The Importance of a Retreat

Every year the priests and religious of the Society go on a retreat. It is in the very constitution of the Society as laid out by Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre. As for the laity, how often do they get the chance to escape the humdrum and the noise and the gadgets of modern life, and find the peace of Christ? For God is to be found, as Scripture declares, “not in the wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire,” but in the “whistling of a gentle air” (3 Kings. 19:11-12).

For many among the laity, even with over fifty retreats taking place annually at the retreat houses, at various schools, or even as far north as Seward, Alaska—where Father Duverger and Brother Rene from the district house in Missouri traveled in October to host two Ignatian retreats for ten men and twelve women—there is little chance to take part in a regular retreat.

And yet, the pontiffs of the twentieth century held that retreats for the laity were of the greatest importance to assist the laity in maintaining the Faith and preserving them in Catholic Action. In 1929, Pius XI, in his encyclical *Mens Nostra*, declared that retreats were immensely beneficial to the laity, especially as a defense against Atheistic Materialism which hounds modern societies. Retreats have a special power to refocus man upon his Creator and his end.

“The most grave disease by which our age is oppressed, and at the same time the fruitful source of all the evils deplored by every man of good heart, is that levity and thoughtlessness which carry men hither and thither through devious ways,” His Holiness wrote. “Hence comes the constant and passionate absorption in external things; hence, the insatiable thirst for riches and pleasures that gradually weakens and extinguishes in the minds of men the desire for more excellent goods, and so entangles them in outward and fleeting things that it forbids them to think of eternal truths, and of the Divine laws, and of God
Dear Faithful,

As the year 2012 begins, it is my desire to dedicate the new year to our Blessed Mother and Her Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. She is our refuge and hope in all difficulties, and it is with great confidence that we entrust to Her ourselves, the priests of the U.S. District, the faithful and their families, our parishes and schools, all of our actions, and especially our apostolic work.

Saint Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort wrote this in his book True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin:

ª The greatest saints, those richest in grace and virtue, will be the most assiduous in praying to the most Blessed Virgin, looking up to her as the perfect model to imitate and as powerful helper to assist them. I said that this will happen especially towards the end of the world, and indeed soon, because Almighty God and his holy Mother are to raise up great saints who will surpass in holiness most other saints as much as the cedars of Lebanon tower above little shrubs...

ª ...these great souls filled with grace and zeal will be chosen to oppose the enemies of God who are raging on all sides. They will be exceptionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin. Illuminated by her light, strengthened by her food, guided by her spirit, supported by her arm, sheltered under her protection, they will fight with one hand and build with the other. With one hand they will give battle, overthrowing and crushing heretics and their heresies, schismatics and their schism, idolaters and their idolatries, sinners and their wickedness. With the other hand they will build the temple of the true Solomon and the mystical city of God. By word and example they will draw all men to a true devotion to her and though this will make many enemies, it will also bring about many victories and much glory to God alone.

This meditation from Saint Louis de Montfort is a beautiful one with which to start this New Year. I do not quote this text meaning to prophesy the end of the world soon, even though St. Louis, a few centuries ago, was already announcing it as soon. But as to that day and the exact time no one knows. It is not an effort to search for that time, neither to say that the era described by Saint Louis de Montfort is already here. The point is in the devotion and virtues he describes; that is what we must strive for.

We must continue our efforts to work on an always deeper and greater devotion to our Blessed Mother. We ought to focus our efforts on the Rosary Crusade, confident that it will bring about many victories and much glory to God.

We need not tire ourselves fighting the enemies of God: heresies, schisms, idolatries, paganism, and sins, etc. On the contrary, illuminated, strengthened, guided, supported, and sheltered by the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we ought to fight the good fight, first of all in our spiritual lives, filled with grace and zeal.

We ought to keep building the City of God, restoring all things in Christ. There is nothing that can be more pleasing to God than to rebuild His Church, stone by stone, meaning soul by soul, priest by priest, family by family, chapel by chapel, school by school.

This is the reason why I wish to dedicate the new year to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, confident that the more we endeavor to love Her and imitate Her, the more we will draw souls into Her motherly protection, and the faster we can hope She will restore all things in Her Divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May our Heavenly Queen reign over us!

