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REPORT

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TWO NEW PRIORIES FOR USA DISTRICT!

Indicative of the increasing number of priests in the Society of St. Pius X is the recent opening of two new priories in the United States District, one in **SANFORD (ORLANDO), FL** and the other in **WALTON, KY (CINCINNATI, OH)**. While contributing to the district's greater stability through the reduction of traveling to weekend Mass circuits, these priories will also further the Society's object for priests to live in community for their mutual benefit and personal sanctification. Of course, the faithful that attend the two chapels attached to these priories will also benefit from the daily availability of the sacraments, particularly the Mass, and possibly even attending the Choral Office with the priestly community.

Here we present a sampling of images of the two new priories and some information about them.

ST. THOMAS MORE PRIORY, SANFORD, FL

Begun with a small group of traditional Catholics at the Radisson Airport Hotel in 1992, the mission changed locations six times before finally settling in 1996 at Sanford; centrally situated for faithful in the Orlando area. Over the years, the mission went from hotel, to garden club, to warehouse before moving into a beautiful church built on the present site. The church began as a dream drawn on a napkin by Society artisan, Br. Marcel, and some parishioners during the ordinations held at Winona in June 2002. A year later on November 2003, ground was broken and on April 2, 2005, the new mission-style church was blessed by Bishop Richard Williamson (*cf.* May 2005 issue for details).



The church's interior which features a ceiling of native cypress and a marble altar salvaged from an earthquake-damaged church in San Francisco, CA.

The Spanish mission style exterior of St. Thomas More Church completed in 2005, despite suffering wind damage during its construction.

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Perhaps more importantly though, the small Florida mission of St. Thomas More has already been blessed with three religious vocations: Fr. Benjamin Campbell (SSPX priest ordained on December 30, 2008), Br. Elias Campbell (Benedictine monk since December 8, 2003, and currently in minor orders) and Miss Amelia Dillon, who on August 4, received the habit of a Fanjeaux teaching Dominican, taking the name of Sr. Margaret.

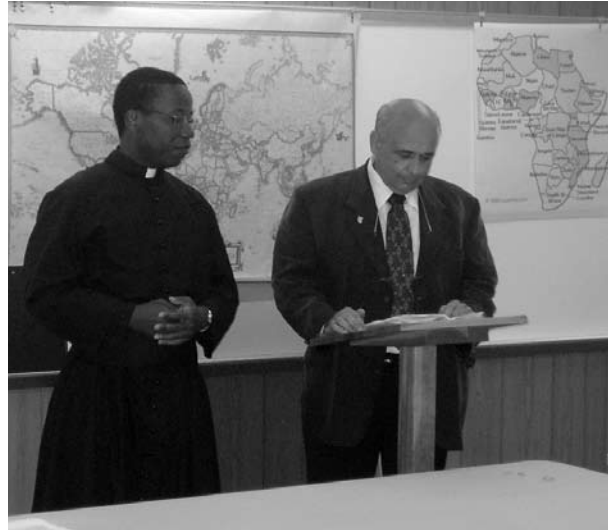
During the third week of September, the priests arrived at their new priory, a modest house that took the Sanford faithful two months to prepare. Coming directly from South Africa, was

the prior, Fr. Marc Vernoy; from Ireland, Fr. David Nichols; and Fr. Louis Alessio, who moved from the Los Gatos, CA retreat house. On Sunday, September 19, District Superior, Fr. Arnaud Rostand came to Sanford to bless the new priory in the presence of its priestly residents and an elated group parishioners; a breakfast banquet attended by nearly 100 followed at a nearby restaurant.

The new priory will take care of the SSPX's missions in Florida (Davie, West Palm Beach and Ft. Myers). Future plans include the formation of a school (initially for grades K-8), with an anticipated opening in Fall 2011.



Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the canonical foundation of the SSPX, St. Thomas More Mission held an outdoor barbeque on August 22 attended by about 60 faithful.



After enjoying the BBQ, all moved indoors to hear three historical conferences about the Society. Here the recent pastor, Fr. Pierre-Celestin Ndong (who traveled from Dickinson, TX), prepares to give a talk about the SSPX's apostolate in Gabon, Africa. This is also where the Archbishop labored as a Holy Ghost missionary for many years.



A view of the elegant cake specially made for occasion with icing decorated in gold and red.



Long-time chapel coordinator, Miss Teresa Wright, gives a window screen a good scrub in the priory to prepare for the priests' arrival.



