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SSPX Mission in the U.S. 44 Years of Fidelity!

From the foundation of the Society, the U.S. has been included in its development. What has been the reason for this impressive growth and vitality we find today compared to its humble beginnings? It is fidelity to the line of Archbishop Lefebvre!

“For the glory of the Most Blessed Trinity, for the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ, for the sake of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the love of the Church, for the love of the pope, for the love of bishops, of priests, of all the faithful, for the salvation of the world, for the salvation of souls, keep this testament of Our Lord Jesus Christ! Keep the Sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Keep the Mass of All Time!

“Then you will see Christian civilization flourish again, a civilization that is not of this world, but a civilization that leads to the Catholic City which is heaven.”

Marcel Lefebvre, Paris, September 23, 1979



Archbishop Lefebvre at Ridgefield, CT in 1985.

Letter from the District Superior



Dear Faithful,

In the decade following Vatican II, Archbishop Lefebvre founded our beloved Society of Saint Pius X. It corresponds to the dream he had in his cathedral at Dakar in the fifties. He modestly spoke of it in the Preface of his *Spiritual Journey*:

"In the face of the progressive degradation of the priestly ideal, my dream was to transmit the Catholic Priesthood of Our Lord Jesus Christ in all its doctrinal purity and in all its missionary charity, just as He conferred it on His Apostles, just as the Roman Church always transmitted it until the middle of the twentieth century."

After forty years, the Society of Saint Pius X can be found all over the world. The U.S. District is today one of its most beautiful apostolate fields.

It is interesting to note that in the years of collapse of the liturgy and of the "diabolical disorientation" of churchmen following the Second Vatican Council, the priests and lay people, faithful to Tradition, looked for, and were encouraged by, the faithful Archbishop. They wanted to save the Mass and their souls. He wanted to save the priesthood and the Church. Led by Divine Providence, they found each other. Recognizing his supplied authority, the people willingly submitted themselves to his directives in order to remain Roman Catholics, faithful to the See of Peter, establishing oases in the midst of a spiritual desert; and thus they wrote the first page of U.S. District history.

The Society today continues the same mission entrusted by Holy Mother Church despite opposition, betrayal, abandonment and miseries, and with obvious blessings from God and fruits of holiness:

"...the restoration of the Catholic priesthood in order to preserve the Treasures which Jesus Christ entrusted to His Church. Namely, the Faith in its integrity, Divine Grace through His Sacrifice and His Sacraments, and pastors destined for the dispensation of these Treasures of Divine Life."

(Archbishop Lefebvre in the Preface of *Statutes of the Society of Saint Pius X*).

As I am leaving you after serving my six-year term in our lovely country, I urge you to keep on being faithful. Be faithful to the Society!

I entrust all our apostolates, in particular your families, your souls, and our schools to Our Divine Mother, whom you will receive as a pilgrim in your chapels. She is the most powerful source of fidelity; she is the faithful virgin!

I would like to recommend two special means to remain faithful: reading and study! Read the books of Archbishop Lefebvre to be faithful to his spirit! Read *The Angelus* magazine to be faithful to the Society he founded! Read to be found faithful!

With my blessing in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Arnaud Rostand". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Father Arnaud Rostand



The Birth of the U.S. District

From the start, vocations from the United States were prompt and frequent. In 1970 Gregory Post, a young Carmelite, wrote to Archbishop Lefebvre in Ecône, requesting permission to enter the seminary to continue his studies for the priesthood according to a Traditional formation.

In 1971 the Archbishop visited the “St. Pius X Seminary” of his friend Bishop Ackerman in Covington, KY. There he found three seminarians from New York. The Archbishop wrote these words to friend and benefactor, General Jean Lecomte: “I am in the United States; I want to avoid having to make American seminarians come to Switzerland. I hope to be able to have a house here to attract good vocations.” The seminary in Armada, MI opened its doors shortly after in 1974.

In August 1972 the Archbishop came again to the United States, ordaining Fr. Gregory Post to the priesthood, the first Society priest ordained on American soil.

In the summer of 1980 the U.S. Seminary, St. Joseph’s House of Studies, moved to Ridgefield, CT, changing its name to St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary, and one new priest who had studied at Ecône was ordained by Archbishop Lefebvre.

Two years later, in 1982, the first three priests who had done all their studies in the United States

from start to finish were ordained by Archbishop Lefebvre. This was a special arrangement. The three priests ordained in advance, planned to complete their studies at Ridgefield the following summer.

This plan was interrupted by the “split” of April 1983, when nine priests in the Northeast District, taking a hard line Sedevacantist position, broke away from the Society all at once, leaving only two priests in the Northeast District, and making it very hard to continue the apostolate in the various chapels not taken by the “dissident nine.”

The confidence of American SSPX churchgoers was visibly shaken. Affairs reached a low point in 1984 when three of the four newly ordained priests left the Society within ten days of their ordination.

With the Society in the U.S. harshly tried by breakaways and betrayals, one of the priests who remained faithful said pithily: “The Society in the United States must have a lot of potential, or else why is the devil working so hard to sabotage it?”

The Archbishop decided that we must not lose courage, but keep moving on, slowly but surely. On May 19, 1985, four more priests were ordained. The next year three more priests were ordained, the last by Archbishop Lefebvre in the U.S. In 1988 St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary was transferred to Winona, MN and has continued to grow ever since. Ordinations resumed in 1989 after the episcopal consecrations in 1988.

- 1970 Bishop Charrière approves the statutes canonically establishing the Priestly Society of Saint Pius X.