In a more concrete manner, I wish to emphasize once again our Rosary Crusade, which will continue until Pentecost, May 27, 2012. Here we have a practical way to make of the new year a truly Marian one. Let me quote once more Saint Louis de Montfort from The Secret of the Rosary:

ª The Blessed Virgin, protectress of the Church, has given us a most powerful means for appeasing her Son’s anger, uprooting heresy, and reforming Christian morals, in the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary, as events have shown. It has brought back charity and the frequent reception of the sacraments as in the first golden centuries of the Church, and it has reformed Christian morals.

There, in praying and meditating on the Holy Rosary, is our hope and our strength.

With my priestly blessing to you, your family and friends, as well as my prayers in the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
Himself, the one beginning and end of all created things, Who, nevertheless, for His boundless goodness and mercy, even in these our days, though moral corruption may spread apace, ceases not to draw men to Himself by a bounteous abundance of graces. Now, if we would cure this sickness from which human society suffers so sorely, what healing remedy could we devise more appropriate for our purpose than that of calling these enervated souls, so neglectful of eternal things, to the recollection of the Spiritual Exercises?”

Pius XI was not alone in stressing the significance of retreats for the laity. Pius XII, through all means in his power, emphasized the power of retreats, especially the Ignatian retreats, to bring back the wavering man to the standard of Jesus Christ. In a letter, commemorating the fourth centenary of the death of St. Ignatius, to Father John Baptist Janssens, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, the pope called the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius the “golden book.”

“If we may take as true what Father La Palma has recently said, namely that the book of Spiritual Exercises was the firstborn of St. Ignatius, we may, with equal justice, assert that the saintly author himself was the firstborn of the Exercises,” Pius XII wrote. “For it was through them that his mind filled with new life, his first steps in the way of perfection were guided, and his spiritual strength was so increased that he chose for himself a divine King and Master, one who was worn with toil and disfigured by shameful abuse, one who suffered torments and even death itself in the service of the Eternal Father, and he followed this King to the very highest degree of love.”

What is interesting to note, is that St. Ignatius himself, understanding the worth of Spiritual Exercises, never claimed them as his. In fact, in a letter to Father Manuel Miona, his confessor, the Saint offers the Exercises as a means of repaying Father Miona’s assistance, but St. Ignatius claims no possession over them. He is like a man who discovered a unique treasure that is for all mankind.

Regardless, Pius XII not only recommended but also urged that the Spiritual Exercises become part of the spiritual life of the laity. On June 29, 1951, to commemorate the opening of Domus Pacis, a retreat house, the same pontiff, speaking about the potential greatness of this house, called it “a school open to the silences of the spirit, to allow the spirit—purified of all dross and made strong in God—to give to life in the service of the good cause, its entire and sure efficiency.”

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“[I]t is only right from time to time to shake off the world’s dust like any other,” Pius XII said, “nothing is more urgent for the very object of your social action, of your religious apostolate, than a frequent renewal within your own hearts, by bringing back under the sign of God’s love your whole interior life, so that your action may be increasingly more upright, sincere, meritorious, securely effective among men, a valid service in the interests of God and of the Church.”

In Mediator Dei, Pius XII’s encyclical on the liturgy, the pontiff further stressed the importance of retreats and other private devotions as a means that provide graces for greater growth in virtue and a greater disposition in receiving the sacraments themselves.

And then again, on April 3, 1956, in the allocution, Vous Inaugurez, to the Thirteenth International Congress of the World Federation of Young Catholic Women, Pius XII reiterated his wish that Catholic Action, if it is to be founded in God, must be nurtured by prayer, by silence, by contemplations, by the Spiritual Exercises.

“Here, noise, agitation, speed lose all their rights,” the pontiff said. “Here it is question of entering into the interior sanctuary, in calm and silence, and above all of patient and humble waiting for the grace from on high, of accepting the will of Another, of whom John the Baptist said, ‘He must increase, and I must decrease.’ Prolonged daily prayer, the only way which leads into the presence of God—how many young people have the courage to force themselves to it? Do not hope, beloved Daughters, to exercise any apostolate worthy of the name unless you first accept this elementary requirement, whose importance Christian tradition has never ceased to emphasize.”

