman Church, Mother and Mistress of all churches, in the integral Catholic Faith, expressed in the various creeds of our Catholic Faith, in the Catechism of the Council of Trent, in conformity with what you were taught in your seminary. Remain faithful in the handing down of this Faith so that the Kingdom of Our Lord may come.”

Attachment to the See of Peter, to the Roman Catholic Church, and attachment to the Faith—Archbishop Lefebvre taught us to maintain these principles, making an act of Faith in the mystery of the Church, Divine and human.

A final point, among so many that I would like to bring up is Archbishop Lefebvre’s clear vision of the hierarchy of laws within the Church. On many occasions he reminded us that the first law of the Church is the salvation of souls. The canonical laws are to assist in the salvation of souls. But, extraordinary situations or states of necessity may arise, which do not allow the following of the letter of the law, although it is certainly possible to respect the spirit of the law by obeying higher laws. In such situations exceptional measures are called for. It was definitely not, nor is it now, in the mind or formation given to the priests of the Society of St. Pius X to disrespect or disregard canon law, but rather to find a solution to the unprecedented crisis in the Church.

The Archbishop followed the laws of the Church in everything, except when it would adversely affect the defense of the Catholic Faith. This is the reason he refused in 1976 to yield to the order to say the New Mass, and submitted to being unjustly suspended. To safeguard the Catholic priesthood,

he deliberately consecrated four bishops in 1988, taking the risk of being excommunicated in the eyes of the world, a consequence which he always recognized as invalid.

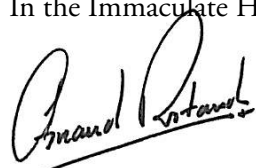
Finally; he bequeathed a priestly society, the Society of St. Pius X, which he wanted to establish for the restoration of the Catholic priesthood: *“I beseech you to remain attached to the Priestly Society of St. Pius X, to remain profoundly united amongst yourselves, in submission to the Society’s Superior General, in the Catholic Faith of all time...”* This he wrote to the future bishops in 1987, but any priest, and even faithful, should take this at least as an appeal, a profound desire and wish of the Archbishop.

All these illustrations, lead us to acknowledge our dear founder Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, as a light in these times of darkness, a leader in these days of confusion, a harbor in this age of perdition. They also illustrate how he remains, for everyone one of us, a model of holiness to imitate.

Therefore, we pray and must continually petition, for this is a grace, that we remain faithful to his directions in order that in time Rome will find itself restored to its Divine Traditions.

Let us beg the Immaculate Heart of Mary to keep us faithful, today and tomorrow, as we were yesterday.

With my prayers and blessing  
In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,



Fr. Arnaud Rostand

## US District of the SSPX First Annual Conference

The Society of St. Pius X’s United States District will host its first annual conference this fall on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Society’s founding. It will be held in Kansas City from October 15-17. Bishop Fellay will be the keynote speaker; additional speakers will be announced soon. Further details will appear in future months.

## Accepting Mass Stipends

The USA District Office is collecting Mass stipends for SSPX (or its associate) priests. 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:

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*Please include a separate note outlining the Mass intention.  
Please note: we cannot promise specific dates for the celebration of the Masses.*

# IN MEMORY OF LADY KINNOULL: AN SSPX BENEFACTRESS

Following an annual tradition, Fr. Jacques Emily and some faithful from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in **LOS GATOS, CA** gathered on July 18, 2009 at *El Campo Santo* (The Holy Field) cemetery in Monterey to offer prayers at the grave of Countess Claude Kinnoull. Thus, her important contribution to the Society of St. Pius X and thereby Catholic Tradition as a whole was honored. Combined with the upcoming 40th anniversary of the Society of St. Pius X's foundation (November 1st), the report of this act of homage presents us with the opportunity to give a biographical sketch of this benefactress who vitally assisted our priestly society in its infancy. An even more significant point; considering that despite having resided in the United States during her later years, very few traditional Catholics in America are acquainted with her.

She was born Emile Claude Marguerite Hamilton Fellowes in 1904 into a rich English family that had interests in the Players Cigarettes Company (later Imperial Tobacco Company). She received her education in France, and in 1923 married a Scottish nobleman, George Harley Hay-Drummond (1902–1938), the 14th Earl of Kinnoull, thereby taking the title of Countess Kinnoull. In 1928, under the guidance of the Belgian Msgr. Vincent de Moor, she converted to the True Faith. Now an ardent Catholic, Lady Kinnoull applied her wealth to benefit the Church, particularly at the behest of Pope Pius XI, who during an audience, suggested that she could assist the White Fathers' missions in Africa. This she did, and accompanied by Msgr. de Moor, even made an adventurous automobile trip across that continent in 1931. She also became a principle shareholder in the London weekly, *The Catholic Herald*, financially supported the French *Bureau Internationale de Propagande Missionnaire par le Filme* and General Franco's successful crusade against the Communists in Spain.

During the initial outbreak of World War II in Great Britain (1939), Lady Kinnoull moved to the United States where she settled in California. There she continued her monetary aid to the White Fathers in Africa.

