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Prayers for Priests

The Catholic Priesthood, instituted by Our Lord Jesus Christ, is indispensable to the life of the Church. More than just a title of honor or a mere career path, ordination to the priesthood impresses an indelible spiritual mark upon the soul which allows the priest to carry on Christ's redemptive work by offering the sacrifice of the Mass, forgiving sins, and exercising authority in Our Lord's Name. Without the priesthood, the unity and universality of the Church would quickly dissolve into a sea of men harboring conflicting views about the Faith with no sure leadership to lead them on the straight and narrow path to Heaven.

Although the priesthood has been given to the Church in order to instill holiness among Catholics, history reveals that rogues, scoundrels, and unre-

pentant sinners have served as priests. Ordination does not make one a saint. And while it is a blessing that the great majority of men who have been consecrated to serve the Church have done so with equal parts zeal and humility, we can never forget that priests, no less than the laity, must combat temptation at every turn. In fact, it stands to reason that the devil rides the clergy harder, knowing as he does that to cause a priest to fall can adversely affect the Church's division mission.

This is why it is incumbent upon the laity to regularly offer prayers and other good works for the clergy, particularly traditional priests who often face many practical and spiritual obstacles to carrying out their apostolate. Perhaps, after Confession, add a Pater, Ave, and Gloria for the priest who

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Letter from the District Superior



Dear faithful,

As the new academic year has gone into gear and is already going full speed, it is time to check around us and look at what is important for the proper running of our own 'machine', the work of tradition in this beloved country.

A important event is looming ahead of us: the historical inauguration of the new seminary in Dillwyn, Virginia this coming November. This seminary is literally the seeding ground of anything priestly for the SSPX in the US.

We have all read with glee the address of Bishop Fellay, our Superior General, given on June 28, 2016: "Modern man exists for his own sake. Man is the king of the universe. He has dethroned Christ. Man exalts his autonomous, independent conscience, to the point of dissolving even the very foundations of the family and marriage... To remedy this universal disorder, the Good Lord raised up a man, a Christian, a priest, a bishop. What did he do? He founded a society—a hierarchical society—the principle and end of which are just the antidote to this universal disorder: The Sacrament of Holy Orders."

How is the "Restoration of all things in Christ" going to take place if not with the day-to-day business of offering the means of salvation to souls entrusted to us. Our priests are serving the needs of the faithful. In return, it is important that the faithful support their priests. They do it marvelously everywhere for all material needs of our clergy. They are also encouraged to pay spiritual tithes to their pastors and leaders. Quite a few initiatives have seen the day in this matter of praying for priests. Allow me to just name a few which come immediately to mind.

- Prayers for vocations at the altar rail once a month by ladies reciting the Lu prayers (found on pg. 17 of the booklet Prayer Crusade for Priests.)

- Occasionally, the faithful attend a votive Mass of Christ the High Priest as a group to pray for their Pastors.

- The Legion of Mary has had thousands of Masses celebrated for the specific intentions of priests.

- Someone from Kansas City started to send bags with a prayer set. Each bag has 60 names of priests and one person prays for the name taken out of the bag on a daily basis. So far, 900 such bags have been distributed throughout the country.

- The Crusade for Priests, initiated in Australia, has spread into this country in the '90s.

- In the late '90s, an offshoot of the Crusade for Priests, named the Prayer Crusade for Priests, saw the light in this country. Brother Gabriel, residing at the District house, tends to it. You will find that his interview sheds much needed light on this vital spiritual work of mercy.

These, and so many other initiatives not mentioned here, have mushroomed out of mere necessity. They are a testimony to the dedication and love the faithful bear their priests. As we all know, the battle is foremost against the spiritual powers in the air who work at snatching souls from God's influence, and first in the line of fire are consecrated souls. Is it not a matter of religious duty for each of us, to the extent of our power, to pray for our family, immediate and remote, for our earthly parents and our spiritual Fathers?

With my blessing for you and your families,

Yours in Her Immaculate Heart,

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

Fr. Jürgen Wegner



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forgave your sins and often adds that you to pray for him too. When receiving the Eucharist, stay a little longer after Mass to ask God to strengthen the faith of the cleric who confectioned the Holy Sacrament on the altar.