The Archbishop, true to the traditions of the Church, held to the importance of retreats, not only for the religious, but also for the laity. He, consistent with the teachings of the popes, declared the Spiritual Exercises to be most efficacious to the spiritual development of the laity. And so he wrote in a letter, of October 4, 1984, to the parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows, Phoenix, Arizona: “It is with great happiness that I heard the good news from your parish. I congratulate and encourage you to continue your apostolate and specially to help many people to make a five day retreat.

“These spiritual exercises are a spring of blessing of God and can change deeply the Christian life and the Christian family.”

"Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat House, Phoenix, AZ.

The Interior of Christ the King Church at St. Ignatius Retreat House in Ridgefield, CT."
Throughout 2012 the Society priests will give over fifty retreats within the United States. While some of these retreats will happen at schools, such as St. Mary’s Academy in Kansas and La Salette Academy in Illinois, forty of these retreats, primarily Ignatian with a few virtues, vocation, and Marian retreats, will take place at the three retreat houses: St. Ignatius in Ridgefield, Connecticut; St. Aloysius Gonzaga in Los Gatos, California, and Our Lady of Sorrows in Phoenix, Arizona.

St. Ignatius Retreat House, the first of the Society’s retreat houses in the United States, was aptly named after the patron saint of retreats and spiritual exercises. Until the Society purchased it in 1979, to function as the first St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary, the property changed hands multiple times. Originally it served as a home to the Dixon Pencil family; then briefly it fell into the hands of George Scalise, the fourth president of Service Employees Union of New York.

Following Scalise’s short possession, the future SSPX retreat house became an inn until, in 1960, it was given the name Manresa by the Jesuits who had bought the house and property as a retreat center.

While the reign of the Jesuits over the property was short-lived, it was under them that the house had a taste of its true future.

The Jesuits moved out, and the house was filled with song—not the Gregorian chant under the brief Jesuit stint. Tudor Rose School of Music took up its residence in the stucco halls, but only for a short while. It was to go on the market again.

This time, the year being 1979, the Society was looking for a new home for the seminarians. The growing congregation of seminarians had, in seven short years, already outgrown the original seminary in Armada, Michigan, at the now St. Joseph’s Academy.

But even this larger property was not large enough as the Society in the United States grew rapidly. In less than ten years, the seminarians required a more spacious home. They move to Winona, Minnesota, to the current St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary.

From that moment, the Society’s house Ridgefield became known as St. Ignatius Retreat House. Once more it reverted back to its use under the Jesuits, a place for spiritual training following St. Ignatius’s military manual.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Retreat Center, located in the tranquil mountainous region near San Jose, is surrounded by vineyards, natural wildlife reserves, and the rustic surroundings of mountains and woodland. Initially, the retreat house was owned by a Protestant family, who, having a limited perception of seeking the divine through peace, operated a center open for retreats, seminars, and camps.

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When the property went up for sale in 1991, the Society closed the church and the house it had in nearby Campbell and purchased the center. Within a short time, under the direction of Fr. Daniels, the barn converted into a chapel, the previous family’s house became a rectory, and the cabins readied for retreatants. And retreats were underway.

For twenty years, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Retreat House, named for the famous sixteenth-century Jesuit, held retreats, assisting hundreds of souls in their pilgrimage towards the Eternal City.

In the spring of 2011, however, the retreat house was forced to close for a short time due to impositions from the health department. While certain parts of the buildings were being renovated to meet the codes, the retreats were initially moved to a different location. Some were cancelled.

By late summer, the retreat house reopened and the retreats resumed. Nineteen ninety-one did not just see the opening of St. Aloysius. It also saw the beginning of another retreat center, Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat House.

Our Lady of Sorrows had already been one of the Society’s chapels since 1978 when it was converted from an old Lutheran church. For the first thirteen years, it was a chapel in the middle of the Arizona desert within the suburbs of Phoenix.

While Our Lady of Sorrows held retreats early in the 1980’s, it had no retreat house per se. It was not until 1991 when the construction for the actual retreat house began. Fr. Leo Boyle, sent from St. Mary’s Academy to Phoenix, was given the task of bringing this to fruition.

For the next three years, the retreat house was being built. By the end of 1995, the construction was completed enough to begin hosting retreats.

