

# Letter from the District Superior



Dear Friends,

The summer is already upon us and most of us have turned another page of life with the closing of the academic year and the upcoming—or ongoing—summer break. In more ways than one, the month of May marks the transition between the school year and summer. In our parishes as well as in the school environment, it is the busiest and most eventful month of the year.

If the month of May evokes the return of spring and the full-blown flower gardens, it signifies the beginning of the festivities surrounding maternity: Mother's Day, the month of Mary with the Litany of Loreto added to the Rosary. May is also usually the month of first communions, another important parish event. Often enough, this event precedes the traditional May crowning and allows for the first communicants to dress again in their white attire and accompany the Marian procession in the streets.

At the same time as the spiritual life receives this upsurge of benefits, school children of all ages look forward to the last courses of their curriculum and the closing ceremonies. At that point, when they are promoted to the next grade or to another school, everyone has a sense of achievement.

Are these diplomas and degrees golden laurels? Are the May celebrations lasting joys? Alas no—or perhaps better said—thanks be to God, no! Perfect achievement is not of this world. The final diploma is received at death, and the celebrations here below are a dim shadow of the everlasting ones. So, what of these little celebrations? Aren't they somewhat beneficial to us? Yes, and the spiritual writers are keen to point out that the spiritual consolations of Our Lord and His Blessed Mother are most useful for souls. The memory of these souls will help them bear the harder times which will no doubt come upon them. And so, the May celebrations should be embraced and enjoyed with all our natural and spiritual powers as long as we know that they are the reflection of something higher and purer.

And since we have moved on to the hotter and drier months, now is the time to make good use of the reserves of strength and energy which the past month has offered us. Let us not forget too quickly that we are the brethren of Christ in the Host, and the children of Mary our Mother.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jürgen Wegner".

Fr. Jürgen Wegner



On May 5, with the ceremony of the first communions, Our Lady Immaculate in Oak Park IL had an outdoor Marian procession. Some of the boy scouts of our Catholic troop of the Boy Scouts of America carried flags as well as the statue of the Virgin Mary. During the procession, the rosary was offered and hymns were sung as all processed around the block. The procession was impressive, filling the sidewalk and almost covering the entire block. Over 250 faithful were in attendance.

Fr. Rutledge,  
President and Rector  
of St. Mary's College,  
presents a diploma  
for an Associate of  
Arts degree to one of  
this year's graduates.



For the past few years, the Franciscan Sisters travel to Our Lady Immaculate in Oak Park, IL for the preparations of the first communicants.

The sisters offer a day of preparation for the children, reviewing with them the catechism on the Holy Eucharist, as well as how to receive well their first communion.







Young adults from St. Margaret Mary Chapel in Allendale, MI, accompanied by Fr. David Gillilan, pray outside an abortion clinic in Grand Rapids.

Mater Dei Church nearly tripled the number of attendees at the Syracuse March for Life this year.



High school girls from Mater Dei Academy in Warners, NY at their monthly outing praying for the unborn outside Planned Parenthood.



On May 9, 2019, St. Therese Academy in Nicholville, NY made the trek north of the border to participate in the Canadian March for Life in Ottawa, ON.







As a part of the Jubilee celebration at Holy Angels Novitiate, Fr. Ward gave two conferences, one on the apparitions of Our Lady and the other on the Green Scapular. Both were a call to cooperate with the redemptive plans of God with the weapons of Our Lady.



The Holy Angels Novitiate celebrated the 70th anniversary of the laying of the building's corner stone on Memorial Day weekend. Visitors attended from all over: Mukwanago, Madison, Belle Plaine, Necedah and Green Bay, and even as far away as St. Mary's, Kansas, for two days of festivities. The dandelion-covered lawns were graced with two processions in honor of Our Lady in addition to a variety of games for children and adults alike.



Students from Mater Dei Academy in Warners, NY (formerly Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God Academy) landscaped the courtyard, putting in paths and flower gardens.



The soccer team from Mater Dei Academy in Warners, NY won the Old Forge Tournament again!





The high school students of Mater Dei Academy in Warners, NY extended their Auriesville Pilgrimage to two days this year.



Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God parish in Syracuse, NY held a celebration in honor of St. Joseph complete with a meal, entertainment, and a live auction.



The parishioners of Jesus and Mary Chapel in El Paso, TX celebrated the feast of St. Joseph with a dinner fundraiser and silent auction.

Fr. Lawrence Novak gave a presentation about the Society's work in Central America to the faithful of Jesus and Mary Chapel in El Paso, TX.





At St. Vincent de Paul Church in Kansas City, The North American Martyrs Intramural Whiffle Ball Tournament was won by the Flying Antelopes, defeating the Ugly Ducklings 21-19.



As a part of their annual School Spirit Week, the students at St. Joseph's Academy in Ray Township, MI competed for awards for the best medieval costume and the craziest hat.



