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Summer Camps

Imost immediately after schools began closing, summer camps began opening around the country. In over 15 camps, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, priests, religious, and laity gathered children about them to set the example of a proper mix of education and leisure.

The final echo of the school bell had hardly stopped resonating when Fr. John Bourbeau, opening the deluge of camps, took the Knights of the Immaculata, a boys' sodality from St. Marys, Kansas, to the boundary waters of Minnesota. At Voyageurs National Park, the group camped, canoed, and lived in the rugged outdoors for a week before returning to civilization and heading Winona-wards for the ordinations.

After ordinations, the camp season fell into full swing. From June 26 to July 2, with the holy oils still fresh on his newly consecrated hands, Fr. Jonathan Loop hosted a camp at Big Basin Redwoods State Park, near Los Gatos, for 60 boys. There the boys were taught to be "Knights of the Sacred Heart." Fr. Loop focused his conferences and the entire camp on the principle of chivalry, "to have a spirit of nobility and a willingness to sacrifice oneself for a higher cause."

At the same time, across the country, in Sautee-Nacoochee, Georgia, another boys' camp under the direction of Fr. Christopher Danel opened for boys in the southeast. Instead of being spent at a national park, as many camps are, the five-day camp was at a llamas and hereford ranch. There the boys had the chance to taste life on a farm.











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Chartres-Paris Pilgrimage

hile many Society priests were preparing their individual camps, Fr. Patrick Rutledge, the District Bursar, formed a small pilgrimage of 22 young adults from the United States and one from

It was a 12-day youth pilgrimage through France with the pilgrims visiting several of France's most prominent religious sites. The culmination of the pilgrimage, nonetheless, was the famous Chartres Pilgrimage.

In Paris the young adults sojourned three days visiting the sites of both the spiritual and the secular world: Notre-Dame de Paris, Sainte Chapelle, the Abbey of Saint-Etienne-du-Mont, the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal with the incorrupt body of St. Louise de Marillac, the Arc of Triumph, and the Eiffel Tower were some of the sights the pilgrims saw.

Then, traveling to Lisieux, they visited the home of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Les Buissonnets, the Basilica of St. Peter, and the Carmel of Lisieux, which houses the relics of the saint. Following the short trip to Lisieux, the pilgrims journeyed to Lourdes before heading off to Chartres.

This first half of the pilgrimage, besides being an enjoyable visit to some extraordinary shrines and to another culture, opened up to the pilgrims the world of Catholic Europe that they knew perhaps only from books before. It also reinforced their love of their Catholic heritage, made real to them by antiquated stones and art of the churches and the saints contained

Beginning on June 11, Fr. Rutledge and his pilarims joined thousands of fellow Catholics in the 65-mile trek to Paris. On the third day, June 13, Pentecost Monday, nearly 8,000 pilgrims walked into Paris in a procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

Showing in a grand and majestic manner the theme of this year's pilgrimage, "Christ, True King in the Eucharist," the Catholics processed through





the major thoroughfares and streets of Paris. And while walking in the shadows of such worldly wonders as the Eiffel Tower, the majesty of God and the faith of the Catholics overshadowed the man-made marvels.

Fr. Rutledge's pilgrims had a unique opportunity to see the reality of the world in which they live and the world they are struggling to save. Coming to France a few days before the great pilgrimage, they saw a culture once predominately Catholic, now predominately pagan. And they could take consolation and hope in a single fact: they are not alone.

"It gives them some encouragement," Fr. Rutledge writes, "in knowing that they are part of a world-wide (and therefore Catholic) Society which is fighting for the rights of Christ the King in an utterly secularized and pagan society, which they very much saw among the different sites in Paris."









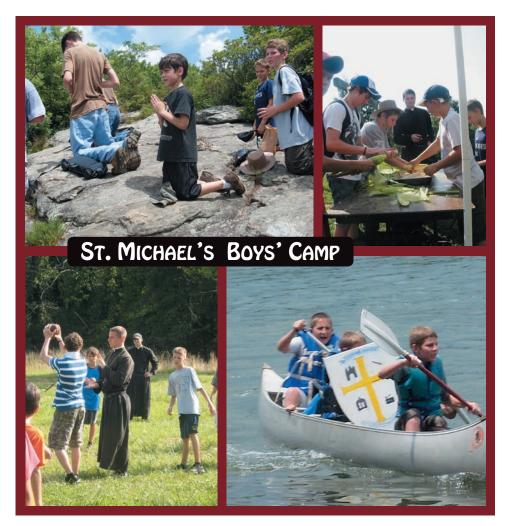
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The camp, however, was not centered on learning farm-life. It was focused on the Kingship of Christ. Fr. Danel and the other assisting clergy taught the boys to crown Christ as king of society, of the family, and of the individual. Even certain games centered around this theme.