Even though retreats were now being held, the construction and the additions were not finished. In March of 1996, the Society attached an eight-acre orchard, a new playing field, and a shrine to the budding property, which now housed not only a church and a school, but also a retreat house.

In 2002 two more acres were added as well to provide more space for the retreatants to wander in recollection and for the parish and school life as well.
Some Pictures from St. Aloysius Gonzaga Retreat House in Los Gatos, California.
1. What are the various retreats given? How is each important?

The various retreats given in Los Gatos are basically Ignatian Retreats, lasting either five or three days, but there are also the Third Order retreats and the annual retreats for high school students. Each of the retreats is very important because every time a person experiences a retreat, for the soul, it is a special and unique opportunity to more closely encounter, in a most intimate manner, one’s Creator and Savior. This divine encounter can have tremendous consequences for the life of this person, for his or her family, or even for the Church, if this person has a vocation. This is why a retreat can never be taken lightly due to the serious consequences that will follow for the retreatant’s present life and also for the next. As you can see, a retreat is always of capital importance, and this is the reason why Saint Ignatius strongly recommends that “the one who is to go through the Exercises, should enter upon them with magnanimity and generosity toward his Creator and Lord, should offer Him his entire will and liberty, that His Divine Majesty may dispose of him and all he possesses, according to His most Holy Will” (5th Annotations). These are the dispositions that the retreatant must have if he desires that his retreat may be beneficial for him and bear the fruits that he is seeking for the sanctification and the salvation of his soul.

2. Why are retreats especially important for the laity today?

The society in which we now live is so worldly and so pagan that the faithful constantly need to come back and drink at the source of the living waters to quench their thirst for truth, purity, and sanity.

Our former retreatants would be the best resource to tell you how beneficial these retreats have been for the growth of their spiritual lives and for the spiritual progress of their family life in general. How many parents could testify to the powerful support that the retreats have given to their youth who are so badly influenced by this corrupted world in which we live today! We can
certainly say that many souls owe their salvation to the retreats. In this world which is so openly opposed to God and to His Divine Law, the retreats are a unique opportunity to redirect the soul toward its Creator, to inflame within it the love of our Blessed Lord and to make it resolutely desire the way of its salvation by the observance of the Commandments of God and of the Church. This is why, during retreats, we so often see all manner of spiritual, moral, personal, or family problems which could find no solution in the past—sometimes for many years—only to finally become resolved during the retreat.

This is why the retreats are so important for the laity in our times. People are definitively hungry and thirsty for the good things which Our Lady speaks about in her Magnificat: “He has filled the hungry of with good things” (Luke 1:53). Retreats provide the ‘good things’ which people are hungry for and which allow them to meet with their God in a more personal and intimate encounter than they could possibly have if they were to remain at home, where so many family and professional distractions await them, and prevent them from focusing on the relationship between their Creator and their soul. Even though it is just for a few days, the spiritual benefits that souls receive from it are so great that we can only strongly recommend them to all our faithful.

3. How do retreats help the spiritual life of the laity?

Retreats are very beneficial for the sanctification of priests and religious, but they are also most conducive to the sanctification of the laity. This is why the Church, through the voices of the Popes, has so strongly recommended the faithful to attend regular retreats. “Not that we should not esteem other spiritual exercises, but that in those organized according to the Ignatian method, everything is disposed with such wisdom, everything is so well coordinated that, if man does not oppose Divine Grace, they renew him completely and render him fully submitted to Divine Authority” (Pope Pius XI’s apostolic letter Meditantibus Nobis).

To summarize these considerations about the critical help and support that the Spiritual Exercises provide for religious and laity, I would like to share with you this important quote from Archbishop Lefebvre in what we can consider the spiritual testament of our beloved founder for his priests and our faithful, to wit: his Spiritual Journey: here is what Archbishop wrote in this regard: “The last things ought to interest us supremely, and this all the more that our actions here below prepare this future eternity. To live in indifference to or unawareness of our final end is insane! It is the fundamental motive of the Incarnation, of the Redemption: the return to God by Jesus Christ. This is the essential perspective of the Summa Theologica of St.
Thomas, for it is the essential reason why we exist: to be with God forever. Hence the great necessity of constantly returning to the last things in our preaching. The retreats of St. Ignatius and all other retreats have no other goal: to save souls, in sanctifying them by Jesus Christ” (Spiritual Journey, pp. 58, 59).