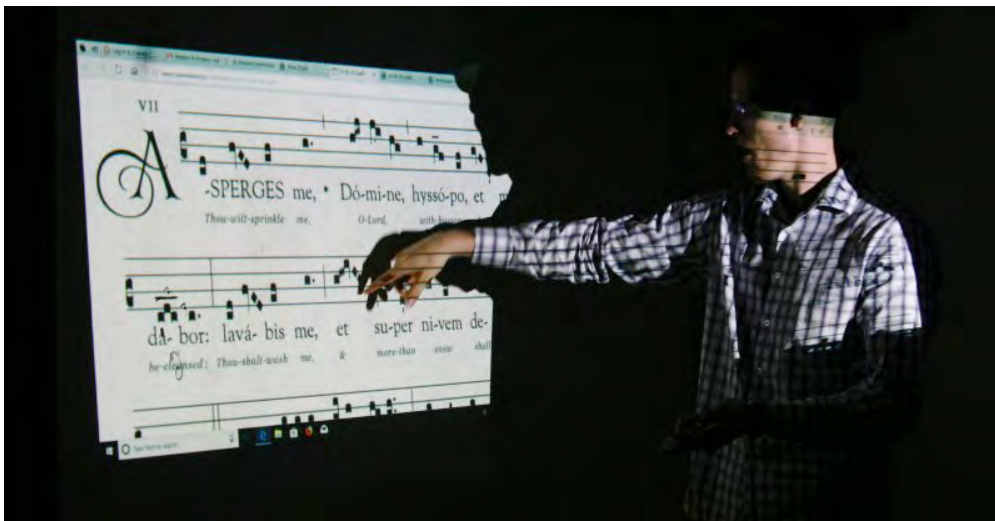
The Spring Pageant at St. Joseph's Academy (MI) included a performance of the Greek tragedy, *Iphigenia in Aulis* by Euripides by the 5th and 6th grade classes.







Three SSPX brothers conducted all-day workshops for young boys on serving Mass at St. Thomas More Priory in Sanford, FL.



At the same time, many of the adults of the parish attended classes on how to sing Gregorian plainchant for the Mass. The chant workshops commenced with a talk on sacred music by Fr. Elias, OSB, who is visiting from the monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Silver City, NM.





A small but zealous group of faithful undertook the San Antonio Missions Pilgrimage on Saturday, May 18, 2019. The pilgrimage began at Misión Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción de Acuña which was established in 1716 in East Texas. Founded by Franciscan friars, this is the best preserved of the Texas missions.



Mission San Juan Capistrano was founded in 1731 by Spanish Catholics of the Franciscan Order on the eastern banks of the San Antonio River. The first primitive *capilla* (chapel) was built out of brush and mud.



Misión San Francisco de la Espada was established in 1690 near present-day Augusta, TX and was a welcome sight for the weary travelers at the end of the pilgrimage.





In April, the St. Mary's College drama club staged an adaptation of Oscar Wilde's famous short story "The Canterville Ghost."



A scene from this year's St. Mary's College play.

## US Pilgrimages

**Cataldo Pilgrimage** **July 19, 20 & 21, 2019**  
 A 3-day and 50-mile pilgrimage in northern Idaho from Post Falls to the Sacred Heart Mission in Cataldo. For more information or to register, go to [www.cataldopilgrimage.org](http://www.cataldopilgrimage.org). Questions can be sent to [info@cataldopilgrimage.org](mailto:info@cataldopilgrimage.org) or call Matt Spindler at (208) 755-4561.

## Upcoming Retreats

### Men:

July 8-13	Fatherhood	Sanford, FL
July 8-13	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
July 15-20	Ignatian	Sanford, FL
July 22-27	Ignatian	St. Louis area, MO*
Aug 26-31	Ignatian	La Salette / Ridgefield
Sep 9-14	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
Nov 18-23	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Nov 18-23	Ignatian	BVM / Ridgefield
Dec 9-14	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
Dec 18-21	3-Day Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA

### Women:

June 24-29	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
July 1-6	Ignatian	Sanford, FL
July 8-13	Ladies' Retreat	St. Louis area, MO*
July 22-27	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Aug 5-10	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Sep 30- Oct 5	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
Oct 14-19	Ignatian	BVM / Ridgefield
Oct 21-26	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Dec 4-7	3-Day Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA

### Mixed:

Oct 23-26, 2019 3.5 Day Matrimony Phoenix, AZ

Dates subject to change. For more information please contact:  
 816-733-2500 | [www.sspcx.org](http://www.sspcx.org)

\* contact the St. Louis Priory: [smasspx@gmail.com](mailto:smasspx@gmail.com)

## Eucharistic Crusade

### Monthly Intentions

#### June:

For Priestly Vocations and Priestly Fidelity



*Dearest Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, I beg of thee this grace for God's ministers. I ask that they may be full of fervor and zeal for the glory of God. I pray that they will love their priestly duties above all others, and that they will ever seek out the perfection of these sanctifying devotions. Amen.*

