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The Santa Fe Pilgrimage

For 15 years, men and boys, under the direction of Society priests, have braved the uncertain Kansas weather in the "Ironman's Pilgrimage." Fifty-two pilgrims braved one of the worst Kansas droughts in decades to walk the 33 miles from one point in the empty Kansas prairie to a large cross, the Padilla Cross, that stands as a lone symbol of Christendom in the midst of a desert, a wasteland.

From sunset on July 27 to sunrise on July 28, the pilgrims, who hailed from Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, and Texas, marched along dirt roads to the site where Fr. Juan de Padilla first erected a cross nearly 470 years ago among the Quivira Indians. Now on that site, which is near the center of the United States, stands a 26-foot cross raised by the Knights of Columbus to commemorate the deed of the protomartyr of the United States.

Fr. Kenneth Novak, one of the founders of the pilgrimage along with Fr. David Hewko and Dr. Gabriel de Erausquin, led the 52 men and boys, counseling them, hearing confessions, leading prayers and hymns as the platoon trudged under the starlit sky. In front of them, the banners of Church and Country led the way. In fact, the Santa Fe Pilgrimage specially added the *Cor Unum* insignia to the Stars and Stripes as a symbol of the Catholic roots of the United States—roots that extend farther back than the Protestant roots of the New England colonies.

The intentions of the annual pilgrimage were twofold: to pray for the *Reconquista* of the United States for Christ the King and to make reparation for the doctrinal and moral apostasy of the ecclesiastical hierarchy.

Each year the district superior has asked for an additional intention. Fr. Arnaud Rostand requested that the pilgrims also offer their long march for the conversion of the ecclesiastical hierarchy and the continuation of discussions with Rome.

As St. James the Apostle is the patron of the Spanish Reconquista, St. James held a special place in the Santa Fe

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Letter from the District Superior

Dear Friends and Benefactors.

Following my last letter, I would like to emphasize the dangers of the Internet.

When we speak about the threats of the Internet, we first think of the immoralities against the virtue of purity. Obviously, this is a real danger from which everyone must protect himself. Here, however, I would like to draw attention to another risk, specifically "cyber-gossip."

The moral principle that we must consider in this regard is that the reputation and honor of any man, living or dead, is a spiritual good. To damage this reputation by rash judgment, detraction, or calumny is in itself a grave offense against justice and charity even though, did the injustice not regard grave matters, the fault might be venial.

The honor of a person can be impaired by rash judgments, by assuming without sufficient foundation the fault of others, by calumny, through expressing false accusations, or by detraction, disclosing real faults and failings of others. Since rash judgment is one of the most common forms of slander, it is useful to remind ourselves that in order to avoid rash judgments, we should be careful to interpret our neighbors' actions, sayings, writings, and thoughts in a favorable way.

There are, on some rare occasions, reasons that may justify us to speak publicly about certain faults of others. One of the main reasons is the protection of the common good. Of course, this is exactly the argument used to "justify" most gossip and detraction, especially on the Internet. However, even when justified by good reasons, this may never be done without charity and respect. Therefore insults, slander, and boastfulness are always sinful.

Moral theology teaches also that whoever is guilty of damaging the reputation of others without sufficient cause is obliged in justice to repair and restore that reputation.

Further, it is not only sinful to spread rumors attacking the reputation or honor of others, but it is also sinful to listen to them or read them, especially when one makes no attempt to stop the violations of the honor of others whenever possible.

As you can see, this problem is not new and was addressed long before the Internet even existed! The world of digital media just makes the offense easier, more widespread, more quickly spread, the damage far worse, the reparation nearly impossible, and therefore the sin of spreading or reading much graver. Allow me therefore to give a few practical resolutions:

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind, and with thy whole strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like to it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is no other commandment greater than these" (Mk. 12:30-31). The virtue of charity must lead all our relationships in real life as well as in the virtual world of the Internet. As an act of charity, but also of justice, we ought to give a favorable interpretation to others' actions, words, and writings, and not to condemn them immediately.

The more responsibility and authority our neighbor has, the more favorably we must perceive them. It is a very modern tendency to easily condemn those with authority, leading so effortlessly toward distrust.

On an even more practical note, everyone should forbid himself to chase these rumors, refusing or immediately deleting invitations to listen to or consult them, avoiding going to websites and blogs known for their disrespect and continual detraction, rash judgment, and calumnies. It is obviously not without sin to visit these types of media, even out of mere curiosity.