In one such game, a group of boys were sent through a water-obstacle course. In their canoe were an orb and a scepter representing Christ the King. Their task was to arrive safely at the end without any harm coming to the orb and scepter. To add to the difficulty, opponents bombarded the canoe with water balloons. Therefore, the boys had to protect their King with shields bearing their team's coat of

Not long after that camp, Mrs. Judy Grieco, a member of the St. Michael's Parish in Roswell, Georgia, hosted a camp with the assistance of the Franciscan Sisters from Kansas City. The girls at the Our Lady of Good Success Camp turned their eyes on the Blessed Virgin and her virtue of interior modesty.

With games and conferences centralized on Catholic femininity, the girls learned or perfected etiquette for la-

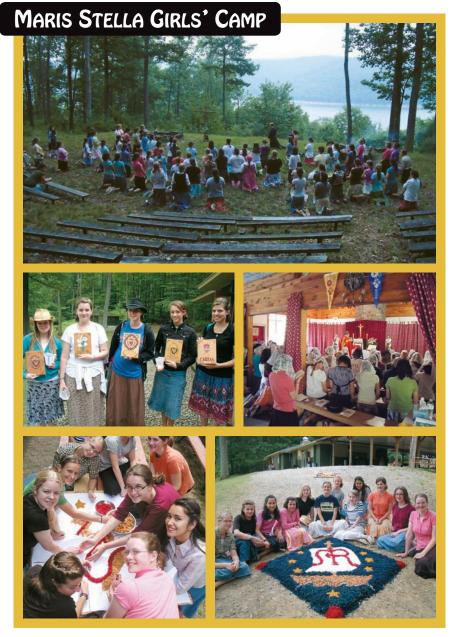


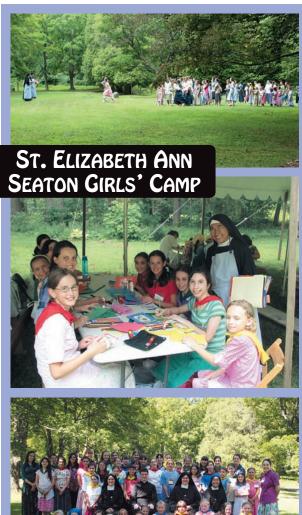


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dies, singing, dancing, quilting, frame making, and flower arrangements. One of the more significant moments of the camp came in a procession. The girls carried their flower arrangements to an altar of Our Lady, and they also brought hand-written slips of paper containing resolutions of Mary-like virtues they had resolved to practice. These they burned as incense to their Queen.

In Pennsylvania, Fr. Gerard Beck also ran the Stella Maris Girls' Camp. While many modern girls chase material and physical beauty, Fr. Beck taught these 69 young ladies to desire interior beauty. The heart of his conferences was on the seven principal virtues and their application in a young woman's life. He showed them that these virtues make a woman beautiful to both God and neighbor. To emphasize this interior beauty, Fr. Beck led a procession to honor Mary. The girls carried lanterns each had crafted, symbolizing their charity to Mary and her Son, and a flower signifying their desire to bring the beauty of virtue into the world. Dr. Andrew Childs, joining the campers, gave a lecture on music.





In the same state, later in the summer, the Sisters of the Society from St. Marys, Kansas, held a girls' camp for 53 New England girls. The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Girls' Camp at Nockamixon State Park taught the girls to follow the example of the camp's patron. The Sisters focused their conferences and games on St. Elizabeth's saying, "Every good action is a grain of seed for eternal life."

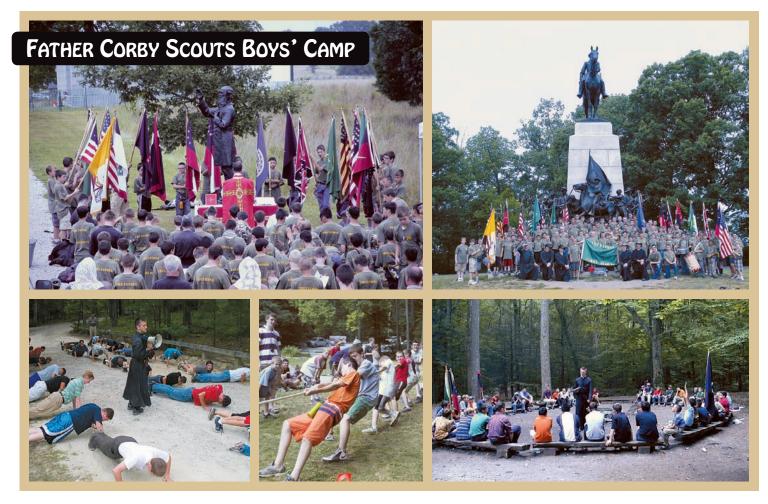
Not too far away from the Sisters, the sound of battles could be heard—it was the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. A troop of 110 boys under the command of Frs. Patrick Mackin, Jordan Fahnestock, and Timothy Sick toured the battlefields and the historical sites from that tragedy. The Father Corby Scouts, named after Fr. William Corby, the chaplain for the Irish Brigade, saw such sights as Appomattox, Lexington, Washington, D.C., Manassas, and Gettysburg. They were even among the over 9,000 spectators who saw the 150th Anniversary Re-enactment of the Battle of Manassas. Throughout their trav-

els, they stopped at cemeteries and prayed for soldiers lost during that war. Also, while touring the nation's capital, the Scouts heard Mass celebrated at the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.