#### July:

For Religious Vocations

*O Lord, grant to Thy Church saintly priests and fervent religious!*

E-mail: [eucharistic-crusade@sspcx.org](mailto:eucharistic-crusade@sspcx.org)

## Opportunity

Traditional Catholic Retreat House seeking full-time maintenance man. Knowledge of various construction fields—carpentry, electrical, plumbing, landscaping, etc. would be most helpful. Perfect opportunity for a retired contractor or maintenance man. Single traditional Catholic man preferred as position involves living on site with the members of the resident religious community. Room and board as well as monthly stipend included. Daily Mass and access to all the sacraments are obviously the greatest of "fringe benefits." Please send resume as well as letter of recommendation from your local pastor to Fr. Thomas Asher, c/o St. Aloysius Retreat House 19101 Bear Creek Rd., Los Gatos, CA 95033.



## US Summer Camps

### Name of Camp: Our Lady of the Rosary Girls' Camp

Location: St. Aloysius Retreat House,  
Los Gatos, CA  
Dates: June 27 - July 5  
Ages: 8-17  
Cost: \$300  
Deadline: Register by May 25, 2019  
To register: 408-354-7703 or st.aloysiusoffice@gmail.com

### Name of Camp: Don Bosco Boys' Camp

Location: Holy Angels Novitiate, Winona, MN  
Dates: June 29 - July 7, 2019  
Ages: 9-16  
Cost: \$275  
To register: app.campdoc.com/register/donbosco  
For questions: donboscoboyscamp2019@gmail.com

### Name of Camp: Ven. Teresita Quevedo Girls' Camp

Location: Sibley State Park, New London, MN  
Dates: July 7-15, 2019  
Ages: 12-18  
Cost: \$175  
Registration: venerableteresitacamp.ssp@gmail.com or (320) 406-5450

### Name of Camp: Camp de Smet (Boys)

Location: Trinity Mountain Ranch,  
Black Hawk, CO (near Denver)  
Dates: July 10-19, 2019  
Ages: 8-16  
Cost: \$250 per camper  
Deadline: Registration ends on June 12, 2019,  
limited to 80 campers  
Registration: campdesmet@gmail.com or  
(303)344-5830

### Name of Camp: Los Gatos Boys' Camp

Location: St. Aloysius Retreat House / Big Basin  
Redwoods State Park, Los Gatos, CA  
Dates: July 15-26, 2019  
Ages: 8-17  
Deadline: Register by June 1, 2019  
Registration: (408)354-7703 or st.aloysiusoffice@gmail.com

### Name of Camp: Camp Honor (Boys)

Location: Summit Lake Camp, Emmitsburg, MD  
Dates: August 5-17, 2019  
Ages: 8 - 17  
Cost: \$295  
Deadline: Register by June 15, 2019  
Registration: damihianimas1815@gmail.com or  
(315)328-4027

## International Pilgrimages

### Benedictine Abbeys of Italy

October 21-31, 2019

A unique opportunity to travel with a Benedictine priest while visiting Benedictine abbeys of Italy. Fr. Matthew, OSB will accompany the group as chaplain and provide a wonderful insight into the building of a Catholic civilization in Europe via the Benedictine Order. Visit the Benedictine abbeys of Montecassino, Subiaco, Sant'Antimo, Monte Oliveto Maggiore, Vallombrosa, Camaldoli, Bobbio, and Sacra di San Michele. Also visit Rome, Siena, Bologna, Pavia, Turin, Milan, and more.

### In the Footsteps of St. Teresa of Avila

March 23 - April 3, 2020

This 12-day pilgrimage takes you back in time as you visit sites related to St. Teresa and the convents she founded. Visit Avila, Salamanca, Alba de Tormes, Valladolid, Medina del Campo, Segovia, Toledo, Granada, Seville, and more. Also render homage to Our Lady of Hope at the Basilica of the Macarena in Seville, Our Lady of La Vega in Salamanca, St. John of the Cross, the Catholic Kings Ferdinand and Isabela, St. John of Sahagun, and St. Thomas of Villanueva.

### Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - Walking from Nazareth to Galilee

June 15-26, 2020

Next year, the annual Youth Pilgrimage will make an unprecedented journey to the Holy Land, to walk in the footsteps of Our Lord. Visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Magdala, Ein Karem, Bethany, and much more. Walk for three days along the path that Our Lord would have walked from Nazareth to Galilee. For youth between 18 and 35 years of age. Accompanied by Fr. Patrick Rutledge.

For more information please contact: Regina Pilgrimages  
866-369-8149 | 785-437-2883 | info@reginapilgrimages.com  
P.O. Box 67, St. Marys, KS 66536 | www.reginapilgrimages.com

## Confirmation Schedule 2019

Chapel	Date	Bishop
Post Falls, ID	Jun 16	De Galarreta
Watkins, CO	Aug 11	Fellay
Honolulu, HI	Aug 15	Fellay
Ridgefield, CT	Dec 8	Fellay
De Pere, WI	Dec 15	Fellay