Pray for priests as priests pray for you. Pray for their holiness as they work to instill holiness in you. And above all give thanks to God for the great gift of the priesthood, without which we would have no sure hope of Salvation.



On June 29, 2016, at the SSPX seminary in Ecône, 8 priests and 12 deacons were ordained by Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais. Three days later, on July 2, three priests were ordained by Bishop Bernard Fellay at the Seminary in Zaitzkofen, Germany.



The Prayer Crusade for Priests

Interview with Brother Gabriel

I understand that a prayer movement for priests was first started in Australia?

It all began in 1989 when Fr. Gerard Hogan ran a retreat for the Third Order of Carmel. On the last day of the retreat, five members approached him to say that they had the same dream from St. Thérèse that they should form an Apostolate of Prayer for Priests. One of them wrote to Archbishop Lefebvre for his blessing and he gladly obliged.

What is the connection between the Australian apostolate and the Crusade for priests in the US?

Both of them aim at getting laymen to offer specific prayers for priests, and this includes all priests, SSPX or not, traditional or Novus Ordo.



Brother Gabriel

What was the origin of this US Crusade?

Fr. Scott, Australian born and then US District Superior, decided that this country should also have its own means of benefitting priests. And, in the same way that the Australian branch had some Americans in their ranks, our US apostolate has gone international, including crusaders from Canada, the UK and... Australia.

Do you pray for priests in general? How does this work? Are there any contacts between the priests and the faithful praying for them?

Among the various duties, there is a prayer said for all priests, but there is also one said for the particular priest you have been assigned. You will know his name and his station in life but he will not know who you are. This prayer can be any type of prayer, a rosary or simply one Hail Mary. At present, there are more crusaders than priests to choose from and I, acting as secretary, pick the name at random.

How do you communicate special needs for priests to the crusaders?

If a priest has some specific needs, I mention it in the newsletter under a pseudonym. If a priest dies, I notify the family and give them another name. For some priests, I have several families praying for them. For example, Bishop Fellay has 12 families praying for him daily!

What are the obligations of the crusaders?

Besides these specific prayers for priests and the daily oblation, which do not take much time, the crusader daily prays one decade of the Rosary for priestly and religious vocations. The most difficult part is to have a holy hour on the first Thursday of the month for the same intentions: the sanctification of the clergy and the increase of vocations.

How do you recruit?

Recruiting is essentially by word of mouth. Originally, we set up the website and a pamphlet was sent out. But it is growing steadily at the rate of 10 to 15 requests a month. People love this movement because there is no organization, no group. It is something utterly private, a devotional which they include in their own time. We have grown to over 1400 crusaders by now.

You have also produced a book of prayers for priests. Was this your making?

It was an exciting project which I started as I sent the yearly newsletter and commissioned all the faithful to send any prayers for priests they could gather. I compiled the best ones and produced this, the largest list of prayers for priests. I send the book to new crusaders free of charge.

Do you receive some feedback?

I do receive positive notes! What makes the crusaders enthusiastic about it is that it is so easy and they do realize that they are participating in something bigger than themselves. It goes to the heart of what the SSPX stands for. And there is little doubt that they share in the merits and graces of the entire priestly and lay apostolate.

For more information contact pcp@ssp.org.



Members of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament parish in Corpus Christi, TX on the Mission Trail Pilgrimage in San Antonio, Texas



On the Feast of Corpus Christi, over 400 people participated in a procession in Browerville, MN in honor of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The route included stops at two beautifully decorated outdoor altars for adoration.



The children of Jesus and Mary Chapel in El Paso, TX enjoyed a three-day choir camp led by Mrs. Mary Jane Maus and Father Christopher Polley.



The fourth grade class at Our Lady of the Angels Academy in Arcadia, CA spent a quarter learning about the California Missions. Their presentations included a three dimensional model of one of the 21 missions founded by Fr Junipero Serra.