While both coasts were bustling with activity, the Midwest, with record-breaking high temperatures, was not silent. In St. Marys, Kansas, the Sisters, before heading to their camp in Pennsylvania, held their annual camp for the Eucharistic Crusade. Their goal was to show the girls that Christ is the model of spirit of the Crusade, that His life provides examples of the ideals of prayer, communion, sacrifice, and the apostolate.

In Georgetown, Illinois, Frs. Michael McMahon and Patrick Mc-Bride at Notre Dame de La Salette Academy welcomed the incoming freshmen for a week of student orientation. With help from current stu-



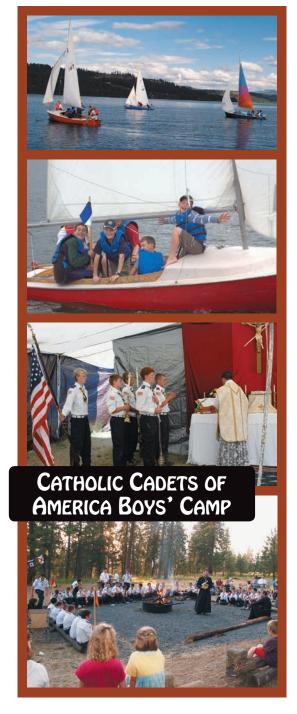


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dents and seminarian alumni, the two priests held conferences to prepare their future charges. They spoke on the art of studying and note taking, the etiquette of a Catholic gentleman, and other similar subjects. Because the camp was as well-rounded as the school, there were games and social activities as well so that the future La Salette Lions would become better acquainted with each other and their future school.

During the same time, Fr. Bourbeau, not resting from his previous adventures with his Knights, took to the road with eleven 15-passenger vans and 114 boys for a nearly 2,000 mile road trip to the South Dakota Badlands. For two weeks, he and his boys toured the Badlands, visiting such places as Mount Rushmore, Deadwood, and Custer State Park. They climbed mountains, walked through caves, learned knife making, archery, and visited two nursing homes.





In Kansas City, Brother René held another boys' camp. A few states away, seminarian James Carlisle also hosted a camp in Wisconsin for the Midwest boys. In Idaho, Fr. Jean de L'Estourbeillon held a camp for the Catholic Cadets of America.

Back on the west coast, from July 3 to 14, Fr. Richard Boyle, at Camp De Smet in Veneta, Oregon, directed 49 boys. As with all of the camps, the boys played the typical camp games along with canoeing, swimming, and archery. But they also studied the virtues of the missionary Fr. Pierrelean De Smet.

Just as that camp ended, the Sisters of the Society from Veneta and from Browerville, Minnesota, gathered 70 girls at the St. Maria Goretti Girls' Camp at Camp Wilani, not far from Veneta. They centered the camp around that which ought to be the center of everyone's day—the Mass. Using the Cristeros and the North American Martyrs as examples, the Sisters, in both conferences and in games, emphasized importance of the Mass in everyone's life. Along with that, they took the girls to the sand dunes on the Pacific coast for dune buggy rides. Also, the girls learned to make puppets, which were used in the final day of puppet shows based on fairy tales.

Summer being limited to a few months, the priests, the religious, and the laity in the Society had quickly mobilized to help provide the children with solid formation as well as fun. And so, 15 camps came and are now part of a memory as the school bells begin to chime once again.





BOOK REVIEW

Pope Paul's New Mass by Michael Davies

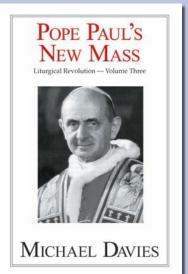
Reviewed by Fr. Dominique Bourmaud, FSSPX

ichael Davies, in this book, amasses details of how the Church was deprived of its 1500-year-old liturgical tradition and how the New Mass was invented. He raises pertinent questions: was it a reform or a revolution? Was it the work of the Church's leaders or of bureaucrats with an agenda? Was it a pastoral success or a failure? Did it convert the outsiders or alienate the faithful?

