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REPORT

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KANSAS CITY TO WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP



The Basilica National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The largest Catholic church in the United States, it is also the tallest structure in the city. Its construction began in 1920 and was not completed until 1959.

With their SSPX banner and St. Vincent de Paul Academy sweaters (cassocks for the priests!), the group proudly advertises Catholic Tradition to the multitudes at the March of Life.

In January, twelve high school girls from St. Vincent de Paul Academy in KANSAS CITY, MO made an educational trip to the capital of the United States, Washington, D.C. The trip was a reward for their efforts during the academy's annual Jog-a-Thon held in the Fall, for which they not only met their goal, but also gained the top category for the most funds raised (not an easy feat when competing with the "cute factor" that much-younger students can exert). The trip to the nation's capital occurred from January 19-23 and was filled with memorable highlights, a few of which are recounted here.

Arriving Tuesday afternoon, one of the first places visited was the magnificent Romanesque-Byzantine-style National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. There the two accompanying priests, Frs. Damian Fox (principal) and Christopher Pieroni (teacher) were each graciously allowed to offer Mass in the Lourdes Chapel (located in the church's crypt) which the girls and their chaperons were able to attend.



The students attending Fr. Fox's votive Mass of the Immaculate Conception in the shrine's lower Lourdes Chapel. Fr. Pieroni followed with a Requiem Mass.

The next morning, the group met Dr. David Allen White at the National Gallery of Art for a very insightful tour of the museum's magnificent collection of artistic treasures, particularly of those related to Christianity. Afterwards, the students were treated to lunch and a conference on the Shakespeare play of *Romeo and Juliet* and its inherent moral lessons.

On Thursday, the young ladies made a whirlwind tour of some of the most important institutions in the District of Columbia: the United States Supreme Court, the extensive Library of Congress, the Capitol, Botanic Garden, Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of American History, Washington Monument, and of course, the White House. At the Lincoln Memorial, the girls were privileged to receive a tour of the historic building given by Mr. Patrick McCarthy, a high school history professor. After dinner, the girls were allowed to shop at the famous Tysons Galleria in nearby McLean, VA.

On the final day of the visit, the young ladies were able to participate in the 37th annual March for Life which began at the National Mall and proceeded to the Supreme Court. Despite the record attendance (exceeding any previous marches), the media minimized, in fact ignored, the importance of this national event. The St. Vincent's Academy high school girls were overwhelmed though by the sheer number of participants, of whom most were young people like themselves. Climaxed by the final event, the entire trip had a profound influence upon the young ladies for the continuance of their Catholic formation.



The national Capitol across the Potomac River.



The National Mall, where the March of Life began.



A view of the magnificent marble staircase in the Great Hall of the Library of Congress.

The girls were honored to be hosted by Dr. David Allen White (far right in back) at his home.



All of the Washington D.C. pictures included in this article were taken by one of the girls. This picture taken during the March, appropriately shows the solution as preached by Bishop Fellay concerning the importance of the recent Rosary Crusade: Our Lady of Fatima's request must be heeded in order to heal the world's evils.

FLOOD IN FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE



The SSPX's Corpus Christi Chapel in **FRANKLIN (NASHVILLE)**, TN became a victim of the recent flooding in that state. Situated in a valley near the Harpeth Creek, the rising waters began pooling in a part of the chapel's parking lot on Saturday, May 1 while the pastor, Fr. Damien Fox, was offering the evening Mass at 5:00 pm. By the time Fr. Fox was finished offering the Holy Sacrifice, the entire parking lot was ankle deep in water which was still rising. Realizing that it would be impossible to offer Mass in the chapel on Sunday morning, the pastor and some parishioners worked to safely stow some items normally stored in low drawers and cabinets (such as the vestments) on "higher ground." Returning to the chapel following supper, Fr. Fox and the coordinator, Mr. Paul Poole, discovered that the water had rapidly risen to just below the doorknob causing the doors to swell shut and making entry impossible.