Above all, let us all make a genuine effort to spend less time on the Internet and dedicate a little more time to prayer. A rosary or an act of charity does much more good for the restoration of all things in Christ than hours lost on the computer. Every Catholic knows this. Do we have the courage to put it into practice?

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary help us all to follow Her request. Prayers and sacrifices are the answers to our modern trials and anxieties.

With my prayers and blessing,

Father Arnaud Rostand



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Pilgrimage as well. The pilgrimage itself ended just days before his feast, and Fr. Novak, at the site of the Padilla Cross, offered the Mass of St. James, the patron saint of the Church Militant.

After the Mass of St. James, the pilgrims who had made the entire pilgrimage on foot received the red nail, a sign of their completion of the pilgrimage and a sign of their sacrifice coinciding with the sacrifice of martyrs, the Sacrifice of Christ.

The words of a writer fail to grasp the soul of those 33 miles. But it is the words of a pilgrim that can fill that void and demonstrate the reality of the pilgrimage. One pilgrim wrote Fr. Novak these words:

"I would say that it is a walk of hideous thorns that grows great flowers. It is in all respects a miracle, not like Christ healing the body as in Sacred Scripture, but it is a miracle of the mind, which is the source of all sin—Satan's greatest battles are won or lost right there. This struggle of will against flesh, the eternal clash in which Satan knows he must work endlessly to ensnare and capture the intellect. This violent struggle you can feel all during the walk of life, but even more so on this walk, choices are pre-

sented, rejected or accepted. Man is stronger when guided by the Cross. So many of my thoughts were about Christ as a man of Sorrows and how my sins escalated His tortures. He asked so much of Himself and asks so little of us: how can we not strive to give more?

"During the 33 miles there was a constant flow of revelations—learning the depth of my will, the strength of my body and the endurance of both body and soul. It occurred to me that young people should be like an army training at base for the battle ahead, who, when they train, not knowing what to expect, train harder than the actual combat. When they are finally in battle, they will know how to save themselves. The pilgrimage was the base and we were soldiers in the 'desert' to prepare for battle.

"...The sight of you, Father, raising the wooden Cross high at one o'clock in the morning at the 'Gloria Patri' is forever sealed in my memory. The Cross that on one day saved the entire human race I know must have saved me that night again. The idea was there, the goal was before us, and we soldiers marched on in the blazing moonlight. These are the inspirations that eclipse time and linger with the soul."







Auriesville Pilgrimage

At the beginning of summer, kicking off the pilgrimages for the Society of St. Pius X, was the oldest Society pilgrimage for the United States. The Auriesville Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs, also called the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, was held on a damp Saturday, June 9.

Starting at Lock 10 on the Erie Canal, 580 pilgrims and 11 priests walked the ten-mile trek to the shrine dedicated to the Jesuit martyrs St. Isaac Jogues, St. René Goupil, and St. John LaLande, and to the Lily of the Mohawks, Kateri Tekakwitha, who was born in 1656 near the present-day shrine.

The pilgrimage was offered for the priesthood, the sanctification of priests, for priests to remain true to their vocation, and for the fruitfulness of the priestly apostolate. The Society priests' sermons during the pilgrimage focused the pilgrims' attention on the priesthood.

Fr. Kevin Robinson, the night before the pilgrimage, led Stations of the Cross, which he ended with a sermon on the life of the seminarian being an extension of family life. Thereby it was established that the family is the foundation of a good priest. Fr. Michael Goldade's voice was the shotgun that signaled the beginning the pilgrimage. He spoke on the apostolate of the priesthood. At the lunch break, the vice rector of St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary, Fr. Thomas Asher, spoke on God's work in creating the priesthood. And finally, during the High Mass at the end of the pilgrimage, the seminary rector, Fr. Yves le Roux, had the final words about the priesthood, answering the question "What is a priest?"









Holy Family Camp

Holy Family Camp, for the past seven years, has been bringing together, in the beautiful Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania, families from six east-coast parishes. The 2012 camp provided the nearly 100 participants with opportunities to renew old friendships and to form new friendships with like-minded Catholics.