After Sunday Mass, vested in a green cope, Fr. Rostand prepares to bless the new priory, assisted by two of the resident priests and servers.

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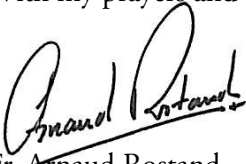
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Dear friends and benefactors,

On the 1st of November we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Society of St. Pius X. I give you here a summary of the most recent comments of our Superior General, Bishop Bernard Fellay, on the situation today. You can find this entire interview on **www.dici.org**, the official news website of the Society. May this month especially be one of thanksgiving for so many graces received through the foundation of this new priestly branch of the Church, to restore all things in Christ our Lord and King! May our acts of thanksgiving to our beloved founder produce in our souls fruits of fidelity to the Faith and sanctity in our duty of state!

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



Fr. Arnaud Rostand

“AT A PIVOTAL POINT”

“We are at a pivotal point for the future reconstruction.” Bishop Bernard Fellay, Superior General of the Society of St. Pius X, expresses himself in these vigorous terms in an interview granted to *Nouvelles de Chrétienté* [News about Christianity] (no. 125, Sept.—Oct. 2010) and posted online at www.dici.org. In it he explains his statement made on www.laportelatine.org on October 7 concerning the spiritual needs of various countries which cannot be met for lack of a sufficient number of priests. But above all he gives his perspective on the net results of three years of (rather restrictive) implementation of the *motu proprio* on the traditional Mass: “There are two spirits embodied in the two Masses. That is a fact!” And he alludes to current relations between the local bishops’ conferences and the Holy See: “We certainly are in those times that have been foretold, when there will be cardinal against cardinal, bishop against bishop.”

With regard to the conference given last July by Msgr. Guido Pozzo, Secretary of the *Ecclesia Dei* Commission, on the hermeneutic of continuity, Bishop Fellay declares, “they are presenting a new Second Vatican Council to us, a council which in fact we never knew and which is distinct from the one that was presented during the past forty years.” He goes on to say, “If we discover such a great divergence in interpreting the conciliar documents, we will have to admit someday that the deficiencies in those documents are there for a reason.”

Concerning a solution to the crisis in the Church, the Superior General of the Society of St. Pius X asserts, “The choice of personnel will be the determining factor. If the policy for nominating bishops finally changes, then we can hope.” By the same token he looks forward to “a thoroughgoing reform of teaching at the pontifical universities and of priestly formation in the seminaries”.

As for the role of the Society of St. Pius X, which is celebrating its fortieth anniversary this year, Bishop Fellay confides, “When we ask priests who approach the Society what they expect from us, they tell us initially that they expect doctrine.” With respect to the young generation devoted to Tradition, he notes that “it is waiting, ready for the adventure of Tradition, sensing very well that what is being offered to it apart from Tradition is nothing but imitation goods.”



After blessing the house, everyone happily poses in front of the priory of St. Thomas More.



After the priory blessing, a wonderful breakfast banquet was held at Café 46...



...giving the parish the chance to meet the District Superior (center), its new pastor and prior (left) and Fr. Nichols (right). Fr. Alessio unfortunately missed the festivities as he was on his Sunday Florida circuit.



The academic staff and students of St. Pius X Academy proudly pose in front of their new church, still under construction. The school is located in the church's English-style basement.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PRIORY, WALTON, KY

Situated south of the metropolis along the Ohio-Kentucky border, the Society's care of the Cincinnati, OH chapel began in the late 1970's and by 1979, was receiving once-a-month visits in rented facilities. In the spring of 1980, the SSPX purchased a former Protestant church in Sharonville, just north of Cincinnati, and dedicated it as St. Gertrude the Great Church on her feast day. That same year saw the founding of a namesake academy on Cincinnati's west side in the former Brackenwoods Elementary School (loaned by a parishioner) with an attendance of 27 students. In May 1981, Archbishop Lefebvre graced St. Gertrude's with a visit to administer the sacrament of confirmation.

Unfortunately, due to the Split of 1983, St. Gertrude's broke away from the Society, though its priests returned to the Cincinnati area in 1984, where a chapel in Covington, KY (previously serviced by the Orthodox Roman Catholic Movement) was offered for use. For the next seven years, Our Lady of Fatima Chapel would house the Society's Cincinnati Mass center. During those years in Covington, the parish was blessed by the frequent visits of two pillars of Catholic Tradition

in central Kentucky: Trappist Fr. Urban Snyder (who taught at the Econe seminary in its early years) and Fr. Francis Hannifin (whose 50th priestly jubilee was a major event hosted at the chapel in February 1995).