Gregory Post of California applies to and is accepted for seminary training in the newly founded Society of Saint Pius X.
- 1971 Archbishop Lefebvre visits the U.S. twice to gain seminarians, and discuss setting up SSPX houses in the dioceses of Covington, KY and Pittsburgh, PA. He accepts Fr. Bonfil Battazzo's request to put the faithful of his Detroit, MI area parish under the Society's care.
- 1972 Newly ordained Fr. Clarence Kelly arrives in Long Island to start a chapel in a converted garage that would later (1983) become St. Michael's Chapel, Farmingville, NY. Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel in Baton Rouge, LA and St. Jude's Church in Eddystone, PA near Philadelphia begin.
- 1973 SSPX establishes the U.S. Seminary in Armada, MI, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel chapel, later St. Benedict's, in Louisville, KY is founded.



The ordination of Fr. Gregory Post in 1972 at Our Lady of the Prairies Shrine in Powers Lake, ND.



Fr. Hector Bolduc with Archbishop Lefebvre in 1981 at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Kansas City, MO.

Remarkable Growth

The story of the Society in the U.S. owes much to priests like Fr. Hector Bolduc. Ordained in 1974 by Archbishop Lefebvre, Fr. Bolduc criss-crossed the U.S., opening chapels and organizing the faithful. He served as Southwest U.S. District Superior until 1984.

Fr. Bolduc was responsible for the acquisition of St. Mary's Academy and College, St. Mary's, KS; St. Vincent de Paul, Kansas City, MO; and Queen of Angels Church in Dickinson, TX to name just a few of the over 20 mission chapels he helped found.

He left the SSPX in confused times but always remained respectful towards it and faithful to his priesthood. He reestablished contact with the U.S. District during his last months of the cancer which called him to Our Lord in 2012. The faithful of the chapels he served then asked assistance and service from the Society.



Immaculata Chapel at St. Mary's Academy and College in St. Mary's, KS.

1974 The first U.S. District Headquarters is established under the leadership of Fr. Clarence Kelly in Oyster Bay, NY. Fr. Gregory Post establishes Our Mother of Perpetual Help Chapel in Campbell, CA which would later become St. Aloysius Gonzaga Retreat Center in Los Gatos, CA.

1975 Our Lady of Fatima chapel begins in various locations near Dallas, TX. Queen of All Saints Mission in Springfield, MO joins the Society. Fr. Hector Bolduc begins celebrating Mass for the newly formed St. Michael the Archangel Chapel in Kansas City, MO. St. Michael's Church in Carmichael, CA near Sacramento is founded.

1976 First Mass is celebrated at Queen of Angels Church, Dickinson, TX by Fr. Hector Bolduc. St. John Bosco Mission in San Diego and St. John Fisher Church in Tulsa also celebrated first Masses.

1977 Queen of Angels Church, Dickinson, TX is dedicated by Archbishop Lefebvre. Corpus Christi Chapel, Edmonds, WA is founded. St. Pius X Chapel, Cincinnati, OH which would later become Our Lady of the Assumption in Walton, KY is founded.

Queen of Angels Academy in Dickinson, TX opens its doors.

1978 Angelus Press is founded at Queen of Angels Church in Dickinson, TX by Fr. Carl Pulvermacher, O.F.M. Cap., and the first *Angelus* magazine is published.

Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel, Phoenix, AZ opens in a converted Lutheran church. Mission Stella Maris located in the former military chapel for Fort McArthur, CA opens. St. Pius X chapel, later St. Anne's (1983), purchases a church building in Redford, MI. Fr. Hugh Wish celebrates the first Mass at St. Pius V Shrine, Mukwonago, WI in the old St. James Church. First Masses are celebrated at Assumption Chapel in St. Mary's, KS, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in St. Paul, MN, St. Michael's Chapel in Roswell, GA and St. Thomas Chapel in Carson City, NV.

The U.S. District is divided into two sections: Southwest and Northeast.

1979 St. Mary's Academy and College, St. Mary's, KS opens its doors. The U.S. Seminary moves to Ridgefield, CT and is named St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary.

Our Lady of Fatima Chapel, Sanger, TX finds a permanent location. Fr. Hector Bolduc purchases Jesus and Mary Priory in El Paso, TX and Queen of the Holy Rosary Academy in St. Louis, MO. Immaculate Conception Church in Post Falls, ID; Mary Immaculate Church in Wichita, KS; Our Lady of Grace Church near New Orleans, LA; St. Cecilia's Church in Memphis, TN and St. Mary Magdalene Chapel in Mexico, MO are founded.



1980 First Masses are celebrated at Holy Redeemer Church near Raleigh, NC, Immaculate Conception Mission in Virginia Beach, VA; Infant of Prague Mission in Bay City, MI, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Mission in Corpus Christi, TX; Our Lady of Victory Church in Davie, FL; St. Lawrence Chapel near Hartford, CT; and Sts. Peter and Paul Mission in Rapid City, SD.

1981 Archbishop Lefebvre solemnly blesses St. Vincent de Paul Church, Kansas City, MO which was purchased the year before. While touring the church, Archbishop Lefebvre proclaimed: "C'est magnifique, c'est une cathédrale!"

The first Sisters of the Society of St. Pius X arrive in St. Mary's, KS.



Profession ceremony of the Sisters of the Society of St. Pius X.

Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel, Albuquerque, NM joins the Society. The North American Martyrs Chapel in Hudson Falls, NY; Our Lady of Fatima Church in Portland, OR; and Our Lady of the Snows Chapel near Sioux Falls, SD are founded.

