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Regina Coeli Report

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Voluntarie Sacrificabo tibi Domine!

America! A foundation in the States? Why not? In fact, it seemed almost obligatory seeing as many young American girls have arrived and continue to arrive at our doorstep seeking admittance. Time passes quickly. It was in 2020 that the sisters had planned the first expedition to the land beyond the Atlantic. Everything was organized and paid for; the sisters were ready to depart on the mission to discover the location suitable for a new foundation, but it was neither the time nor the destination, according to the Eternal Wisdom of God. He had something quite different in mind: COVID-19. On the eve of departure, all flights were cancelled due to the lockdown, and all plans were put on hold. Yet, despite all the restrictions on air travel, the American vocations miraculously continued to arrive. In order to avoid wasting time and because there was no more room in the Mother House, instead of opening a house in the States, we opened a new novitiate. But we still had to face the looming question: this American foundation – will it still happen?

Finally, by July of 2022, nothing impeded our journey, and we visited several different priories in the western and eastern United States. After many prayers and sacrifices, the news started to spread that a location had been chosen, and plans had been made for August 2023. Deo Gratias! The time had arrived when the community was called to extend its branches as a fitting response to show our gratitude to the One who sent us so many vocations. We must work in His vineyard! All the sisters were very excited to hear that we would have *continued on page 3*

Letter from the District Superior



Dear Friends,

One of the characteristics of Archbishop Lefebvre's tenure as archbishop of Dakar from 1947-1962 was his great zeal in bringing religious to his diocese and fostering the religious life there. "Since there were not enough missionaries, and vocations were getting rarer, I took the initiative and appealed for help to other congregations...If one wanted to develop the apostolate, one had to find a greater number of workers for the harvest" (*Marcel Lefebvre: The Biography*, p. 175). Find them he did! Marists, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Brothers of St. Gabriel, Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Mary, Benedictines from Solemnes, Carmelite nuns, and several other orders all came to Dakar at the request of the Archbishop, to the great benefit of his diocese.

The U.S. District is blessed to have several religious orders present within its borders: the Sisters and Oblates of the SSPX, the Brothers of the SSPX, the Dominican Sisters of Fanjeaux, Carmelite nuns, Benedictine monks and nuns, and the Franciscan Sisters.

Having religious among us provides us examples of the consecrated life, lifts up our gaze to heavenly things, detaches us from this world, and draws us closer to Our Lord. We see His life replicated before us, through the faithful living of the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Our youth are inspired to imitate the virtues they observe in the religious and sometimes as well to dedicate their lives to God.

It is thus a great joy for me to welcome to our District the Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart. The congregation was founded in 1961 by Fr. Basilio Rosati in Italy, and was entrusted by Fr. Basilio in 1996 to Fr. Emmanuel du Chalard of the SSPX. The mission of the Sisters is to console the Sacred Heart of Our Lord by loving Him and making Him loved by others. The Sisters pray for priestly vocations and the sanctification of priests, and assist the priests in their apostolate. They particularly dedicate themselves to works of Catholic formation of youth.

Since August, five Consoling Sisters have been residing at our priory in Phoenix. They have been teaching at the school, assisting in the sacristy, singing the Divine Office, and organizing activities for the youth.

One of the factors that made this new foundation of the Consoling Sisters possible is the fact that their congregation has been blessed with a number of American vocations. Currently, 40% of the congregation's members come from the United States, and three of the five Sisters in Phoenix are Americans. If the congregation attracted so many vocations while not being in the USA, we may hope that many more may be led to join by their presence here.

May Our Lord grant us many holy religious vocations for the great benefit of our District and the salvation of souls.

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Fr. John Fullerton US District Superior

representatives now in the States, but we all assumed that another sister would surely be the one called to do the representing. "Why would they choose me?" Two days after the feast of the Sacred Heart, Madre Maria Rita announced the new nominations for the new foundation in the United States. The date of departure

was set for August 11, 2023, the feast of St. Philomena. "Eccomi, Signore!" were the words we pronounced on the day of our profession, meaning "Here I am, Lord!", ready to follow You wheresoever You so desire. It was time to uphold our promise.

The long-awaited day at last arrived wherein we were asked to uproot and transplant ourselves, to open a new Bethany of the Sacred Heart. Our destination were the deserts of Arizona, the priory of Our Lady of Sorrows in Phoenix, to be precise. The gentleman at Customs inquired as to the purpose of our visit, and the first response which sprung to mind was "to do the will of God," but after a bit of hesitation, suspecting that that might not satisfy our government official, "to help the priests of the SSPX" was the selected reply to which we received a short "good" and passed on through without any difficulty. Finally, we stepped out of the airport to greet the great big city of Phoenix and took a deep breath of the hot night air. All for Jesus!

It was Our Lady of the Assumption,

the Co-Patroness of our congregation, that carried us into the vineyard of the Lord during the novena in preparation for her feast. Our arrival was prepared with many prayers and sacrifices on behalf of the parish, who welcomed us with great generosity and joy. Some of the faithful had not quite understood the purpose of our coming and exclaimed that it was a shame that the sisters couldn't stay, and wondered how long the Consoling Sisters would be here this time. You can imagine their great happiness when they discovered that, at last their prayers had been answered and that there would be sisters in their parish from now on.