A group of faithful led by SSPX priests and sisters held a Rosary procession in Veneta, OR with the Fatima Pilgrim Statue. They blessed the town, praying for the good of the area and the riddance of evil.





Three Decades in Ft. Worth

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Celebrates 30 Years

The church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, serviced by the SSPX for, celebrated its 30th anniversary this past Sunday.

The mission in the Dallas Metroplex started quite humbly with Fr. Phillips, a priest associated with the South West District under Fr. Bolduc. He visited the area for the first time in mid 1986 and said Mass at Andy Tatarko's home of Fort Worth, attended by twenty souls. Andy, who, God willing, will be celebrating his 100th birthday next year (to the left of Fr. Bourmaud in the group photo), was the guest of honor for this celebration: the chapel would have probably never seen the day had he and his devoted wife not been the movers and shakers behind this long adventure.



Andy Tatarko

Slowly but surely, under the guidance of the Dickinson priests and a dedicated couple, the Lakes who assumed for a long many years the ungrateful role of chapel coordinators, the seed grew into a bush and, by the late 90's, it was decided to move to a suitable location. This is when a decent property was discovered in the central location of North Richland Hills, only minutes away from the DFW airport, located smack in the center between Dallas and Fort Worth.

From then on, the priests have been coming very regularly, Frs. T. Scott, Fox, Novak, Kataroff, Boyle, became successively if not repeatedly pastors of the various church locations of the area. The typical run of the mill was an early Mass in Sanger (North Dallas), a midday Mass at Mount Carmel before catching a later flight to the Tulsa church finishing a rather busy week-end for the priests flying from St. Mary's, Kansas City, or El Paso.

And so, this past Sunday, after a wonderful rendering of the sung Mass of our Patroness, a happy assembly gathered at Diamond Oaks Country Club, not for golf, but for enjoying a sumptuous banquet in a dream location next to the chapel. Photo albums were on display at the entrance, a large screen presented highlights of the older generations and of the growth of the chapel, skillfully prepared by the Martin family.

A meaty historical sketch was read by old time parishioner Anthony Buckalew, and the present pastor, Father Bourmaud, gave a short poem on parish life, while the current coordinator, Luis Hernandez was welcoming, gave a toast to Andy, and congratulated all those who participated in the preparation of this happy event. Luis had to repeat the name of the Leños time and again, as the family provided us with flowers galore, a heavenly string trio and behind the scene menu preparations.

Congratulations to the founding parishioners and best wishes to all for the next 30 years of Our Lady of Mount Carmel!



2016 Pilgrimage of Tradition



This September almost 500 pilgrims, including many priests and religious, took to a scenic ten-mile stretch along the shores of the Mohawk River near Albany, NY. Their goal was the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs, located on the site of the historic Mohawk Village of Ossernenon. During the 1640s three French Jesuit missionaries—Father Isaac Jogues, Brother René Goupil, and Brother John Lalonde—were killed by the Mohawks while bringing Christianity to the New World. These three, along with five Jesuit priests martyred in Canada during the same decade, were canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1930. The Shrine is also under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as Our Lady of Martyrs, and has been a site of Catholic pilgrimage since at least 1884. It is also believed to be the 1656 birthplace of the Catholic convert Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks.

The Pilgrimage of Tradition to Auriesville is the SSPX's longest-running annual pilgrimage in the USA. It is organized by Christ the King Church in Ridgefield, CT (home of St. Ignatius Retreat House) and draws pilgrims from all of the Society chapels in the northeastern United States. This year, united under the theme of "Catholic Families," they were especially blessed to have a group of Dominican Sisters from Massena, NY as well as a large contingent of students and teachers from Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God Academy in Syracuse. Although weather reports predicted thunderstorms, the pil-



grims only had to endure a bit of heat and humidity as the rain providentially held off for the duration of the event.

This year, the Shrine of the North American Martyrs was welcoming to the SSPX pilgrims and they had use of all their facilities, including the large Shrine church. Mass was offered in this historic building by Msgr. James Byrnes on Friday evening as well as a solemn high Mass on Sunday, September 11, offered by Fr. David Thomas assisted by Frs. Gardner and Flanery. This pilgrimage, being principally a religious act, is a powerful supernatural means for traditional Catholics to obtain graces for themselves, their families, and their special intentions. It allows everyone to renew old friendships and start new ones, all in a wonderful spirit of camaraderie and prayer.