1982 St. Joseph and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Colton, CA; Annunciation Chapel of Fort Collins, CO; Old St. Mary's Church in Goldsboro, NC; and Our Lady Immaculate Church near Chicago; Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel near Boise, ID; St. Anthony of Padua Church near Charlotte, NC; St. Isidore Church near Denver, CO; and St. Michael the Archangel Church in Spring, TX are founded.

Immaculate Conception Church in Post Falls, ID joins the Society following the retirement of Fr. Edouard DeBusschere.

1983 Corpus Christi Chapel, Edmonds, WA purchases a church and priory from Church of the Open Bible. Archbishop Lefebvre dedicates Old St. Mary's, Goldsboro, NC. Queen of the Miraculous Medal Chapel near Little Rock, AR; St. Michael the Archangel Church in Farmingville, NY; St. Thomas Becket Church in Veneta, OR and Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Albuquerque, NM join the Society.

1974

Priests.....	4
Priories	4
Chapels.....	4

From Garage to Chapel

The rebuilding of Catholic life in the U.S. starts small. A small group faithful form around their concern with the innovations in the Mass promulgated after 1969. They look for a priest who can say the Tridentine Mass. Once they find their priest, the faithful meet in hotel rooms, rented buildings, family homes, funeral homes and even, in one case, a converted garage. Usually they can only manage once a month to celebrate the Mass of all time. All the while, they fervently pray that their mission will increase.

One day, people discover that there hasn't been enough room at the Sunday Mass in quite some time. Masses begin to be offered more frequently: twice a month to every Sunday, then twice on Sundays. Now it becomes imperative to find more space. The search for a building begins. Donated, newly constructed buildings, or those purchased from protestants and private individuals become hubs of parish activity.

Then renovations begin as floors are refinished, altars built, and stained glass installed in a new chapel. Before long a school is formed by dedicated families. More property and buildings are purchased or donated.

If there are enough priests, the chapel becomes a priory. Along the way pilgrimages, summer camps, and conferences are sponsored as Catholic life is restored. What is next? Historians will have pages to write about the rebuilding of our Catholic lives and culture.

U.S. District Superior



1984
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1990

Fr. François Laisney

There were several challenges when Fr. Laisney arrived at his post as U.S. District Superior. The confidence of the faithful had been shaken by the departure of nine priests and there were not enough priests, with an average of only one priest per priory. In the middle of Fr. Laisney's tenure, the Archbishop consecrated four bishops, and not everyone could see from the beginning the wisdom of this action so necessary for the survival of Catholic life.

"Be FAITHFUL! By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, remain faithful to the Faith of all times, faithful to the morals of all times, faithful to the liturgy of all times, faithful to the Church, so as to be worthy to hear at the end: 'Well done good and faithful servants, enter into the joy of thy Master!'"

The fidelity already blessed by God was evident when the Winona seminary was paid for within a month. An increase in vocations during these years later made the American seminary the largest of the Society of Saint Pius X. Fr. Laisney wrote and published the book *Archbishop Lefebvre and the Vatican*, providing the texts and explanations needed to understand how to be faithful in these exceptional times.

Fr. Laisney is currently Bursar of the District of Asia and resides in Singapore.

1983 The Southwest U.S. District Office moves to Queen of Angels Church, Dickinson, TX. Fr. Richard Williamson is temporarily Northeast District Superior when "The Nine" are dismissed from the Society and then temporary District Superior of the unified U.S. District with offices in Dickinson, TX.

1984 Fr. François Laisney is named District Superior and moves the U.S. District office to Queen of the Holy Rosary, in Webster Grove, MO.

Our Lady of the Bitterroot Chapel in Victor, MT; St. Athanasius Church near Binghamton, NY; and St. Therese Chapel near Madison, WI are founded. St. John Fisher Church in Fort Wayne, IN joins the Society.

1985 Archbishop Lefebvre visits Armada, MI and administers the sacrament of confirmation in St. Louis at what will become Our Lady's Assumption parish.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Church in Syracuse, NY and Corpus Christi Chapel near Nashville, TN are founded.

1986 The "Catholicism in Crisis" radio program begins its every Sunday afternoon broadcast in Honolulu, HI. St. Therese, Patron of Alaska Mission begins with 20 families in Anchorage, AK. Archbishop Lefebvre visits St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Ridgefield, CT.

1987 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, South Bend, IN starts in a rented motel room. Fr. Carl Pulvermacher, O.F.M. Cap. blesses Our Lady of Fatima Church in Portland, OR.

1987 Jesus and Mary Academy in El Paso, TX opens its doors.



St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN.

1988 St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary moves to the newly acquired property in Winona, MN.

Child Jesus Chapel in Pittston, PA; Immaculate Conception Chapel in Kalispell, MT; Our Lady Queen of Angels Chapel in Ft. Myers, FL ; and St. Michael's Mission in Erie, PA are founded.

St. Ignatius Retreat House opens in Ridgefield, CT.



- 1989 Bishop Williamson blesses Our Lady of Fatima Church, Sanger, TX. First Masses are said at Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel in Crookston, MN; and St. Therese's Church in North Lawrence, NY.
- Frs. Paul Kimball, Timothy Pfeiffer, Paul Tague and John Young are the first priests ordained in Winona, MN.
- 1990 Fr. Peter Scott becomes U.S. District Superior. Construction of Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat House and Chapel begins in Phoenix, AZ. St. Joseph's Academy, Richmond, MI and St. Anne's School in Livonia, MI open.



Christ the King Church in Ridgefield, CT.