From August 16 to 19, the families from parishes and missions in Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania gathered for three days of family fun in a uniquely Catholic and rustic setting. During the night, the families slept in cabins at the Hickory Run State Park. During the day, they took to the hills and the river with hiking and biking, boating and rafting, archery, fishing,

cooking, campfires, and skits.

Overseeing the sojourn in that mountain retreat were Fr. Fahnestock and Fr. DeMaio. Not only did they keep the campers active with opportunities for games, but also they brought a religious aspect to the camp. Besides providing daily Mass and Benediction, the priests led the faithful in a procession in honor of the Immaculate Heart and in allnight adoration.

Also, they gave conferences on such topics as homeschooling and the restoration of all things in Christ. Fr. Fahnestock gave a special conference to the youth on the culture of modern times.







Arts in the Summer

The Savoy Operas may not be the Hendricks or the Bombay Sapphire of operas, but with a good cast supporting them, time, effort, and talented directors behind the scenes, they are quite refreshing. Both Blessed Virgin Mary Academy, Syracuse, New York, and St. Vincent's Parish, Kansas City, Missouri, brought two of W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan operettas to life.

Just before Blessed Virgin Mary Academy launched into summer vacation, the students performed *Trial by Jury* as

their end-of-the-year production. The hilarious trial over a breach of promise to marry filled the parishioners and the school's guests with joviality.

Nearly a month later, in July, in the Midwest, the parishioners of St. Vincent's staged a production of a more famous Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, *The Mikado*. For two weekends, on a stage at Kansas City's well-known Union Station, the cast of characters re-enacted the light-hearted comedy of love and execution.









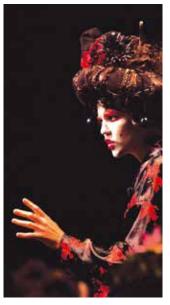
(Above) In *Trial by Jury*, the plaintiff Angelina, surrounded by her bridesmaids, instantly captivates the hearts of the judge and jury.

(Right) In *The Mikado*, Pish-Tush and Pooh-Bah discuss Ko-Ko's impending execution.

(Far Right) In *The Mikado*, Katisha, the Dragon Lady, seeks her "prey," Nanki-Poo.

> (Below) In *The Mikado*, Ko-Ko introduces Poo-Bah to his future wife, Yum-Yum.







Book Review: Priestly Holiness

Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre

"I have always been haunted by this desire to point out the paths of the true sanctification of the priest, based on the fundamental principles of Catholic doctrine on Christian and priestly holiness." These words, taken from the quasi testament of the author, *Spiritual Journey*, reveal the theme of the present work, which is the pendant of *The Mass of All Time*, also exclusively made of excerpts from his mouth and pen.

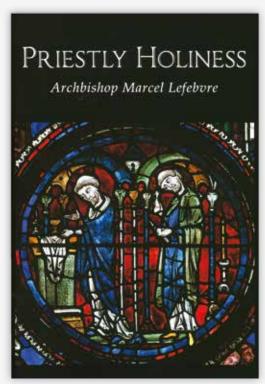
Fr. Troadec, rector of the SSPX Flavigny seminary for over a decade, has realized a second tour de force in offering such a palette of exquisite thoughts from the founder. Only the seminary atmosphere with its cycles of contemplation and liturgy, of ordinations and studies, could produce this: a masterpiece of Church spirituality which one may venture will soon become a classic.

Three even parts divide the work. "The Climb Toward the Priesthood" illustrates all the rungs of the ladder culminating with the priestly ordination. The last section, "The Crisis of the Priesthood and the SSPX," like that of *The Mass of All Time*, outlines the erupting volcano of the crisis of iden-

tity suffered by priests. The second part, dedicated to "The Priest of Jesus Christ," unravels the heart of the book. It touches on priestly dignity, spirituality, and zeal. Action cannot supplant contemplation, but must succeed it! Inspired insights on key priestly virtues unfold for us the virtues of religion, faith, charity, prudence, penance, and humility which define the man of God. For those of us who have had the privilege of sharing the Archbishop's intimacy, this section looks like a reflection of the author's soul.

Written firstly for priests, this beautiful volume from STAS Editions (Winona, Minnesota) will find its place in traditional homes. In it, children will learn what a priest is; parents will know what to ask of God for their leaders; all will be edified by the sublime ideal traced for us by the man who, in the worst century of Church history, salvaged the priesthood from utter extinction.