Priestly Holiness

By 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, like *The Mass of All Time*, relies exclusively on 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 master piece of Church spirituality which one may venture will soon become a classic.

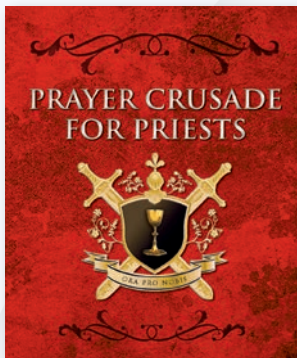
Three even parts divide the work. *The Climb Toward the Priesthood* illustrates all the rungs of the ladder culminating with the priestly ordination. The last section, *The Crisis of the Priesthood and the SSPX*, like that of *The Mass of all Times*, outlines the erupting volcano of the crisis of identity suffered by the 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 beautifully leather bound volume from STAS Editions (Winona, MN) 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 worse century of Church history, salvaged the priesthood from utter extinction.

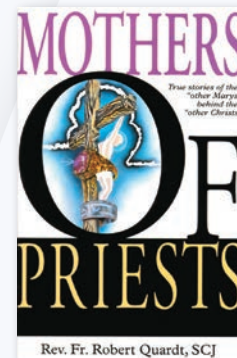


501 pages, hardbound – STK# 8545 – \$31.95



96 pp.— STK 8412 — \$8.50

Prayer Crusade for Priests has helped to unite the faithful to priests laboring in the vineyard of the Lord. Now, for the first time, all the prayers necessary to participate in this Crusade are easily accessible. Even if you are not formally a member of the Prayer Crusade, you will find the devotions herein edifying and beneficial to your spiritual life.



57 pp. — STK# 6595 — \$6.45

This book praises mothers responsible for their sons' priestly vocation: the mothers of Saint Bernard and Saint John Bosco; Alice Rolls, mother of ten religious; the mother of Pope Saint Pius X; the mothers of Lu, that town of 4,000, who gave 500 sons to the priesthood in 50 years. What are the dispositions which characterize mothers of priests? Includes indulgenced prayers for vocations.



Follow Our Lady's Journey

Visit www.sspax.org/fatima. Select *Our Lady's Journey* to find out which chapels are being visited and what special things are planned.

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Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue Itinerary



October

- 7 Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God, Syracuse, NY
- 14 St. Therese Chapel, Nicholville, NY
- 21 St. John Bosco Chapel, Geneva, NY
- 28 St. Ignatius Retreat House, Ridgefield, CT

November

- 4 St. Lawrence Chapel, Hartford, CT

December

- 2 Child Jesus Chapel, Pittston, PA
- 9 St. Anthony of Padua Mission, North Caldwell, NJ
- 23 St. Michael the Archangel, Farmingville NY

Upcoming Retreats

Men:

Oct 3-8	Virtues	Phoenix, AZ
Oct 10-15	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Oct 24-29	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Nov 21-26	Ignatian	Saint-Césaire, QC
Dec 1-4	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Dec 5-10	Ignatian	Ridgefield CT
Dec 12-17	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ

Women:

Oct 5-8	Marian	Los Gatos, CA
Oct 10-15	Ignatian	Saint-Césaire, QC
Nov 7-12	Ignatian	Ridgefield CT
Nov 28-Dec 3	Virtues	Phoenix, AZ
Dec 15-18	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA

Mixed:

Oct 19-22	Matrimony	Phoenix, AZ
Nov 16-19	Matrimony	Los Gatos, CA

Dates subject to change. For more information please contact:
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The Value of a Mass

"How much is it for a Mass to be said for my beloved departed?" This and so many other questions are not adequately worded. All the saints have repeated that the holy sacrifice of the Mass, which renews the offering of Christ on Calvary, has an infinite value. The Mass is the prolongation in time and space of the work of Redemption performed once and for all on Good Friday.