- Two new chapels in North Dakota join the Society: Guardian Angels Mission and St. Michael's Church.
- 1991 St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Cloud, MN; St. John Vianney Chapel in Long Prairie, MN; and St. Aloysius Gonzaga Retreat Center, Los Gatos, CA; Our Lady of Fatima Church near Pittsburgh, PA; Our Lady of Lourdes Mission in Honolulu, HI; St. Joseph Mission in St. Maries, ID; St. Peregrine Church near Cleveland, OH; and St. Peter Chanel Mission in Hilo (big island), HI are founded. Our Lady Queen of Angels, Fort Myers, FL joins the Society.
- First pilgrimage to the North American Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville, NY is organized.
- 1991 St. Vincent de Paul Academy, in Kansas City, MO opens. Immaculate Conception Academy in Post Falls, ID is founded. Holy Family Academy begins in Belle Plaine, MN.
- U.S. District Office moves to Kansas City, MO. The Brothers' Novitiate begins in El Paso, TX.
- 1992 Angelus Press moves to Kansas City, MO. The first *Regina Coeli Report* is published by the District Office.

1984

Priests.....	15
Brothers.....	6
Priories	10
Chapels.....	55
Retreat Houses	1
Schools.....	4

We Remember With Gratitude

Fr. Bonfil Battazzo O.S.B.	1917-2005
Fr. Hector L. Bolduc	1936-2012
Fr. James Bergolia PIME	d. 1989
Fr. Cornelius Bymann	1909-2007
Fr. Edouard De Busschere	1902-1991
Msgr. Charles P. Donahue	1927-1995
Fr. Francis Hannifin	1912-2001
Fr. Eugene Heidt	1933-2006
Fr. Timothy Alban Hopkins	1955-2011
Fr. John of the Cross O.S.B.	1957-2002
Fr. George Kathrein C.Ss.R	1898-1989
Fr. Andrew Kopcsa	1931-1996
Mother Mary Herlinda McCarty	1911-2006
Fr. Terry Marks	1949-2003
Fr. Victor Mroz	1915-1992
Fr. Frederick J. Nelson	1923-1988
Fr. John Allen Peek	1951-2009
Fr. Carl Pulvermacher O.F.M. Cap.	1926-2006
Fr. Frederick Schell S. J.	1916-2002
Fr. Urban Snyder O.C.S.O.	1912-1995
Br. Augustine Valenza	1955-2006

Requiescant in pace.

Can You Add Anything?

While every effort has been made to write these pages of the SSPX U.S. District history as accurately as possible, we may have left something out. Please let us know what we missed or incorrectly reported by sending an email to info@ssp.org.

U.S. District Superior



1990
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2002

Fr. Peter Scott

Fr. Peter Scott's tenure was characterized by active and militant combat for the doctrinal positions of Tradition, against those who wanted to follow compromising positions and those who wanted to use the Society for their own ends. During this time, priests constantly travelled to bring the Mass and the sacraments to the faithful.

"...the one necessary thing is prayer, especially mental prayer. For nothing else can obtain for us the grace of persevering in the combat of the Faith and of the interior life, in the company of those priests and faithful, now long passed to their reward, to whom we owe our 44 year history in the U.S."

The enthusiasm, fervor, and commitment of the faithful enabled intense growth. Over 50 new churches and chapels, two new retreat houses were built or joined the Society. Schools increased fourfold! There were more opportunities for personal sanctification: the Third Order, the Eucharistic Crusade, the Legion of Mary, the Holy Name Society, the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen and three annual district pilgrimages.

Fr. Peter Scott is currently the Prior of Our Lady of Sorrows Priory in Roodeport, South Africa.

1992 St. Thomas More Chapel starts with the first Mass being celebrated by Fr. Paul Kimball at the Radisson Airport Hotel, Orlando, FL. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel in Clayton, TX; Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Chapel in Lake Worth, FL; and St. Margaret Mary Church near Grand Rapids, MI are founded.



The Brothers' Novitiate in El Paso, TX.

St. Therese Academy in Nicholville, NY opens its doors in a new school building.

1993 In Kansas City, MO Superior General Fr. Franz Schmidberger blesses Regina Coeli House, enthrones the Sacred Heart, and consecrates the U.S. District to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Holy Family Chapel in Belle Plaine, MN; Mission Santa Maria near Prescott, AZ; and St. Francis of Assisi Mission in Austin, TX celebrate first Masses.

St. Robert Bellermine Academy in St. Cloud, MN is founded. St. Pius X Academy in Cincinnati, OH opens its doors. It will later become Assumption Academy in Walton, KY.

1994 Bishop Fellay is elected Superior General and blesses St. John Fisher Church in Fort Wayne, IN. Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Girard, OH near Youngstown is founded.

1995 Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat House and Chapel are completed in time for the first Ignatian retreat hosted in November.

Our Lady Help of Christians Academy is founded in Watkins, CO. St. John Vianney Academy in Long Prairie, MN starts in the fall and Our Lady Immaculate Academy opens its doors in Oak Park, IL.

The Archconfraternity of St. Stephen is introduced for the proper formation of altar servers.



- 1996 St. Joseph Academy, a boarding school for boys opens in Armada, MI. St. Padre Pio Academy opens in Ridgefield, CT.

Maria Stella Maris Mission in San Pedro, CA and Our Lady of the Angels Church near Los Angeles, CA join the Society.
- 1997 St. Louis, MO parish purchases St. Mary's Assumption, a formerly Catholic Ruthenian Rite church in downtown St. Louis, MO.

Our Lady of the Angels Academy in Arcadia, CA opens its doors. Immaculate Heart of Mary in Oak Grove, MN begins its first school year and St. Michael's School in Carmichael, CA is founded.
- 1998 First pilgrimage along the Santa Fe Trail to the Padilla Cross just outside of Lyons, KS is held.
- 1999 St. Pius V Church, Mukwonago, WI joins the Society. The first Starkenburg pilgrimage is organized by Fr. Kenneth Dean, then pastor of St. Vincent de Paul in Kansas City, MO.
- 2000 Immaculate Conception Church, Post Falls, ID sponsors the first pilgrimage to the Cataldo Indian Mission of the Sacred Heart. Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Academy is founded in Syracuse, NY.



Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat House in Phoenix, AZ.

St. Margaret Mary Chapel, Grand Rapids, MI, moves into new chapel building. The priory for Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Syracuse, NY is completed. A first Mass is celebrated in the new St. Thomas Chapel, Hartford, CT. Blessing of St. Thomas Becket Church, Veneta, OR by Bishop Williamson. A new chapel for Sacred Heart Novitiate, Browerville, MN is blessed. St. Christopher's Mission in New York City is founded.

1994

Priests.....	36
Brothers.....	5
Priories	15
Retreat Houses	2
Schools.....	9
Chapels.....	89
Summer Camps.....	2

United in Tradition

The **Sisters of the Society of Saint Pius X** were founded in 1974 by Archbishop Lefebvre and his sister, Mother Marie Gabrielle. They started in the U.S. in 1981 in St. Mary's, KS. The Sisters in the U.S. are located in St. Mary's, KS; Browerville, MN, and Veneta, OR.

The **Benedictines** of Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery in Silver City, NM was founded in 1991 by Fr. Cyprian O.S.B., a monk from the Benedictine Abbey in Barroux, France. He left his monastery after 1988 to stay faithful to the promise of his ordination. The forty monks follow the Rule of St. Benedict, supplying a spiritual powerhouse in the United States.

The **Carmelites** were founded by Mother Marie Christiane, one of Archbishop Lefebvre's sisters, in Phoenixville, PA in 1985. In 1990 they moved to the Carmel of the Holy Trinity built for them in Spokane, WA.

The **Dominican Teaching Sisters** of Fanjeaux, France arrived in Post Falls in 1991 to educate girls in the U.S. They began teaching at the Holy Name of Jesus Academy in Massena, NY in 2007. They consider the souls of children are well worth the sacrifice of religious vows, devoting their lives to the education of young girls.

The **Franciscan Sisters of Christ the King** were founded in Silverton, OR by Fr. Eugene Heidt and Mother Herlinda, who established this community of sisters to assist parish work and teaching in schools. Today the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the King live in Kansas City, MO where they teach at St. Vincent de Paul Academy.

U.S. District Superior



2002
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2008

Fr. John Fullerton

When Fr. John Fullerton arrived, there were more missions and chapels than priests. There was no unified curriculum for the many schools. The District house, priory and Angelus Press were all located in Kansas City in the same buildings. This made it difficult for visiting priests who needed a more peaceful environment.

“It is the support and prayers of the faithful which help the priests to continue educating, sanctifying, and working in the mission fields in these very difficult times.”

A continued increase in vocations provided priests to ease the weekend circuit load. Fr. Fullerton named an assistant and superintendent of schools to unify school curriculum and organize annual Principals’ and Teachers’ Meetings. The present District house property was purchased in Platte City, MO and a new Regina Coeli House, district headquarters, was built in a peaceful country setting close to the Kansas City airport.

Fr. John Fullerton is currently District Superior of Australia.

2001 St. Isidore’s near Denver, CO constructs a new church. St. Michael’s in Roswell, GA; Holy Redeemer Church, Wake Forest, NC; St. Anthony’s Church in Mt. Holly, NC are blessed.

St. Thomas Becket, Veneta, OR becomes a priory. St. Boltoph’s Mission in Boston, MA and St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Mission in Salem, MA start. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel, Louisville, KY joins the Society.

2002 Fr. John Fullerton, becomes District Superior.

St. Theresa in Klamath Falls, OR opens.

St. Peregrine’s constructs a new school in Richfield, OH.

St. Mary’s College in St. Mary’s, KS begins a traditional Catholic radio station: KSMK-LP at 98.3 FM.



St. Isidore’s in Watkins, CO.

St. Isidore’s, Watkins, CO sponsors the first pilgrimage to the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO.

2003 St. Theresa Mission, Klamath Falls, OR moves to a new church. Our Lady of Victory Church, Las Vegas, NV completes its rectory. St. Thomas More, Sanford, FL breaks ground for a new church.

2004 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel, Louisville, KY purchases a new building which is blessed by Fr. Brendan Dardis as St. Benedict’s Church. First summer boys camp in Georgia held with 36 boys in attendance and led by Frs. Christopher Danel and Kenneth Novak.

Our Lady of Sorrows Academy in Phoenix, AZ opens its doors.

2005 St. Joseph’s Boys Academy of Richmond, MI moves to Notre Dame de La Salette Boy’s Academy, in Olivet, IL. St. Benedict’s Academy in Louisville, KY is founded.



- 2005 The Brothers' Novitiate moves from El Paso, TX to St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN.
- 2006 A Priests' Training Program is inaugurated for priests who want to learn how to properly offer the Tridentine Mass and complete a traditional formation. First Mass is celebrated in the newly constructed Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Albuquerque, NM.

2.5 million rosaries are said in the U.S. for the grace to free the traditional Roman Mass, to promote the Social Reign of Christ the King and for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Bishop Fellay blesses the newly built Regina Coeli House in Platte City, MO.



The new District House in Platte City, MO.

- 2007 St. Thomas Beckett Church in Veneta, OR adds a cemetery and enlarges its school.
- 2008 Fr. Arnaud Rostand becomes U.S. District Superior.

St. Catherine of Siena, Woburn, MA is formed by the merger of St. Botolph's, Boston and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Salem, MA. Queen of All Saints Church, Springfield, MO has a new church and parish complex blessed.