During a 24-hour period, the area received nearly fifteen inches of rain, causing the water to peak at twelve feet in some parts of Franklin and four feet deep around the chapel. This enabled the water to cover the pews and just reach the altar mensa, thus soaking the ends of the missal's ribbons, but not

the book itself. Fortunately, the Hosts reserved in the tabernacle were unaffected, and when the waters finally receded sufficiently, Fr. Fox was able to consume Them.

A few men of the parish began the inevitable cleanup on Monday, May 3, and when the doors were opened, the "*heart-breaking mess*" seen after such a flood was encountered first hand. Everything that had been submerged (pews, booklets, floor, and walls) was covered with silt and the chapel smelled of backed-up sewage. The crew began by removing the oak pews to the parking lot in hopes that they would dry out. Among the permanently damaged items were the electric organ, interior drywall and paneling, miscellaneous sacristy furniture, and even the previously-moved vestments which the waters managed to engulf.

Presently, the small mission which has Sunday Mass offered twice a month (thrice when there is a fifth Sunday) has two options: to either rebuild the interior and make various architectural improvements to the plain-looking former carpet warehouse, or search in the area for a more suitable church-like building. While the insurance will return the chapel to its former condition, additional funds are required to either improve the present building or purchase a new one.



A view of the Corpus Christi Chapel's front exterior after the waters had partially receded. The highlighted area shows the maximum height the flood waters reached around the building.



The chapel's sign still surrounded with flood water.



The pews were removed outside in hopes that they can be salvaged. Various items damaged beyond repair were put into large trash bags for disposal.



Upon opening the chapel's doors, the crew of men was welcomed to a muddy (as seen by the footprints on the floor) and disarrayed mess.



Wearing masks to protect against possible infection, some men continue the efforts to rid the chapel of remaining flood water. Also in view is an exterior wall that has had its damaged interior panels removed.

DICKINSON, TX

Queen of Angels Church and Academy in Dickinson, TX have reported a host of recent noteworthy activities which we present here in photo essay form.



On the morning of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12), Fr. Stephen Zigrang offered a High Mass.

In this other image of the High Mass, the partially-laid new marble flooring can be seen in front of the torchbearers. The decorative tile replaced the red carpet that was installed when the church was purchased by the SSPX in 1976.



Several locally-owned restaurants requested a special blessing on the feast day of the Guadalupe apparition, and here the pastor, Fr. Geraldo Zigrang prepares to bless one.



Another shot of Fr. Zendejas solemnly blessing the famous miraculous Marian image erected in a place of honor at the restaurant's entrance.



Another restaurant where Our Lady Guadalupe's image was publicly displayed for veneration.



A view of the banquet complete with Mexican cuisine that was held in the parish hall for the feast of the Empress of the Americas.



Fr. Zendejas excitedly pulls the winning raffle ticket from the bin.



No celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe would be complete without some Mexican-style dancing. Here the musicians and some of the colorfully-dressed dancers pose for a group shot on a stage erected in the parish hall.



On December 20, members of the parish's chapter of the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen were enrolled in a large ceremony. The numerous servers were divided into training groups and here Fr. Zendejas says a few words before the enrollment.

After all have made their promise "to serve reverently, intelligently and punctually" for the salvation of their souls, one of the groups kneels at the altar for the imposition of the cord and medal appropriate to their rank.



A view from the other side of the sanctuary which further demonstrates that Queen of Angels Church has no shortage of young men willing to diligently serve Our Lord at the altar.



Having been commissioned as the parish's altar servers, they are then blessed with holy water by their pastor.



Later on the same day, an academy Christmas party was held complete with Nativity-themed skits and songs. Here "angels, shepherds and sheep" from lower elementary grades present the faithful with a song.



Some of the older students performed a play about the Three Magi's search for the Messiah.