4. What are some of the responses or graces you’ve seen come to retreatants?

Indeed, we regularly receive beautiful letters from our former retreatants witnessing their joy for the wonderful benefits that they have received during the retreat. I am happy to share with the readers of the Regina Coeli Report a few excerpts from these letters:

1. “Thank you for your efforts that provided a vigorous yet comfortable retreat during the Octave of Pentecost.
   “Being alone...with God alone is a priceless treasure in today’s world. We are grateful for the peace-filled atmosphere of St. Aloysius’ which you so lovingly tend.
   “How fortifying were the fresh eggs, salads, and well-cooked meals. How beautiful the chapel, shrines, wooded trails reflecting our souls’ journey through the exercises of St. Ignatius. How funny to hear turkeys gobbling during the silence of the retreat.
   “Beginning and ending our days in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament with Divine Office, Holy Mass, Benediction; visits to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary in the chapel, meditation in the solitude of our ‘cells’ combined to rejuvenate body, mind, and soul.
   “Dear Fathers, thank you for the gift of your prayers, time, consultations, and conferences. We return to our lives fortified. In gratitude, we will strive to be faithful to our resolutions and persevere in the graces of the retreat.
   Please pray for us as we pray for you.”

2. “That retreat house was the source of graces for me to save my marriage...”

3. “That retreat changed everything for me. I shudder to think the state my soul would be in now, if I had not gone when I did... Had there been any delay, I might have been lost.

4. “It was there I too decided to ‘look into’ the religious life.”

5. “I was brought back to God there along with many others...”

6. “I went on my first retreat there many years ago, and only now do I understand how important it was, how it changed my path in life.”

5. Add anything else which you think might be relevant.

Thank you very much for offering this opportunity to add a conclusion to these considerations about the Spiritual Exercises. I will draw this conclusion from the words of Archbishop Lefebvre, who has always strongly recommended the practice of the Spiritual Exercises for the faithful. In a memorable conference that he gave at the church of St. Nicholas-du-Chardonnet in Paris, on May 10, 1988, during a recollection for priests, here is what he had to say to them about retreats: “The priory can do much. It can offer retreats. Either by an exchange with those priests at a retreat house, or by finding a retreat house in their own area... There is nothing more excellent than that!”

These words carry a heavy weight in the mouth of the one who saved the Mass and the priesthood in the Church from the hands of modernists. Yes, to keep focus on the holiness of their vocations as Catholic parents, the faithful need to make regular retreats. This will help them to keep a lofty and clear vision of the necessity to reject the errors, the fashions, and the spirit of the world in order to sanctify themselves and their families.
Book Review: One Hundred Years of Modernism

Fr. Pierre Duverger

Under the unattractive cover showing the negative photo of a birthday cake, this book has an abstruse and unattractive second title: A genealogy of the principles of the Second Vatican Council. This volume is an inquiry of two things: the proper notion of modernism and the origin of the modern-day Church crisis.

The aggiornamento attempted since Vatican II has ushered in a bitter winter. The cause of this recession must lie in the ideas of the Council. Formerly, Aristotle the physicist discovered that what is born of a duck and waddles and quacks like a duck is probably a duck. He could identify animals both by their origin and by their activity. By the same method we can easily prove the specific identity of the modernist heresy, that is, by its protagonists ideological lineage and community of thought.

The author concentrates his study on the individuals who personify the particular period and branch of knowledge under study: reason, revelation, and theology. You might know some of these men superficially like Luther and de Lubac, some others you will discover like Loisy and Tyrrell. By this human approach, the book illustrates how their way of thinking is often but the sequel of their way of life. The book follows five clearly distinct historical divisions: Christian truth (a rapid overview of the intellectual life of the Church), Protestant critical modernism in Germany, modernism in France, neo-modernism in Europe, and triumphant modernism in Rome. You may guess the diagnosis the author reaches regarding the last three major pontiffs.

Certainly, this is a must for any mind eager to get his teeth into the thick of the Church miasma. A French publication wrote about this volume: If there is one book you must read for the next decade, this is the one!