A second Rosary Crusade is requested for the withdrawal of the excommunications of 1988.
- 2009 New priories are opened at St. Isidore Church, Watkins, CO, Our Lady of the Assumption, Walton, KY and St. Thomas More Church in Sanford, FL.

Catholic Cadets of America is founded by Fr. Jean de l'Estourbeillon, Immaculate Conception Church, Post Falls, ID.

A Third Rosary Crusade is announced for the intention of the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. More than 19 million rosaries are offered in the U.S. District.
- 2010 First annual Angelus Press Conference is held, celebrating 40 years of the Society.

2004

Priests.....	57
Brothers.....	7
Priories	15
Retreat Houses	3
Schools.....	23
Chapels.....	97
Summer Camps.....	6

Sisters of the SSPX

- 1974 Archbishop Lefebvre and his sister Mother Mary Gabriel found the Sisters of the SSPX.
- 1981 3 sisters form the first foundation in the U.S. at St. Mary's, KS. Their apostolate: catechism, visits to the sick and elderly, sacristy maintenance, and church sewing.
- 1983 First meeting of the Children of Mary in St. Mary's, KS under the direction of the Sisters.
- 1986 Foundation of the English speaking Christ the King Novitiate in Armada, MI.
- 1988 During a 3 day mission in Sturgis, SD, the Sisters taught catechism to 40 children.
- 1990 Novitiate moved to Browerville, MN, and was named Sacred Heart Novitiate as desired by Archbishop Lefebvre.
- 1992 Sisters from Browerville (St. Maria Goretti Girls' Camp) and St. Mary's, KS (Eucharistic Crusade Camps for girls) organized the first annual girls' summer camps.
- 1993 First Eucharistic Crusade camp for girls in Los Gatos, CA run by the Sisters in St. Mary's, KS.
- 2000 Newly constructed chapel at Sacred Heart Novitiate is blessed.
- 2006 New Novitiate wing at Sacred Heart Novitiate is blessed.
- 2009 The Sisters participated in several girls' camps organized by chapels in Atlanta, GA; Philadelphia, PA; and New Mexico, which they continue to do.
- 2010 Another community is founded at St. Thomas Becket, Veneta, OR with 3 sisters. They teach K-2, catechism, assist the Eucharistic Crusade and help with many other parish activities.
- 2012 The community in Veneta, OR now with 4 sisters started Our Lady of the Rosary Girls' Camp.



Priestly ordinations
in 1985 at Ridgefield, CT.

Priestly Anniversaries

30 years	Fr. Jean Violette
25 years	Fr. Paul Kimball Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer Fr. John Young
20 years	Fr. Lawrence Novak Fr. Steven Soos
15 years	Fr. Jean De L'Estourbeillon Fr. John Jenkins Fr. Christopher Pieroni
10 years	Fr. Michael Goldade Fr. Gabriel Magaña Fr. M. David Thomas
5 years	Fr. Richard Boyle Fr. Jordan Fahnestock Fr. Raymond Lillis Fr. Patrick McBride Fr. Daniel Muscha Fr. Patrick Rutledge Fr. Timothy Sick Fr. Daniel Themann Fr. Joseph Wood

Ad multos annos!



Seminarians and priests at
St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, MN.

- 2010 St. Thomas Beckett Academy in Veneta, OR is founded.
- 2011 Our Lady's Assumption Church, Walton, KY is consecrated by Bishop Fellay. The Shrine of St. Philomena in Miami, FL and St. John Bosco Chapel in Geneva, NY join the Society.
- 2012 A new chapel building is blessed at St. Theresa, Patroness of Alaska Mission, Anchorage, AK.
- Christ the King Mission near Lexington, SC; St. Michael's Church in Bethany, OK; St. Therese Church in Chico, CA and St. Pius X Mission near Washington, D.C. join the Society.
- St. Joseph's House constructed at the U.S. District Office.

- 2013 The Society of Saint Pius X is consecrated to St. Joseph, Protector of the Universal Church.

New priories are opened in Chicago, IL and Nicholville, NY. St. Joseph's Church of Greenwood, IN and Our Lady of Fatima Chapel in Richmond, VA become SSPX chapels while St. Anthony Mary Claret Mission begins in Miramar Beach, FL.

Construction of a new seminary begins in Dillwyn, VA.

- 2014 A new Rosary Crusade is launched to implore special protection for the traditional apostolate, the return of Tradition within the Church and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by the consecration of Russia.

Priests in Pries

In spite of the many trials at the origin of the U.S. District, it has grown steadily. In 1988 the U.S. District became the second in size, behind the French District. Today, it is still the second, but more than twice the size of the third (South America).

The policy of putting priests together in priories according to the plan of Archbishop Lefebvre has been so well applied that now the U.S. District is the best for its ratio of priests per priory, with an average close to four priests per priory, and the second best ratio of priories with 3 or more priests (82%), ahead of France (51%). The best rate is in Mexico (100%).



- 2014 A new church for Our Lady of Sorrows is constructed in Phoenix, AZ.
- St. Philomena Mission in Bremer, IA is blessed by Fr. Arnaud Rostand.
- Acquisition and renovation of the Bank of Farley as the Child Jesus Office for the U.S. District.
- First Eucharistic Congress is hosted at La Salette Boys Academy, Olivet, IL.
- Fr. Jürgen Wegner is assigned District Superior for the U.S.

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Replanting the Harvest



Fr. Yves Le Roux,
Seminary Rector since 2003.