Through her support of the missions in Africa, it is highly probable that she was already in touch with Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, a missionary of the Holy Ghost Fathers, but more importantly, the Apostolic Delegate for 18 African countries. The saintly prelate certainly came to her attention during the Second Vatican Council where he was instrumental in opposing Modernism. As Providence would have it, sometime in 1966, the Countess and Superior General were both in Paris, allowing them to meet briefly in Orly airport before the Archbishop departed for Rome. There in front of a service counter, Lady Kinnoull gave a large donation to Archbishop Lefebvre telling him, "*This is a donation for your work (against Modernism). I'll willingly give more.*"

True to her word, in July 1969, Archbishop Lefebvre founded the St. Pius X Association for Priestly Training with quarters at the Don Bosco House in Fribourg, Switzerland, for which Lady Kinnoull paid the majority of the expenses. Her important support helped to ensure just a few months later, the establishment of the Priestly Society of St. Pius X. Conversely, an adamant defender of the traditional Mass, the Countess withdrew her longtime financial support of the White Fathers



A picture of Lady Kinnoull in her later years.



The Don Bosco House in Fribourg, Switzerland, which Archbishop Lefebvre leased for a short time before obtaining the seminary property in Ecône.



In addition to reciting 15 decades of the rosary for the repose of Lady Kinnoull's soul, Fr. Emily reads the prayers for the faithful departed.



Posing with Fr. Emily is an appropriately attired Scottish bagpipe player, who helped to solemnize the visit with some traditional tunes in the Countess' honor. Note the flag of Scotland placed at her grave marker.

when they began to implement the liturgical revolution in their missions.

On July 21, 1985, Lady Kinnoull passed away in her California home at Carmel-by-the-Sea following a long illness. Recognizing the crucial role she played as benefactress to the SSPX, Archbishop Lefebvre paid this tribute in an announcement circulated upon news of her death: "*She could consider the young priests of the Society as her children because without her help at the beginning it would not have been possible to fulfill our priestly work.*" Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of this great benefactress of Catholic Tradition.

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Mrs. Kathleen Ambro (author of an upcoming book on Countess Kinnoull)

*Bembaland Church: Religious and Social Change in South Central Africa, 1891-1964*, Brian Garvey (E.J. Brill, 1994)



## Eddystone, PA Homeschool Days

The pastor at St. Jude's Church in **EDDYSTONE (PHILADELPHIA), PA**, Fr. Hughes Bergez, has instituted a Homeschool Days program for those families that are unable to send their children to a traditional Catholic school. This not only utilizes the many diverse talents amongst the parents, but also provides social interaction between the children, an important aspect of forming their Catholic character. Twice a month the homeschooling families meet at the chapel for a structured schedule that includes Mass, meals and recess in common, and a variety of classes. One highlight of the day is a conference given by the pastor that is open to the entire parish, while another is concluding the day with prayers in the chapel and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. In addition to occasionally sponsoring a field trip (recently the children visited the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA), the Homeschool Day program hosts on the fourth Monday of the month, a variety of children's clubs, such as Math, Newsletter and Crafts, which help to make education fun.



Fr. Bergez gives a conference to both the youth and adults about Our Mother of Succor.



A picture of a game-test during the Math club.



During the Crafts club, some younger children are shown how to put together a bead mobile.



## EUCHARISTIC CRUSADE NEWS



### St. Vincent de Paul Church

#### Kansas City, Missouri

The crusaders at Kansas City made an act of charity and visited the local Plaza Manor nursing home to sing Christmas carols. Here after singing to the delight of the elderly residents, they enjoy some refreshments with their chaplain, Fr. Samuel Waters.



### Guardian Angels Mission Dickinson (Manning), North Dakota

During the Sunday High Mass on January 17, the pastor, Fr. Richard Boyle, promoted for the local chapter a page, a knight and a handmaid.



The newly-promoted crusaders pose with their pastor and chaplain after Mass.

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United States of America District**

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Miami, FL	April 12
Ft. Wayne, IN	April 13
Cleveland, OH	April 14

**BISHOP ALFONSO DE GALARRETA**

St. Marys, KS	June 12
Chicago, IL	June 14
Madison, WI	June 15
Syracuse, NY	June 20
Eddystone, PA	June 21
North Caldwell, NJ	June 22

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## RETREAT SCHEDULE

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**209 Tackora Trail, Ridgefield, CT 06877**  
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**WOMEN:** June 14-19, Aug. 9-14, Oct. 11-16, Dec. 13-18

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 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**

## 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.

**Dec: 434,888**

**Jan: 410,550**

**Feb: 277,233 (reported so far)**

**Grand Total: 3,787,909**

**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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## EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

### MONTHLY INTENTIONS

- April:** The sick in their last agony  
 and persecuted Christians
- May:** The triumph of the Immaculate  
 Heart of Mary
- June:** Priests and priestly vocations

### U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE (January 2010)

Daily Offering	13,193
Masses	5,558
Sacramental Communion	4,740
Spiritual Communion	9,577
Sacrifices	26,842
Decades of the Rosary	68,620
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	5,038
15 minutes of silent meditation	5,485
Good Example	15,446
Number returned	489