Fr. Dominique Bourmaud, SSPX



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Society of Saint Pius X





Education

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That's how one of our readers recently described the brand new format and layout of *The Angelus*, and that's our goal: to show the glories and beauties of the Catholic faith and bear witness to the constant teaching of the Church in the midst of the modern crisis in which we find ourselves.

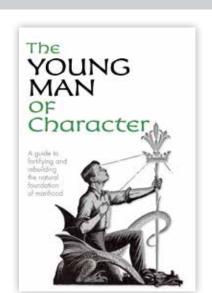
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The Young Man of Character

"Few men are born to be conquerors. Few men are born to be leaders of countries. But to conquer the realm of the soul, and to gain the crown of manly character, this lofty task awaits each one of us."

These short words from Bishop Toth sum up the aim of this book: to create real, manly character in the souls of the young. In this excellent work for young men, the good bishop examines, point by point, each aspect necessary to develop that character. Though written over 75 years ago, the book is perhaps more timely than ever in our modern world.

176pp—Softcover—STK #8549—\$9.95

Youth Pilgrimage

May 10-21, 2013

To Portugal, Spain, and France, including the 3-day SSPX Chartres Pilgrimage. Join Fr. Patrick Rutledge on next year's Youth Pilgrimage visiting Fatima, Santarem, Santiago de Compostela, Burgos, Loyola, Lourdes, Paris, and participate in the 3-day SSPX walking pilgrimage from Chartres to Paris. Trip includes daily Mass, participation in the walking pilgrimage, overnights, sightseeing, and most meals.

\$2,945 per person in double occupancy with air from Philadelphia (includes estimated air taxes and surcharges).

For more information on these pilgrimages, please contact: Regina Pilgrimages by Orbis Vacations, A traditional Catholic tour operator located in St. Marys, Kansas Toll Free: (866) 369-8149 | Email: info@reginapilgrimages.com

Pilgrimage for the 25th Anniversary of the Episcopal Consecrations

June 17-29, 2013

To Portugal, Spain, France and Switzerland. Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Episcopal Consecrations in Ecône by Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre in 1988. Visit Lisbon, Fatima, Salamanca, Burgos, Loyola, Lourdes, Avignon, La Salette, Annecy, and Avila. Attend the priestly ordinations at the seminary in Ecône.

\$3,195 per person in double occupancy with air from Philadelphia (includes estimated air taxes and surcharges).

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9th Annual Holy Land Pilgrimage

February 12-22, 2013

Join us as we walk in the Footsteps of Our Lord, visiting Caesarea, Mount Carmel, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jericho, Mount Tabor, Mount Beatitudes, Tiberias, Bethany, Jerusalem and more. It is a life-time experience that you will never forget. Father John Young will be the Spiritual Director.

\$3300 per person

Cost includes 4 and 5 Stars hotels, 3 meals a day, RT airfare from Newark, NJ, tour guides, admissions, tippings, and airport taxes.

For more information and itinerary details, contact Saint Pius X Pilgrimage Co. 203.922.0096 | christine.dicecco@sbcglobal.net

Youth Pilgrimage Sponsors

Dear Young Adults,

In an effort to find sponsors for you to join the 2013 Youth Pilgrimage, the *Regina Coeli Report* will be publishing letters from interested pilgrims asking for sponsors.

The pilgrimage is intended for those between ages 16 and 35, but any exceptions can be requested from Fr. Rutledge. The letter must be limited to 125 words. Please include your full name, where you are from, what SSPX chapel you attend, why you would like to go on the Youth Pilgrimage and how much money is needed to subsidize your trip. You should also explain what you are doing to raise your own money. No one may ask to be sponsored for the full price of the trip. Any letters sent without your address and contact phone number (or email address) will be disregarded.

Before publishing any letters, we must also have a short letter of recommendation from your priest. Letters of recommendation and asking for sponsorship should be mailed to:

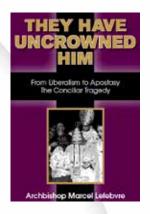
attn: 2013 Youth Pilgrimage Fr. Patrick Rutledge Regina Coeli House 11485 North Farley Road Platte City, MO 64079

Sponsorship letters will be published in the October through the December 2012 issues. The deadline for submitting letters for the December issue will be November 1, 2012. You will be notified if any donations are sent for your assistance.