With the school to start in just a bit, we spent the first two weeks on an avid quest for books and resources for the catechism and music classes we were to teach. All the children, in varying degrees of timidness, approached us so as to discover which





There are currently five sisters in this new American home: a French superior; one Italian sister; and three Americans. The Consoling Sisters will be charged with teaching and organizing activities for the girls of Our Lady of Sorrows Priory and the school. They will also assist with sacristy tasks, playing the church organ, and singing the Divine Office.

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sister would be teaching them. But, amongst all this bustle, we seek primarily to transmit the love for Our Lord Jesus Christ to all these souls because our apostolate consists primarily in our life of prayer. It is at the foot of the altar that we ask for all the graces and spiritual illuminations for all those whom Our Lord sets on our path.

The Consoling Sisters

Facts and figures:

- The Institute's mother house is in Vigne di Narni, Italy.
- 40% of the congregation is comprised of women hailing originally from the United States.
- The motto and spirit of the Institute:
 "Heart of Jesus, to love Thee, and make Thee loved!"
- In 2006, a new apostolate of the Sisters began: an orphanage and a home for the elderly.
- Five sisters reside at the new foundation in Phoenix, Arizona: A French superior; one Italian sister; and three Americans.

We thank Our Lord for this new foundation and all our benefactors who sustain us. We entrust them all to Our Lady that she might grant their souls all the graces necessary for their sanctification. We are relying on all of your prayers that we do the will of God in every moment and thus console His Most Sacred Heart.

May God bless you all!

The Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Phoenix, AZ





On Sunday, Nov. 5th, St. Michael's Chapel in DePere, WI held their annual All Saint's Day party. It was a great way to learn about the lives of seldom mentioned/little known saints!







On All Saint's Day, St. Michael's Chapel, DePere, WI hosted an ice skating event at a local rink followed by the annual pumpkin carving contest. Father Dwyer was quite impressed with the talent of so many young parishioners.

On November 2nd Our Lady of Good Success Academy (St. Michael's Chapel, DePere, WI) held their 2023 Jog-a-thon. Fortunately, the weather was very favorable, which helped it to be a great success.





Christ the King procession at Our Lady of Sorrows in Phoenix, AZ.



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On All Souls Day, Father Kimball leads the faithful from Our Lady of Fatima in Vancouver, WA in prayers for the poor souls at Mother Joseph Cemetery.



All Saints Day fun at Our Lady of Fatima in Vancouver, WA.





Parishioners in St. Mary's KS proclaimed the Kingship of Christ over all Nations at their annual Christ the King Festival. This was the first year that the event was held on the new Church Green. For several days parishioners and friends enjoyed the cuisine, music, and dancing from countries around the globe.

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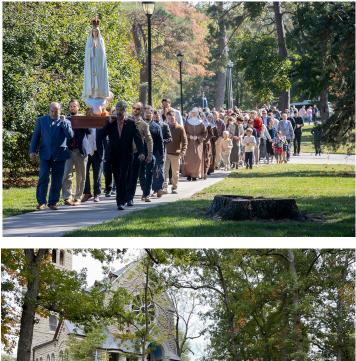


At St. Vincent's Church in Kansas City, MO, the church windows are being removed and sent for repair and restoration. This extensive, multi-phase project will resume in the spring.





Father Daniel Muscha led a rosary march on the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, October 7 at Jacob L. Loose Park in Kansas City.





St. Vincent's once again hosted the Starkenburg Pilgrimage from October 12 -14, 2023. The pilgrimage was organized by the Legion of Mary, and supported by the Scouts and many volunteers.



Father Dean stated, "For those who were there for the first pilgrimage in 1999—we did it the day after Thanksgiving. We were able to use historic St. Martin's Church for the Mass and we packed it. Everybody was singing; the boys were ringing all the church bells—it was glorious! One of the most memorable Masses of my priesthood. The first 3-day pilgrimage was in 2004. It was memorable for the warm weather which brought all the snakes out on the trail. The first day it poured rain and even hailed in the areas around us, but we only got a few minutes of sprinkle. Down through the years the White Lady of Starkenburg has been very good to us!"



This year marked the 25th anniversary of the founding of the three day pilgrimage by Father Kenneth Dean. Father Dean was also in attendance at this year's pilgrimage. Close to 400 attended the three day event, increasing to 950 for one day on Saturday.





A new pole barn was constructed at Blessed Virgin Mary Church to provide additional storage.





On the Feast of Christ the King, Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Syracuse, NY held a Eucharistic procession and recited together the Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Brother John the Baptist, OSB, provides some entertainment during the annual Oktoberfest at Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Syracuse, NY.





The rain did not stop a large crowd from turning out to honor Our Lady on the feast of the Holy Rosary with a public procession in downtown Syracuse, led by Father Boyle and assisted by two visiting Benedictine brothers from Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery in Silver City, NM.



