

## SSPX



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# Under the Banner of Christ the King

Under the merciful eye of the good Lord in the sunlike monstrance, Christian faithful are praying, adoring, and singing the praises of their God through thick and thin, through land and cities. They are soldiers marching behind the banner and leadership of their general, angels of the Great Counsel, the Apocalyptic elders (and youth) before the throne of God. How comforting it is for us that our Faith is not only believed in the heart, but also openly professed before the public eye.

The great Marian apostle of western France, St. Louis de Montfort, was the past master in organizing these grand processions of entire parishes to honor Christ and His Mother. He knew their impact in souls young and old. They would be remembered as one of their life's greatest graces. He and his missionaries would carry and plant a cross in a prominent village square or at a major crossroads. It would be a permanent reminder of the eternal truths.

After all, man is body and soul, and our most noble sentiments find a natural outlet in these social gatherings, besides the more constrained church walls. It is of the utmost importance to pray, sing loud, and walk in unison with the spirit of the past ages. Let the world know who our real heroes are, not the devil, the world and its pomps, but God and His Blessed Mother. Yet, let us keep in mind that the more prepared, the more adorned and magnificent the procession, the more fruit it will have on the entire parish.

# Letter from the District Superior



Dear Friends.

By the time you receive this Report, we will be well into the Christmas holidays and New Year. Another beautiful season is upon us, Christmastide and Epiphany. Need we not be always grateful for the blessings Christ the Lord has brought to mankind and to our own souls? Without Him, the Way, the Truth, the Life, there is the kingdom of darkness and death. Padre Pio used to say that the world would fare better without the sun than without Holy Mass. He understood more than we do the impact which Christ, His Church and His sacraments have made upon godless mankind.

No doubt, many have rights to complain of the evils of the times. Yet, these are the times divine Providence has set before us and wants us to work with. We have no right to bury our heads in the sand and wait for the storm to pass: Catholics are Christ's soldiers and agents, not whiners. As G.K. Chesterton put it: "A dead thing can go with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it." And if all go astray, I for one will stand for my God and my Faith. If there is pride in this, then, let there be pride in us upholding to the end the principles of the Gospel, which alone give life, warmth, and Heaven. As St. Pius X said, "It is time for us to be humble, because it is time to be proud," meaning to be proud of our God given treasures, the Revelation, the Faith, the Church...in a word, our integral Christian lifestyle.

As the clouds are gathering strength and start clustering the skyline, it is good to see that in some parts of the world, in our midst, some good is being done, souls taught and brought to maturity, our Faith is proclaimed out loud and churches and schools established which place God in the first place. Let this be the motto of this new year: "May Thy Kingdom Come."

Fr. Jürgen Wegner



# Thy Kingdom Come

Sitting at the head of both the ecclesiastical and civil authorities is Christ the King. Contrary to distortions which entered the Church's liturgy nearly a half-century ago, the Kingship of Christ is not exclusively spiritual. Although Christ's spiritual rule in this world began 2,000 years ago and can in no way be abrogated, the temporal acceptance of this rule, that is, the recognition of Christ's reign *in its full integrity and truth* only came about after the course of centuries whereby the civil rulers, whose authority was never their own and always from God, accepted the divine mission of the Church and her supernatural constitution.

While the nations of this world have drifted far from accepting this reality, their denial cannot with any true effect "uncrown" or "dethrone" Christ. His social reign may, through ignorance or sin, be unrecognized and unimplemented by the present civil authorities, but they possess no right to do so. As Pope Pius XI made clear in his great encyclical *Quas Primas*, "It would be a grave error, on the other hand, to say that Christ has no authority whatever in civil affairs, since, by virtue of the absolute empire over all creatures committed to Him by the Father, all things are in His power."

Even in the absence of states and more localized political communities which are fully permeated with the teachings of the Catholic Church, faithful Christians can still live out their public lives, be it in the workplace or the voting booth, under the reign of

Christ. That is, there is no separation between private "religious life" and public "citizen life"; the obligations of justice which should bind all nations at all times continues to bind all Catholics, regardless of what the civil authority recommends.

Although prudential considerations will affect application, no Catholic businessman, for instance, holds the right to pay his workers unjust wages simply because liberal economic ideology equates "justness" with the prevailing market wage. Similarly, no Catholic politician, regardless of which level of office he holds (municipal, state, or national), has the right to support immoral laws legalization, *inter alia*, abortion, same-sex unions, narcotics, prostitution, and pornography.