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2012 Youth Pilgrimage Requests

We are no longer accepting letters requesting sponsorships for the Youth Pilgrimage, especially because the trip is now completely full. While some of the youth have a reserved spot on the trip, they still need some sponsorship funds. Please see the list of those who still have needs and sponsor them to help them pay the full balance of the trip.

Dear Readers,

My name is Hannah Baer. I live in Glyndor, MN and attend Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows in Crookston, MN. I have never had the privilege of going on a pilgrimage before. I believe this experience would strengthen both my soul and my faith. I will need about $2,500 - $3,500 to make this trip a reality. I would be most grateful to anyone who would help me. Be assured that my sponsors and their intentions will be in my prayers both during and after the pilgrimage. Your generosity will be rewarded. May God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,
Hannah Baer (Glyndor, Minnesota)
Needs $1,647

Hello! My name is Julianna Pawlowski, and I am from Our Lady of Fatima chapel in Pittsburgh, PA. In the past I had heard talk about this trip, but never imagined that I could ever be a part of it. But then Fr. Rutledge became our priest and got the youth here excited about the Youth Pilgrimage. He helped me to realize that I, too, could be in Rome next May. I am especially interested in visiting all of the magnificent Catholic churches over there! This will only be possible, though, with the help of about $2000, from a generous soul.

Julianna Pawlowski (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania)
Needs $1,000

I am one of your sheep—just over there in New Zealand, I am currently tutoring part-time, teaching sewing lessons, and working as an “au pair”. I have $400 saved and set aside in a special box, only to be used for the pilgrimage. I know it’s not much, but I expect to make about $500 each month until the end of March, which is when I come home. I want to go because I believe it will help my faith to grow and I know that a pilgrimage is a special time for earning precious graces. It’s also good to meet with other Catholic youth and lastly, there are a few friends of mine (patron saints) that I hope to see over there in Europe!

Mary Pawlowski (Pittsburgh, PA)
Needs $250

My name is Sara Steinmetz from Browerville, MN. I attend St. John Vianney Church in Long Prairie, MN. I am a poor college student and waitress with high hopes of gaining more knowledge of enriching my life with direct contact with the history of the Church and the lives and relics of the Saints. I am in need of all the funds I am able to receive for this trip and I can guarantee that you will be in my prayers throughout this pilgrimage and in the years to come.

God Bless,
Sara Steinmetz (Browerville, Minnesota)
Needs $2,700

My name is Vincent Kirk Sebastian Baert, 19 years old, from Saint Cloud, MN and attend St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel. I want to go on this pilgrimage to ask God’s assistance to figure out my vocation in life. Taking this trip would not just gain me many graces, but also many others including my sponsors. If I am sponsored to go on this pil-
If you would like to sponsor any of these students for either whole or part of the funds needed, please make checks payable to SSPX and send them to:

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Attn: 2012 Youth Pilgrimage
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We will gladly accept donations at any time. Also, please note for whom the donations are intended if you want them earmarked for a particular student. We encourage you to add any intentions that you would like the youth to take as they make their pilgrimage. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Thanks in part to your sponsorships, the following will be able to attend the pilgrimage and no longer need donations:

- Daniel Johnston
- Beth Gerads
- Sara Steinmetz
- Mary Andreski

The following still need sponsorships:

- Laura Stafki ($1,400)
- Ali Tschida ($1,500)
- Melanie Ledbetter ($1,247)
- Nicholas Ledbetter ($1,247)
- Hilary Dailey ($1,077)
- Gregory Dailey ($1,077)
- Hannah Baer ($1,647)

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grimage I will pray for them, both on the pilgrimage and after my return home. I need a total of $2,000 to be able to go on this pilgrimage.

Vincent Baert (Saint Cloud, Minnesota)
Needs $2,000

Thank you, potential sponsors, for considering me for the 2012 Youth pilgrimage. My name is Stephanie Urankar. I am from Ohio and a junior in high school, attending St. Peregrine Academy and chapel. While I am truly blessed to be in a family of nine, we have many expenses; I would have to rely in large part on your generosity to attend. (I could pay for my passport and some meals, however). I am unable to find sufficient words to express how earnestly I would love to attend this pilgrimage. I would receive abundant graces from visiting magnificent Catholic landmarks, walking the penitential pilgrimage, and attending daily Mass. I would offer all for my most generous sponsors. Through this experience and pilgrimage, I hope to grow in my faith, gain a greater appreciation for it, as well as deepen my knowledge of it. Once I return, I also hope to share this knowledge with my family, teachers and friends who have sacrificed much for me.