By 1991, the growing congregation required two Masses every Sunday, and the need for a larger chapel became increasingly evident. The former St. Patrick's Church, centrally located in Cincinnati, was purchased from the archdiocese via a third party. A rather large church by the SSPX's usual standards in the States, it was renamed St. Pius X, as the District Superior, Fr. Peter Scott, wanted a substantial church in the district to bear the name of the Society's patron.

Ten years after losing St. Gertrude's Academy, the Society re-initiated its efforts for Catholic education by opening St. Pius X Academy in 1993. A key motive for moving the church to its new location in Walton was the school's expansion. The new expansive grounds give ample space for the outdoor activities

of the students as well as for any future expansion of the parish complex, including the eventual construction of a priory. Meanwhile, a beautiful new church is under construction with the academy comfortably situated in the lower level. Though the new church simulates the old St. Pius X Church in style and size, it will be dedicated to Our Lady of the Assumption. Thus also the academy and new priory, a beautiful English-style home located a few blocks away.

Arriving at their new priory in mid-August, was the prior and pastor, Fr. Adam Purdy, and Frs. Joseph Horvath and Patrick Mackin, only recently-ordained. From this priory the SSPX services missions at Cincinnati (until the new church is completed), Louisville, KY, Girard, OH and Pittsburgh, PA are regularly serviced. Also tended once a month and on holy days of obligation is St. Joseph's Chapel located in Greenwood (Indianapolis), IN, where the Society priests have just recently begun to offer the True Mass, sacraments and Catholic Faith.



The First Assistant to the General Superior, Fr. Niklaus Pfluger (center in chasuble), poses for a picture in the sanctuary of the original St. Pius X Church with the new prior, Fr. Purdy (on left) and the former pastor, Fr. Dominique Bourmaud (on the right), and altar servers.



After the offering of the Solemn Mass to celebrate the institution of the new priory, a banquet was held in the large hall located beneath the new church.



Fr. Purdy cuts one of the cakes made to celebrate his arrival as their pastor; another was made for the departure of their former pastor, Fr. Bourmaud.



Fr. Pfluger speaks about the importance of a priory in the life of the Society and likewise the restoration of the Church.



The spacious brick and half-timbered house that serves as the priory at Walton, KY.



A quarter-angle shot of the new church's tall belfry. Also seen in this picture is the elegant buff-colored stone façade and accompanying white trim.

Fr. Purdy (center) poses in front of St. Pius X Church with his new confreres, Fr. Joseph Horvath (left) and Fr. Patrick Mackin (right).

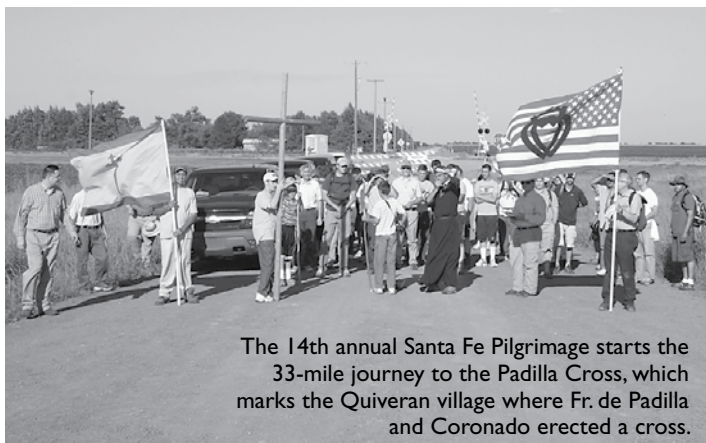


The interior of the new St. Pius X Church has been constructed to closely replicate the old church, including its gothic-vaulted ceiling and windows. Here the continuing construction work is viewed from the choir loft.

Another view of the arches (still absent of their faux columns) and the peaked windows, which eventually will hopefully be filled with stained glass.



Trek to the Padilla Cross: The Santa Fe Pilgrimage



The 14th annual Santa Fe Pilgrimage starts the 33-mile journey to the Padilla Cross, which marks the Quiveran village where Fr. de Padilla and Coronado erected a cross.

During the night of July 23-24, led by their chaplain, Fr. Kenneth Novak, 53 men and boys from across the Midwest made the arduous 33-mile pilgrimage to the Padilla Cross just west of LYONS, KS. The second longest-running annual pilgrimage in the SSPX's United States District, it has many important historical connections to our country.