Some may say there is nothing to be done in these times. Liberalism has become so ubiquitous that it is impossible to live one's life for Christ the King on a practical matter. Is it not better then to simply honor Christ's sovereignty in the home and the Church, while leaving the world to its own devices? But that is not what the Church teaches and it is not how Catholics are called to live. No single Catholic or even band of Catholics can, in the foreseeable future, reshape society, its laws, and its politics, but faithful Christians can, in their daily lives, take small but meaningful steps to bring Christ's reign back into the open.

For instance, Catholic workers and businessmen can form cooperative associations to assist one another in carrying out their respective trades in a manner consistent with Catholic social principles. Those who live in smaller municipalities such as townships or villages can effectuate positive change by running for office or supporting those political leaders who will, for instance, resist zoning ordinances that allow immoral businesses such as "gentlemen's clubs" and adult theaters to encroach upon residential and school areas. These may seem like minor matters in the grand scheme of things, but if lay Catholics are to partake in the great effort of "restoring all things in Christ," then the work must begin here.

Catholics cannot, of course, forget that the time may come when the laws of the land conflict with the precepts of Our Lord. Almost a century ago, the British Catholic writer Hilaire Belloc could write confidently: "Where there is a conflict between the civil law and the moral law of the Catholic Church, members of the Catholic Church will resist the civil law and obey the law of the Church." That is sadly not the case today.

That is no excuse, however. The doctrine of Christ's Kingship recognizes no right to abscond from moral duty in the name of temporal convenience. The time may come when even Catholics living in ostensible peace and prosperity under liberal rule shall be forced to choose between the Faith and their temporal freedom. While we should pray that time does not come to pass, it is our mandate to never flee in the face of opposition, to stand

fast for the rights of God and His Church, and if we suffer losses for them now, we suffer to gain greater rewards in Heaven.





A Eucharistic Procession heads out to proclaim the Kinghip of Christ on a beautiful fall day in Mexico, MO.

Faithful from Our Lady of Victory Church in Davie, FL follow their Eucharistic King.





Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Warners, NY.





A Christ the King procession at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Church in West Palm Beach, FL (above) and at St. Joseph's Church in Ray Township, MI (left).



Procession with the Blessed Sacrament at St. Michael's in De Pere, WI.

Benediction at an outside altar on the Feast of Christ the King in Mexico, MO





At St. Michael's Church in Bethany, Ok, the faithful paused during their procession for Benediction. After the procession, the faithful recited a Consecration of the World to the Sacred Heart—a beautiful reminder of our promises to fight for Holy Mother Church.







At St. Joseph's Church in Greenwood, IN, following Sunday Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, the clergy, the faithful and particularly the children of the Eucharistic Crusade witnessed, at least a street at a time, that Christ is King of both Heaven and earth.

A long column of parishioners from St. Joseph's Church in Ray Township, MI, braved the blustery weather for the annual Christ the King procession.





On October 19th, St. Mary's Assumption in St. Louis, MO held a public rosary in front of the Art Museum near the statue of St. Louis XI. Under the banner of *America Needs Fatima*, their pastor, Fr. Dominique Bourmaud, led the faithful in hymns and prayers.





In St. Louis, MO the students of Queen of the Holy Rosary Academy and Fr. Dominique Bourmaud visited a cemetery on November 4 to pray for the repose of souls.

An SSPX parishioner has an unusual apostolate based on this 2017 Harley Davidson Trike which he has named *Mater Dolorosa*. The flames are a reference to the vision of Hell granted to the three children at Fatima when Our Lady told them that many souls go to Hell because they have no one to pray for them. He brings *Mater Dolorosa* to motorcycle shows and shares his Catholic Faith with interested onlookers.





The youth of St. Anthony of Padua Chapel in North Caldwell, NJ play "Saint Trivia" at a party celebrating the Feast of All Saints.

On All Saints Day, the aspiring saints in Warners, NY vanquished the devil in the form of a dragon piñata.



A group of saintly youngsters from Our Lady of Sorrows in Phoenix, AZ.



A creative St. Joan of Arc costume from St. Louis, MO.



A selection of saints pose for a photo before the winners for best costume are announced at the St. Joseph's All Saints Day celebration in Ray Township, MI.





On Saturday, October 19, students, teachers—and of course the principal—of Mater Dei Academy in Warners, NY participated in their second annual half-marathon event.

Pilgrims pose in front of a life-size bronze statue of Fr. Kapaun which memorializes his heroic rescue of a soldier who, after being seriously wounded, was about to be killed by Communist soldiers. Fr. Kapaun picked him up and carried him 25 miles to safety.







Fr. Kapaun (April 20, 1916 - May 23, 1951) celebrated his last Masses before his capture on the hood of a jeep (above). This arrangement was reenacted by Fr. Novak and pilgrims from St. Marys, KS on the site of Fr. Kapaun's original home in Pilsen, KS.