Thank you again for your consideration!
In Jesus and Mary,
Stephanie Urankar (Cleveland, Ohio)
Needs $2,647
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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.

Totals for the Rosary Crusade.
APR  46,996
MAY 248,685
JUN  269,750
JUL  281,270
AUG  296,593
SEP  297,855
OCT  320,886
NOV  268,365
DEC  245,403
JAN   85,879
TOTAL: 2,361,682

N.B.: 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.

Mass Stipends

The U.S. District Office is collecting Mass stipends for SSPX (or its associate) priests. The suggested donation is $15.00 per Mass. Please send no more than four Masses per month. N.B.: We cannot receive stipends for Gregorian Masses (i.e., 30 consecutive Requiem Masses). Checks should be made out to the SSPX (in U.S. currency) and sent to: Rev. Fr. Joseph Dreher, District Secretary, Regina Coeli House, 11485 N. Farley Road, Platte City, MO 64079.

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

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Our Lady of Fatima Correspondence Catechism

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Retreat Schedule U.S.

St. Ignatius Retreat House
209 Tackora Trail, Ridgefield, CT 06877  •  (203) 431-0201
MEN: March 12-17, May 21-26, July 9-14, Sept. 17-21, Nov. 12-16

Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center
750 E. Baseline Road, Phoenix, AZ 85042  •  (602) 268-7673
WOMEN: March 13-16 (Virtues), May 7-12 (Marian), Sept. 18-22
MATRIMONY: Oct. 24-27
THIRD ORDER: Nov. 12-17 (Mixed)

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Retreat Center
19101 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos, CA 95033  •  (408) 354-7703
WOMEN: Feb. 27-March 3, April 16-21, May 14-19, Aug. 20-25, Oct. 1-6, Nov. 12-17, Nov. 29 - Dec. 2

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

Retreat Schedule Canada

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy
MEN: June 25-30
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These retreats are limited to twelve retreatants only.

WOMEN: August 12 - 17
This retreat is to be held at Sugar Bush Cottages in Bobcaygeon, Ontario.

To register for these retreats please contact Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy, Attn. Fr. Scott, 2483 Bleams Road, New Hamburg, Ontario, N3A 3J2. Tel. (519) 634 4932. Fax (519) 634 9395. E-mail olmc@netflash.net.

Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius
St. Pius X Retreat House
MEN: March 11 - 16
WOMEN: April 22 - 27

To register for a retreat, contact us at:
St. Joseph’s Centre, 1395 Notre-Dame, St-Césaire,
QC JOL 1T0 Canada Ph: 514-312-7890

Note: All our retreats start on Sunday nights at 6:00pm. They end on Fridays after lunch. If you plan to attend Sunday Mass in Shawinigan before the retreat, it is strongly advised to call us before to check for Sunday Mass times.

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January:  For the Propagation of the Faith
February: For Spiritual Retreats
March:  The sick, especially the isolated and abandoned, and the incurable

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE (October 2011)

Daily Offering  14,398
Mässes  6,767
Sacramental Communions  5,945
Spiritual Communions  11,323
Sacrifices  30,880
Decades of the Rosary  74,414
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament  6,410
15 minutes of silent meditation  5,846
Good Example  21,394
Number returned  605

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Contact us for itinerary brochures or reservations
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38 Ten Coat Lane, Shelton, CT 06484
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St. Maria Goretti Girls Camp
(SSPX Sisters)

Camp Dates: July 28 - August 4, 2012
Location: Camp Tamarack, E. 879 Golke Rd., Waupaca, WI 54981
Ages: 9-17
Cost: $220.00 each for the first two girls and $200 each thereafter (in the same family)

Written applications only starting March 1, 2012.

Sisters of the Society of St. Pius X,
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(Include name, age, date of birth, address and phone number for each camper. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.)

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Confirmation Schedule

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