Confirmations took place in Weston, Florida with faithful from Our Lady of Victory (Davie), Queen of the Most Holy Rosary (West Palm), and Our Lady Queen of Angels (Fort Myers) chapels.





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International Pilgrimages

Holy Land Retreat and Pilgrimage

March 11 - 22, 2024

Travel to the Holy Land for an unprecedented opportunity to make a spiritual retreat while following in the footsteps of Our Lord! On the retreat days, make morning visits to the sites where Our Lord lived, taught, and suffered, and in the afternoon listen to spiritual talks and have time for meditation. Enjoy the following days visiting the remaining religious sites in the Holy Land. Do not miss this unique opportunity!

Marian Shrines of Western Europe

April 15 - 26, 2024

Join us on this breathtaking journey through Portugal, Spain, and France. Visit the main shrines of Our Lady: Fatima, Lourdes, Zaragoza, and Montserrat. Also visit sites related to St. Teresa of Avila and St. Ignatius of Loyola, the magnificent cathedrals of Salamanca and Burgos, and much more.

Youth Pilgrimage to France, including the 3-Day Walk from Chartres to Paris May 9 - 20, 2024

Tour the beautiful province of Normandy and render homage to St. Joan of Arc, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, and more. Discover sites related to WWII and visit Mont St. Michel, a favorite tourist attraction in France. Spend two days in Paris and visit the main Catholic sites of the city. In Chartres, admire its magnificent cathedral and begin the 3-day walking pilgrimage to Paris, joining thousands of SSPX pilgrims from around the world. For youth between 18 and 35 years old.

Youth Pilgrimage to Portugal & Spain, including a 3-Day Walk to St. James Compostela June 17 - 28, 2024

Travel to Portugal and Spain, visiting Fatima (where Our Lady appeared in 1917), Coimbra (St. Elizabeth), Braga (Bon Jesu Shrine), Pontevedra (Apparitions to Sister Lucy), Padron (St. James the Apostle), St. James Compostela, and Finisterre (End of the World). From Pontevedra to Compostela there will be a 3-day walk following the Compostela Portuguese Way. For youth between 18 and 35 years old.

Shrines of Italy, Austria, and Germany Sept. 9 - 20, 2024

A wonderful opportunity to visit northern Italy, eastern Austria, and Bavaria. Visit Venice, Padua (St. Anthony), Verona the city of Romeo & Juliet (St. Peter of Verona), Trento (Council), Seefeld (Eucharistic Miracle), Innsbruck, Salzburg (Mozart), Lakes Wolfgang & Hallstatt (St. Wolfgang), Passau, Regensburg, Eichstatt (St. Walburga), Munich, and Altotting (Our Lady's Shrine). Enjoy spectacular scenery while visiting magnificent historic churches of Christendom.

Shrines of France

October 14 - 25, 2024

A classical pilgrimage to France including Lourdes, Aix-en-Provence, Carcassonne, La Salette, Ars, Paray-le-Monial, and Nevers. Render homage to Our Lady of La Salette, St. Mary Magdalene, St. John Vianney, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Bernadette Soubirous, and many more. End the trip in Paris, where we will visit the main Catholic sites of this beautiful city.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage to Mexico City

November, 2024

Render homage to Our Lady of Guadalupe by visiting her Basilica on Tepeyac Hill and praying before her miraculous image. Tour Mexico City's historic downtown and the ancient Mesoamerican city of Teotihuacan. Honor the Cristeros by visiting the relics of Blessed Father Miguel Pro and Maria de la Luz Camacho. Enjoy the safety and ease of group travel with fellow Catholics in beautiful, historic Mexico City.

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Upcoming Retreats

Men:

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Dec 11-16	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Dec 11-16	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
Dec 13-16	3-day Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Jan 15 – 20	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Feb 12 – 17	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Mar 11 – 16	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Apr 15 – 20	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
May 13 – 18	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Jun 17 – 22	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Oct 7 – 12	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Dec 16 – 21	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Women:		
Feb 19 – 24	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Mar 4 – 9	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Apr 8 – 13	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
May 6 – 11	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Jun 3 – 8	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Sep 16 – 21	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Oct 14 – 19	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Nov 11 – 16	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA

Dates subject to change. For more information please contact: 816-733-2500 | www.sspx.org

Mass Stipends

The U.S. District is unable to accept any Mass stipends at this time. If you wish to have a Mass offered, we ask that you contact your local pastor or individual priest to arrange it. We will publish an announcement at a future time when we have caught up sufficiently on our waiting list and can again receive Mass requests. Thank you for your understanding.

Eucharistic Crusade

Monthly Intentions

December: For all our benefactors

Reward, O Lord, with eternal life all those who do us good for thy name's sake. Amen.

January: For the future of the Society of Saint Pius X

Defend, O Lord, we beseech Thee, us thy servants, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, from all infirmity both of body and soul; and mercifully protect from the snares of enemies those who, with their whole heart, prostrate themselves before Thee. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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February: For priestly and religious vocations

St. Joseph, model and patron of those who love the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.

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