Having been led by the Star of Bethlehem to Him whom the prophets foretold, the three Kings kneel in adoration as they present their royal gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



The students were also able to enjoy the Mexican game of breaking the *piñata*, a brightly-decorated papier-mache object filled with candy.



On January 23, Fr. Zendejas led a parish protest against a local Planned Parenthood abortion clinic. Here he can be seen leading the group in a prayer via a megaphone.



The students at St. Michael's Academy have their picture taken with Fr. Beck and school principal, Fr. Michael Harber.

CARMICHAEL, CA; SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE

Fr. Gerard Beck, the District's Superintendent of Schools, made a visit to St. Michael's Academy in CARMICHAEL (SACRAMENTO), CA from December 17 - 21, 2009. Upon his arrival Wednesday evening, the parish hosted a dinner for Fr. Beck. Following the dinner, Father gave a spiritual conference based upon an early 20th century poem called *The Hunters* by Ruth Temple Lindsay, which contrasts the Lamb (Christ) and the Lion (Devil) and their diametrically-opposing hunts for souls. His line by line analysis of the poem included how to effectively understand poetry and the importance of beauty.

During his stay at Carmichael, Fr. Beck met with the teachers and gave them several beneficial conferences, one of which was on the importance of educators in the lives of children. He also attended and taught several classes, including a high school class where, once again stressing the importance of poetry, he explained a G.K. Chesterton poem. While offering Mass during his visit, he gave two sermons about the importance of St. Joseph and his role in the Holy Family.

Another recent event took place during the High Mass celebrated on March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph. Sixteen members of the parish, having completed their one-year postulancy, made their profession as members of the SSPX's Third Order in the presence of their pastor, Fr. Michael Harber.



Here Fr. Beck gives his conference on the *The Hunters* to 50 parishioners, many of whom are postulants in the SSPX's Third Order (hence the pertinence of the poem's reference to the "roaring lion seeking those who he may devour," which is featured in Compline).



Just before the Offertory, Fr. Harber leads the postulants in making their profession into the Third Order.

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 (in US currency only) and sent to:

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Fr. Harber then presents each new third order member with a blessed medal of St. Pius X.

CHIHUAHUA PILGRIMAGE IN MEXICO

On Saturday, March 13, 50 pilgrims from the SSPX's chapels in the cities of Chihuahua and Juarez, Mexico made a six and a half mile annual pilgrimage in honor of the apostle, St. Jude Thaddeus, for whom the Mexicans have a great veneration. Led by Fr. Lawrence Novak, the pilgrimage's intention this year was for an increase in vocations and for the perseverance of those already pursuing vocations.



A bier with a statue of St. Jude Thaddeus was carried during the pilgrimage, along with banners depicting Our Lady of Guadalupe (a must in Mexico) and of San Jose (St. Joseph).



EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE

MONTHLY INTENTIONS

- June:** Priests and priestly vocations
July: The family, the source of holiness for children
August: Justice in the world through the reign of Jesus Christ

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE (February 2010)

Daily Offering	13,407
Masses	5,740
Sacramental Communion	4,355
Spiritual Communion	9,594
Sacrifices	32,935
Decades of the Rosary	69,786
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	5,870
15 minutes of silent meditation	4,767
Good Example	15,657
Number returned	501



Seen here are the 30 pilgrims from Juarez, who made an edifying five-hour bus trip to attend the pilgrimage.



A group shot in the Shrine of St. Jude at the pilgrimage's terminus, which was concluded with the well-known hymn that has become associated with the SSPX, *Sancte Pie Decime*.

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Dec. 13-18 (Women's Marian)

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(408) 354-7703

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(Weekend)

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in July!**

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

**These are the dates for the chapels in the
United States of America District**

BISHOP BERNARD FELLAY

Ft. Worth, TX	October 12
Albuquerque, NM	October 13
Las Vegas, NV	October 14

BISHOP ALFONSO DE GALARRETA

Post Falls, ID	Tentatively in October
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