The pilgrimage's name is derived from the historic Santa Fe Trail (of which segments originated from Indian trading paths) whose course coincides with the pilgrims' route. Fr. Juan de Padilla, the United States' Protomartyr, most likely also walked this same trail while accompanying Coronado's explorations into the northern regions of *Nuevo Hispania*. The Spanish Franciscan priest is also noted for having offered the first documented Mass within the States' boundaries on June 29 (Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul) in 1541 near

Ft. Dodge, KS; as an interesting aside, he was also one of the first Europeans to view the Grand Canyon.

Nearly three centuries later in 1822, a Virginian entrepreneur named William Becknell (†1856) plotted the Santa Fe Trail, which started in Franklin, MO and ended in Santa Fe, NM, then in Mexican territory. Until the arrival of the railroad at Santa Fe in 1880, it was the United States' first and only international trade route with Mexico, and served as an important intercontinental path for commercial and military interests, and of course, westward pioneering settlers.

Moving a century forward to 1997, the first 33-mile pilgrimage to the Padilla Cross was made by Fr. David Hewko and a group of men, young and old. Dubbed en route as the "Santa Fe Pilgrimage" its conception began a few years earlier as an intellectual collaboration between Frs. Hewko and Kenneth Novak, and Dr. Gabriel de Erausquin (a parishioner of the St. Louis, MO chapel at the time). Connecting the Padilla Cross to Catholic Spain, the pilgrimage contrasts the ancient *camino* to the shrine of the Apostle, St. James the Great at Santiago de Compostela. Thus the pilgrimage has also adopted as its primary patron, St. James, patron of Spain (land of the *Reconquista*) and

Church Militant (also related to the pilgrimage's first intention as noted below).

The pilgrimage particularly gives homage to Catholic Spain, which can be rightly called the "Mother of Catholicism to the Americas," particularly in our country, where many of her priestly and religious sons gave their lives to spread the Faith. Unfortunately the early work of the Spaniards (mostly Franciscans) in the Southwest and Midwest is rather unknown amongst American Catholics, even though it predates by over 100 years the relatively better-known efforts of the French Jesuits in the northeastern parts (*e.g.*, Fr. Padilla was martyred in 1542, while the earliest of the North American Martyrs, Sts. Rene Goupil, received his crown in 1642).

The pilgrimage is also unique for having three intentions every year. The first two intentions remain the same from year to year and are for the *Reconquista* of America (*i.e.*, to work for its conversion to Catholicism) and to make reparation for the silent apostasy of the American hierarchy. The third intention changes annually, and this year, in connection with the SSPX's 12-Million Rosary Crusade, it was for the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart.

This shot shows the pilgrimage underway in the early evening and the wide open plains reaching as far as the eye can see. Kansas terrain is similar to Spanish regions and the explorers were very impressed with the quality of the soil. They foresaw its potential as New Spain's breadbasket, 300 years before American farmers made this a reality.



Just a few miles from their destination, the pilgrims are given a historic reminder of the trail's past use. Under the canopy is an old well, dug by Buffalo Bill Mattheson, who operated a wagon camp and toll bridge here. In July 1864, 600 Indians attacked the camp, but the skirmish was settled when he fired a small cannon.



The granite cross erected in 1950 to honor America's Protomartyr, Fr. Padilla. About 1541, Coronado discovered a large Indian settlement here, widely-known as "Quivera." Father returned in 1542 to continue his missionary work, but was martyred, somewhere about a day's journey northeast of this spot, while traveling to evangelize a neighboring tribe.



As morning dawns in the background, the men continue west down the gravel road at about the 28-mile marker, though now considerably slower due to muscle fatigue and blisters; all grist for the mill of supplication and reparation!



Just over the horizon is the Padilla Cross, the goal of these boys, who under the watchful eye of a support vehicle driver, are ponderously struggling to reach.



The supernatural work of making America Catholic continues: Fr. Novak offers the same Holy Sacrifice, the Roman Mass, which Fr. Padilla himself offered over 500 hundred years ago.

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MONTHLY INTENTIONS

November: The souls in purgatory and
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December: The desire for heaven and the
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Daily Offering	8,524
Masses	3,236
Sacramental Communions	2,627
Spiritual Communions	7,249
Sacrifices	17,453
Decades of the Rosary	40,694
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