Our Lady of Good Success Academy in De Pere, WI recently held its first annual jog-a-thon. All 21 students attending the school participated in the event along with their families and the staff. \$12,924.17 was raised—which will be matched by a generous benefactor—to help with next school year's operating budget.



#### **Upcoming Retreats**

Men:		
Jan. 13-17	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Jan. 13-18	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Mar. 9-14	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
Mar. 16-21	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Mar. 16-21	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
May 18-23	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
May 22-25	3.5-Day Virtues	Phoenix, AZ
Jul. 16-18	3.5-Day Ignatian	St. Louis area, MO
Aug. 31-Sep. 5	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Sept. 7-12	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Sept. 14-19	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
Oct. 19-24	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Nov. 9-14	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Nov. 16-21	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Dec. 9-12	3-Day Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Dec. 14-19	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
Women:		
Jan. 13-18	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
Feb. 5-8	3.5-Day Virtues	Phoenix, AZ
Feb. 10-15	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
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Matrimony

Phoenix, AZ

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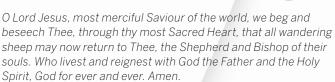
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#### **Eucharistic Crusade**

#### Monthly Intentions

#### December:





#### January:

For the Persecuted and Abandoned Christians

Eternal Father, by the Blood of Jesus have mercy; comfort those who suffer persecution and abandonment as Thou didst comfort Job, Anna, and Tobias in their afflictions. And do thou, Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted, pray to God and appease Him for us, and obtain for us the grace we ask. Gloria Patri.

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#### International Pilgrimages

#### 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 monarchs Ferdinand and Isabella, St. John of Sahagun, and St. Thomas of Villanueva.

## Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land— June 15-26, 2020 Walking from Nazareth to Galilee

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.

#### Pilgrimage to France to Honor the Vendée Martyrs

July 1-10, 2020

Join Fr. Marc Vernoy and Fr. Pierre Duverger on a pilgrimage to France to celebrate their 25th jubilee. Travel to the Vendée region of France to learn about and venerate the martyrs of the French Revolution. Enjoy two full days at Puy du Fou, a magnificent theme park that vividly portrays the Catholic history of France. Visit sites related to the Vendée martyrs, and also visit Paris, Lourdes, Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre, and Pibrac. Render homage to St. Louis de Montfort, St. Genevieve, St. Bernadette, St. Peter Julian Eymard, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Catherine Labouré, St. Germaine, and many more.

Catholic Writers and Saints of Italy July 27-August 8, 2020 Render homage to St. Thomas Aquinas in Roccasecca, Orvieto, Naples, Fossanova, and San Giovanni Campano. Pray before the relics of St. Philomena in Mugnano, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Augustine in Pavia, St. Ambrose in Milan, and St. Alphonsus de Liguori in Pagani. Spend six nights in Rome and visit St. Peter's Basilica, St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, and much more. Venerate Our Lady of Good Counsel in Genazzano, St. Maria Goretti in Nettuno, and St. Juliana Falconieri in Florence. Accompanied by Fr. Richard Boyle.

## SSPX 50th Anniversary Lourdes Celebration Pilgrimage Southern France Marian Shrines and First Christians.

October 16-27, 2020

Travel from Lyon to Lourdes giving thanks to God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints for these remarkable 50 years of preservation of Catholicism. Attend the SSPX 50th anniversary celebrations in Lourdes with faithful from around the world. Also visit La Salette, Laus, Lourdes and sites related to St. Mary Magdalene, St. Martha, St. Lazarus, St. Maximin, St. Anne, St. Margaret Mary of Alocoque, St. Claude de la Colombiere, St. John Vianney, St. Irenaeus, St. Bernadette, and many others.

## SSPX 50th Anniversary Lourdes Celebration Pilgrimage Lourdes and Rome. October 22-November 2, 2020

What better place to go after thanking Our Lady in Lourdes than Rome? After attending the SSPX 50th anniversary celebrations in Lourdes, spend six days in Rome visiting the main shrines of Christianity and giving thanks for being part of the restoration of the Catholic Church. Visit the main basilicas, miraculous images, sites of the first martyrs, the patron saints of the city, and many others. Enjoy free afternoons to explore the sites of your preference.

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

#### Mass Stipends

To request a Mass intention, please note the current requested stipends:

- For one Mass: \$20
- For a novena of Masses
  - (9 consecutive Masses): \$200
- For Gregorian Masses

(30 consecutive Masses): \$800

#### Confirmation Schedule 2019

Chapel	Date	Bishop	
Ridgefield, CT	Dec 8	Fellay	
De Pere, WI	Dec 15	Fellay	