One of the key chapters, "The Cult of Man," deals with the underlying intention of the authorities. Although exonerating the Council Fathers at large, who never suspected such an outcome, the Council itself spread the seeds of the ongoing revolution, emphasizing active lay par-

revolution, emphasizing active lay participation in the liturgy. "Celebration" turned out to be partying. The turning around of altars shifted the priest's attention away from God and towards man. Texts became devoid of properly Catholic themes like penance and mortification to be more acceptable to men.

This and the *Institutio Generalis* indicate clearly that it was the intention of Pope Paul VI to bring Catholic worship in line with Protestant ideas. This Davies proves



convincingly with an in-depth study of Art. 7 of the *Institutio Generalis*. Another manifestation of radicalism is given by the contrived practice of Communion in the hand, initially rejected by all bishops, yet conceded by Rome in light of abuses, and finally forced by liturgical anarchists throughout the Christian world soon after. This is the typical use of the foot-in-the-door approach.

Unfortunately, Davies' study shrugs off as irrelevant the "intention of the rite." Our position is that the new rite is ambiguous and lacking due clarity of doctrine on essential elements of the Mass (which justifies its intrinsically evil character), but ambiguity and heresy are a gulf apart.

This precious 700-page long encyclopedia of the New Mass concludes with a few pointed appendices, particularly one on "The Right to Resist an Abuse of Power" and another on the scandalous attitude of some U.S. bishops on recipes for altar bread.

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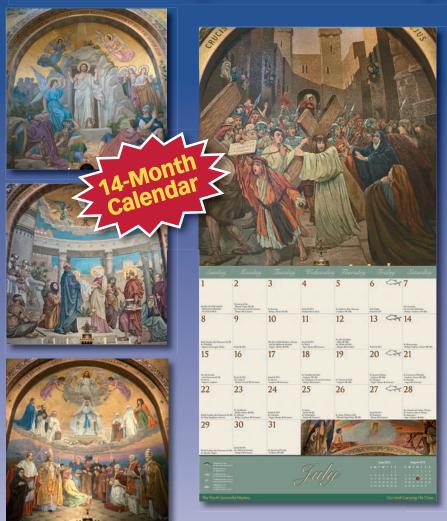
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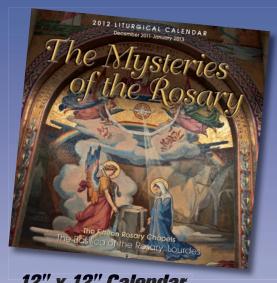
2012 LITURGICAL CALENDAR

December 2011-January 2013

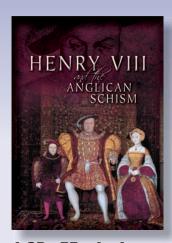
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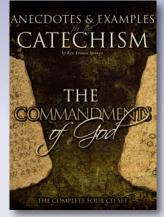


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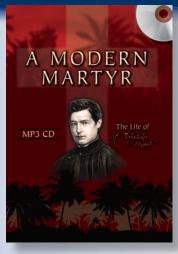
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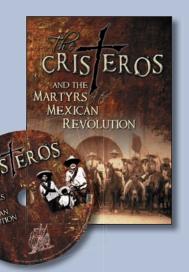
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The Cristeros and the Martyrs of the Mexican Revolution

Christopher Check

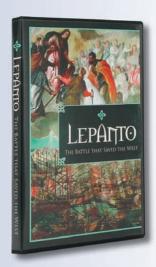
The average American's understanding of Mexican history is incomplete. American Catholics, however, should know Mexican history because, unlike our own history, much of Mexican history is Catholic history. In the early part of the 20th century, Masonic, Marxist revolutionaries, who were nothing less than the enemies of Jesus Christ, seized control of the government of Mexico and attempted to destroy the Church. They very nearly succeeded. In the midst of the terror, courageous priests clandestinely made their way through the countryside dispensing the sacraments and ministering to the Mexican faithful. Many received the crown of martyrdom; the most famous is Blessed Miguel Pro. As these holy priests fulfilled the duties of their divine vocations, an army of laymen rose up and challenged the godless government. They were the Cristeros. Their battle cry was "Viva Cristo Rey!" Their tale is one of the great Catholic war stories of all time.

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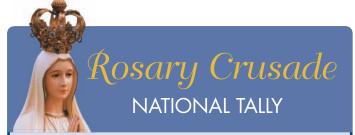
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GRANT TOTAL TO DATE 626,278

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MONTHLY INTENTIONS

September: The conversion of the Church's enemies

October: For reparation for the outrages

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Heart of Mary

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE (June 2011)

Daily Offering	11,698
Masses	3,787
Sacramental Communions	3,480
Spiritual Communions	8,986
Sacrifices	20,577
Decades of the Rosary	78,372
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	2,536
15 minutes of silent meditation	4,937
Good Example	13,892
Number returned	412

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