Because it is the same priest and the same victim on the altar as on Calvary, the Mass has a perfect value, whichever be the celebrant, simply offering his lips as an instrument to Christ, the invisible and main celebrant.

This being said, it is customary to make a donation for the celebration of the Mass. This is called the Mass stipend and it is donated to the priest who offers it, not to his priory or institution. However, the faithful may also send their Mass intention to the District house which will distribute them to priests according to their availability.

The current amount in the US is of \$20 for a single Mass, \$200 for a novena (9 consecutive Masses), \$800 for a set of Gregorian Masses (30 consecutive Masses). This last is called "Gregorian Masses" based on the story of one Benedictine monk of St. Gregory's monastery who had passed away and, appearing to the saint, requested these 30 Masses to be said so as to relieve him from Purgatory.

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Confirmation Schedule 2016

Chapel	Date	Bishop
Sanford, FL	October 30, 2016	Fellay
Philadelphia, PA	November 6, 2016	Fellay
Ray Township, MI	November 8, 2016	Fellay
Portland, OR	November 13, 2016	Fellay

International Pilgrimages

Lent Pilgrimage to the Holy Land **March 2-10, 2017**

Meditate and pray at the sites where Our Lord lived, taught, and suffered. Take advantage of this 9-day semi-retreat to increase your knowledge and love for Our Lord with excellent speaker and chaplain, Fr. Steven McDonald, Second Assistant to the US District Superior.

Youth Pilgrimage **May 26-June 6, 2017**

The annual Youth Pilgrimage will visit Fatima to commemorate the 100th anniversary, then cross into Spain to visit Salamanca, Avila, Burgos, and Loyola before arriving in Lourdes, France. Afterwards, join thousands of pilgrims and walk from Chartres to Paris. For youth between 18 and 35 years of age. Accompanied by Fr. Nicholas Gardner.

100th Anniversary Pilgrimages to Fatima **August 2017**

These special commemorative pilgrimages will join in the official SSPX festivities in Fatima to celebrate 100 years since the apparitions of Our Lady. Choose between an 8-day journey through Portugal, a 12-day trip from Lourdes to Fatima by the Way of St. James Compostela, or a 12-day trip from Fatima to Lourdes. Accompanied by an SSPX priest.

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100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima 1917-2017 **May 23 - June 1, 2017**

In honor of Our Lady 100th Anniversary we are organizing a pilgrimage to Fatima in May with the highlight visiting Our Lady of Montserrat, Our Lady of Lourdes, Burgos, Avila, Fatima and more. Land price, only \$2,355.

Holy Land **January 3rd - January 11th 2017**

Spend your Christmas season in the Holy Land! St. Pius X Pilgrimage Co. has over a decade of experience in traveling to the Holy Land. Visit iconic locations such as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Nativity site, and much more. Join us and our seasoned Spiritual Director, Father Young, for a once in a life-time experience! Air and land for only \$2,795.00 all included.

For more information and reservations please contact:
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Eucharistic Crusade

Monthly Intentions

October:

For children in Catholic schools

A Student's Prayer by St. Thomas Aquinas

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom! Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever. Amen.

November:

To obtain the grace of a good death

Prayer for a Holy Death

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I offer you my heart and my soul.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul with you in peace. Amen.

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Rosary Crusade

At the priestly ordinations in Zaitzkofen (Germany) on July 2, 2016, Bishop Bernard Fellay, Superior General of the Society of St. Pius X announced another Rosary Crusade as a spiritual preparation for the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima (May to October 1917).

This crusade will be held from August 15, 2016 to August 22, 2017. All the faithful are invited:

- to recite the rosary daily, alone or as a family;
- to accomplish the devotion of the reparatory communion on five first Saturdays, and to multiply their daily sacrifices in a spirit of reparation for the outrages against Mary;
- to wear the miraculous medal themselves and to diffuse it around them;
- to consecrate their homes to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The goal set by Bishop Bernard Fellay is a bouquet of 12 million rosaries and 50 million sacrifices for Our Lady of Fatima. Tally sheets can be found online at www.sspix.org.

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