For more information please contact Fr. Rutledge: 816.783.0073 (or) Your Friends at Regina Pilgrimages 816.369.8149 | 785.783.4248 | info@reginapilgrimages.com

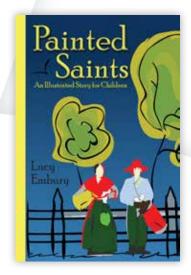
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They Have Uncrowned Him



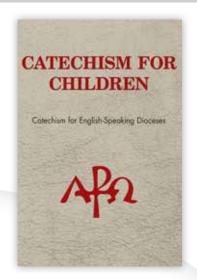
Order just in time for the Feast of Christ the King! This important book is just as timely today as when it was first written.
Throughout this excellent book, Archbishop Lefebvre examines the origins of liberalism in society, and then in the Church. Point by point he shows how that same liberalism has destroyed the doctrine of Christ's Universal Kingship, relegating it instead to a kingship that will take place only at the end of time. Learn

from the Archbishop about Christ's Kingship and how modern errors have subverted the true Catholic teaching.



Painted Saints

Your children will love *Painted Saints*, the illustrated story of young Marcel, an orphan boy in Marseilles who is taken in by the kindly older priest, Father Serrano. The exciting and bustling world of Marseilles comes to life against the backdrop of the culture, history, and people of the region as told through the tales of the good Father. This experience with Father Serrano will become the most formative of his lifetime, especially as he teaches young Marcel about the heroes of the Faith through the modeling of the small clay statues known as the painted saints.



Catechism for Children

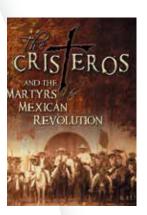
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This excellent catechism for children of all ages presents the truths of the Faith in a profound, but age-appropriate way. Written years ago, this excellent catechism has long been used by the Dominican Sisters in Post Falls! This book is an excellent companion for parents to help reinforce and teach their children the Catholic Faith.

Each chapter begins with an illustrated Gospel story, followed by review questions, the catechism lesson itself, followed by an application for the child's life, and ending with a note on how the liturgy corresponds with the material studied in the chapter. Children and adults alike will find it a joy to teach and learn the Faith through this Catechism for Children.

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The Cristeros



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. In the midst of the terror, courageous priests clandestinely made their way through the countryside dispensing the sacraments and ministering to the Mexican faithful. As these holy priests fulfilled the duties of their divine vocations, an army of laymen rose up

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MEN: Nov. 12-16 WOMEN: Dec. 10-15

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MEN: Dec. 10-15 (Marian)

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19101 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos, CA 95033 • (408) 354-7703

MEN: Dec. 13-16

WOMEN: Nov. 12-17, Nov. 29 - Dec. 2

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

Fucharistic Crusade

Monthly Intentions

October: Consecration of Russia to the

Immaculate Heart of Mary

November: For the Souls in Purgatory

U.S. DISTRICT TREASURE (July 2012)

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Daily Offering	9,940
Masses	3,456
Sacramental Communions	3.107
Spiritual Communions	12,590
Sacrifices	18,641
Decades of the Rosary	46,827
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	2,459
15 minutes of silent meditation	3,335
Good Example	13,305
Number returned	381



E-mail: eucharistic-crusade@sspx.org

Mass Stipends

The U.S. District Office accepts Mass stipends for SSPX (or its associate) priests. The stipend is \$20 per Mass or \$200 for a novena of Masses. If you wish to have celebrated a Gregorian Mass (i.e. 30 consecutive Masses), please first contact the District Office at 816-733-2500 to see if a priest is available to accept the Masses." The faithful may, of course, request Masses of their pastors without passing through the District Office.

Checks should be made payable to the SSPX (in U.S. currency) and sent to: District Secretary, Regina Coeli House,

11485 N. Farley Road, Platte City, MO 64079.

Please include a separate note outlining the Mass intentions.

Please note: we cannot promise specific dates for the celebration of the Masses.

Carmelite Third Order

Notice to all Carmelite Third Order members and prospective members in the United States and Canada. Fr. Gregory Post, who is in charge of the Carmelite Third Order in this area, is now putting together a list of all the tertiaries. If you are a Carmelite tertiary, or would like to consider becoming one, please send Fr. Post the information on your status in the Third Order.

Please send your information to: BVM, Mother of God Academy, 2656 Warners Rd, Warners, NY 13164.