“In the administrative structure of the SSPX, a Seminary is established as if it were a separate District, with its own particular mission, its own Superiors and special rules. Nonetheless, the Seminary does not exist for

itself or in a void, but inserted in a District, with which it materially shares territory, faithful and benefactors. The particular missions of Seminary and District are, on a deeper level, inseparable – they both have one and the same goal, the preservation of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and of the Catholic priesthood, for the glory of God and the salvation of souls – each proceeding according to its own mode and activity. But they also share their difficulties and sorrows, for how could one brother suffer and the other be content? They must confront similar obstacles and fears that

arise from a world every day more distant from God. They share the blessings of grace and the joy brought about by the sight of wide, ripening mission fields and the promising harvest of choice souls.

“Such closeness of tasks and means requires an active cooperation between Seminary and District. The U.S. District, with its priories, parishes and schools, has planted the seeds of holiness, from which God has chosen some saplings, to be cared for and grown in the Seminary’s greenhouse until that time when, in full bloom, they will be replanted in the District’s fields, to produce new fruits of holiness. And the Seminary becomes for the District’s priests, as it were, their alma mater, a kind of ‘ancestral home’ of their religious family, to which they are happy to return and which receives them with open arms and a willing heart.

“St. Clement of Rome described the ideal Christian order as the indissoluble and balanced unity existing among the members of a body, a ‘breathing together,’ moved by a common spirit, acting in harmony, each performing its particular service for the good of the whole. It is our joy to attest that we have come close to such an ideal in the fraternal collaboration of the Seminary with the U.S. District under the direction of Fr. Arnaud Rostand.”

- 1973 The U.S. Seminary, St. Joseph’s House of Studies, is established at Royal Oak, MI and moves six months later to Armada, MI.
- 1980 The seminary moves to Ridgefield, CT, changing its name to St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary.
- 1982 The first three priests to have completed all their studies in the U.S. are ordained.
- 1988 The seminary moves to Winona, MN.

- 2003 28 new seminarians comprise the largest entering class.
- 2009 A record number of 13 priests are ordained.
- 2014 Seven priests are ordained and the seminary counts 9 professors, 74 seminarians, 5 brothers and 2 brother novices.
- ???? The seminary will move to Dillwyn, VA.



Who are you, Fr. Wegner?

Father, please tell us a little about your family.

I am the second oldest out of seven children. We lived in a very small village in the Black Forest in the Southwest corner of Germany. We all attended primary school there and then went to high school in Gengenbach. We each learned to play an instrument, rehearsing every day. During our free time on weekends and for vacation, we worked at our grandfather's farm, feeding the cattle, picking cherries or apples. We also helped our father with his work sometimes.

What about your studies?

Without any exception we all liked mathematics, science, physics, biology, chemistry. I especially liked to play the flute and planned to study chamber music. For my diploma, I studied music and chemistry.

When did you discover the call of God?

After graduation, I got in contact with the SSPX youth movement in Germany. I participated in the meetings and activities, visited the seminary and began to wonder about a vocation. The contact with Tradition changed the plans I had made for my life. I was no longer sure about studying music. Not knowing what to do, I entered the army to fulfill the obligatory military service, and joined the German Air Force Band. These fifteen months helped me to get a clear idea of the future. I applied to and entered the SSPX seminary in Germany.

Do you have a personal memory of Archbishop Lefebvre?

After three years in Germany, I was sent to study in Ecône. There we lived under one roof with the Archbishop. He offered Mass every morning and we

assisted whenever we did not have classes. On feast days, His Grace celebrated High Mass and delivered the sermon. Even though I struggled to understand French in my classes, the Archbishop spoke clearly and distinctively. He was the first one I could really understand! Whenever we met him, whenever we sat with him at the same table during vacation time, he always showed interest and never passed by without addressing a little word to us.

Where have you been assigned so far?

The first place the superiors sent me was the Netherlands. The work was difficult: many of the new ideas within the Church came from that country, and even before Pope John XXIII had opened the Council, changes had taken place. Then I spent six years at St. John Bosco School in Germany, went again to the Netherlands and Belgium as District Superior and eventually to Canada in replacement of Fr. Rostand!

What is your vision of the District Superior's function in the U.S.?

I have known and collaborated with Fr. Rostand for six years. I dare to say that I just want to continue what he did: taking special care of our priests, including those showing interest for Tradition, and improving the education of children. In addition to this, I would like to find ways to help parents in their difficult task.

Being well aware of the big responsibility coming with this new assignment, I ask all the priests and faithful to please help me to carry this burden by your faithful prayers and your generous assistance. By our united efforts may Tradition stay alive in our families and revive in your country!

Thank you and welcome to the U.S.

Girls' Summer Camps

Southwest Camp

Camp Chaplain: Fr. Trevor Burfitt
Camp Director: Gerina Duncan
Location: Camp Thunderbird, Mimbres, NM
Dates: August 7-11
Ages: 9-17

Contact: Gerina "Rina" Duncan,
575-538-3231, cathduncs@gmail.com
Registration deadline: May 15 or until camp is full.

Venerable Teresita Quevedo Camp

Camp Chaplain: Fr. Steven Soos
Camp Director: Miss Alice Binsfeld
Location: Sibley State Park, MN
Dates: August 10-15
Ages: 12-17

Contact: 320-305-9430
venerableteresitacampssp@gmail.com
Registration deadline: June 1 or until camp is full.

Boys' Summer Camps

Don Bosco Camp

Camp Director/Chaplain: Fr. Patrick Mackin
Location: Camp Tamarack, Waupaca, WI
Dates: July 28-August 9
Ages: 8-17

Contact: Fr. Patrick Mackin
315-391-4102, donboscoboyscamp2014@gmail.com
Registration deadline: May 15

Cadets Camp

Camp Director/Chaplain: Fr. Pierre Duverger
Location: Big Creek Lakes, ID
Dates: July 28-August 11
Ages: 12-18

Family Summer Camp

Holy Family Camp

Camp Chaplain: Fr. Kevin Robinson
Location: Hickory Run State Park, PA
Dates: August 14-17
Ages: Families and single adults welcome

Contact: Thaddeus Brzezicki
215-538-9367, holyfamilycamping.com
Registration deadline: July 19

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Upcoming Retreats

Men:

Aug 11-16	Ignatian	Saint-Césaire, Quebec
Aug 24-29	Ignatian	Post Falls, ID
Sept 8-13	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Sept 15-20	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Oct 4-7	Marian	Phoenix, AZ
Oct 13-18	Christian Life	Ridgefield, CT
Oct 20-25	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Nov 10-15	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Dec 8-13	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
Dec 18-21	Weekend	Los Gatos, CA

Women:

Aug 18-22	Third Order	Donaldson, IN
Aug 18-23	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Aug 18-23	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Sept 22-27	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
Sept 29-Oct 4	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Nov 10-15	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Nov 10-15	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Dec 4-7	Weekend	Los Gatos, CA
Dec 15-20	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Oct 22-25	Matrimony	Phoenix, AZ

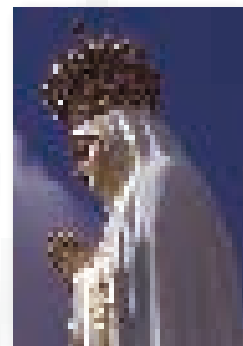
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Rosary Crusade and Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue

The U.S. District responded to the call for the rosary crusade with 1,575,986 rosaries and still counting.

The pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima will soon begin its journey across the U.S. District to maintain the crusader spirit and call many others to join us.

She will visit each chapel for one week and a Marian mission will be held to increase in our life a profound devotion to Her Immaculate Heart.



For more information please contact:
816-733-2500 | www.ssp.org

International Pilgrimages

Pilgrimage to Italy and Lourdes with seminarians October 17-27, 2014

This fall seminarians and Frs. Le Roux and Abbet of Saint Thomas Aquinas Seminary will again accompany the faithful on a 10-day pilgrimage in northern Italy and southern France. Visit the basilica of St. Anthony in Padua, Venice, Salzano and Riese, where St. Pius X was born. Then continue on to Turin, Laus, La Salette and the papal palace in Avignon before arriving in Lourdes. On each of the 3 days in Lourdes, a Pontifical Mass will be celebrated in the St. Pius X basilica, served by the seminarians from our seminaries of Zaitzkofen (Germany), Ecône (Switzerland) and Winona (USA) on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the death of St. Pius X.

Visit shrine and healing baths in Lourdes. A nurse will accompany the pilgrims, so all sick, elderly, and handicapped are especially encouraged to come.

For more information please contact:
507-453-5769 | lourdespilgrimage@stas.org
21077 Quarry Hill Rd. Winona MN 55987

Holy Shroud Pilgrimages Spring, 2015

The Holy Shroud of Turin, Italy is displayed for veneration only once every 25 years. We are planning two pilgrimages to visit the Holy Shroud:

- **The Holy Shroud and Spain:** Burgos, Leon, Santiago de Compostela, Valladolid, Salamanca, Toledo; and in Italy: Turin and Milan.
- **The Holy Shroud and France:** Paris, Lisieux, Mont Saint-Michel, Bayeux, Tours, Nevers, Paray-le-Monial, Ars, La Salette, Laus; and in Italy: Turin and Milan.

For more information please contact:
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866-369-8149 | 785-437-2883 | info@reginapilgrimages.com
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Pope St. Pius X Medal

A special commemorative medal honoring the centenary of the death of St. Pius X has been struck. These medals are about 1 inch in size and will be available through Angelus Press.



For more information please contact:
www.angeluspress.org | 800-966-7337

Eucharistic Crusade

Monthly Intentions

July: For Governments

Almighty and everlasting God, in Whose hands dwell all might and the right of every people, look favorably on those who wield power over us, and let Thy right hand protect us, that all the world through, both religious integrity and our country's security may be firmly based and abide.



August: For Religious Vocations

God Who willest not the death of the sinner, but rather that he be converted and live; grant by the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin and of all the saints, laborers for thy Church, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls.

E-mail: eucharistic-crusade@sspx.org

U.S. Pilgrimages

Cataldo: July 18-20, 2014

3-day walk from Immaculate Conception Church in Post Falls, ID to the Sacred Heart Indian Mission in Cataldo, ID.

For more information please contact:
208-773-7442 | icc-office@xxps.org
495 Lincoln Street, Post Falls ID 83854

Santa Fe: July 25-26, 2014

Boys and men only. 33-mile walk made overnight to the Padilla Cross just outside of Lyons, KS.

For more information please contact: Louis Tofari
816-982-0691 | louisjtofari@gmail.com

Mother Cabrini: August 22-23, 2014

2-day walk from St. Isidore's Catholic Church in Watkins, CO to the shrine of Mother Frances Cabrini in Golden, CO.

For more information please contact: Glen Ocana
303-875-5463 | 32100 E. Colfax Service Rd., Watkins CO 80137

Pascua Florida Pilgrimage to St. Augustine:

April 7-12, 2015

Pilgrims walk and canoe 107 miles from the chapel in Sanford, FL to the Nombre de Dios Mission in St. Augustine.

For more information please contact:
pascuapilgrimage@earthlink.net | www.pascuapilgrimage.com

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