



LET US ALSO GO, THAT WE MAY DIE WITH HIM *John 11:16*

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Editorial

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

By the time you read this, we will be more than half way through our 10 months Rosary Crusade for the proper consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. According to the totals we have been able to gather from 3-4 districts only, we are well above the 3 million mark at the time of printing.

It is most interesting to know that many faithful in China are also joining this Crusade. Since May, I receive every month the total from China, and it varies between 7,000 and 11,000 rosaries per month! One of the most moving testimonies is the following about a man who lives near the Russian border, in the far north east of China.

There is one special faithful whose **name is 'F.L.'** He is about 80 years old. In the 1950s, he entered the seminary in Shanghai, China. He was arrested on 8th September 1955 and was exiled to a very remote labour camp in the northern part near the boarder of Russia. The weather there is truly terrible, it can go down to 40 degrees Celsius below zero. For eight months out of twelve, one cannot go outside the door because of the freezing weather. For more than fifty years F.L. has been up there. No mass, no sacrament **nothing at all. Most of his friends don't** know where he is and can hardly remember him. This time for our Rosary Crusade, one of his friends asked him to join us. He was moved to tears and said he only can say it by counting on his fingers **because he doesn't have any rosary. In the** beginning he promised to say one, this month he added another one, so he is saying two rosaries daily. What a good

example for us! He is really living in a treasure island; now he will offer all the hardships in his daily life to God for the **same intention. God can't delay our petition!** We have hope! We have heard what God asks us to do, he is sure to answer our prayer.

So, dear readers, let us spread the word around and recruit anyone and every one in this battle of the end times. The **little children can say some Ave's** here and there; young students can spread their rosaries in various decades throughout the day on the way to school and back, rising and going to bed, etc.; better still, the family rosary. A great missionary in China used to say that the only truly faithful Christians in his villages and missions were those who were faithful to their daily rosary. Of course, the full fifteen decades is also encouraged for those who want to be in the front line. And there is another elite who rise in the middle of the night, who sanctify their insomnias, in imitation of the monks and nuns, and transform by this Holy Hour with Mary, the hours of darkness and sins into hours of graces. Thus with this Rosary Crusade, from the rising of the sun to its setting, 24 hours a day, in all the continents, there is a continual praise to the Queen whose triumph has been promised to us, whose triumph is the very triumph of her Divine Son.

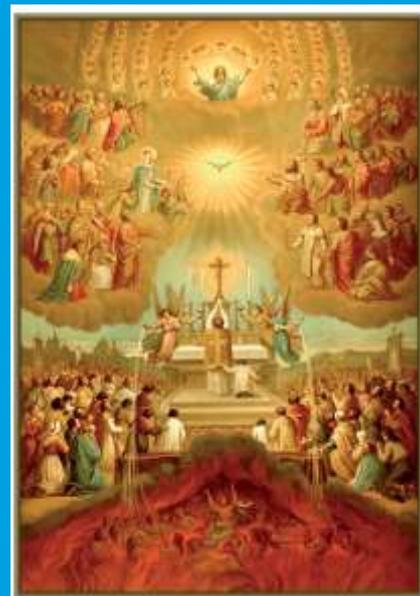
Let us prove that at this critical moment of the battle against the spirit of wickedness in the air, for the Church and the salvation of souls, the Immaculate Virgin has her army in battle array. Ave!

God bless.

Rev. Fr. Daniel Couture
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The Beauty of Our Religion

One of the natural reasons why Christianity swept away the paganism of the Roman Empire was the force of its beauty and truth. The Catholic faith is beautiful in its idea of God: a God who sees the innermost recesses of the heart, a God Whom we cannot but wish to love, a personal God who loves us and reveals Himself to us. But, not only do we have a personal God who loves us and reveals Himself entirely to us, we have a personal God that has given us His own earthly mother to be our spiritual mother too, a mother that pleads for us and dispenses all His gifts to us.

Motherhood of Mary

The Blessed Virgin Mary is our mother for two reasons: First, she is our mother because she was given to us in the person of St. John at the foot of the Cross. While in His agony, Our Lord said to his mother, **“Woman behold thy son,”** and then to St. John, **“son behold thy mother,”** and although in the literal sense these words only refer to the apostle St. John, in the mystical sense, theologians since the Middle Ages have seen in St. John the representative of the whole human race. This means that in St. John, Mary was given as a spiritual mother to all redeemed... including you and I.

The second reason why Mary is our mother is by reason of the grace in our souls. She is the Mother of the Person Who is God and because we, when we are in a state of grace, share the Divine Life, we participate in the life of God, we also participate in His filiation to her. We become her sons and daughters.

Advocacy of Mary

Having thus the maternity of souls, it is entirely natural for Mary to procure the help that her children ask of her. Mary is

our advocate before the throne of God; she is a queen pleading before her Son, the King.

This is not simply a logically derived doctrine - **it is a practical reality.** Mary's motherhood is so real and so efficacious that (as the Catechism of St. Pius X tells us) she promises that those who are truly devoted to her are loved and protected by her with a most tender Mother's love, and that with her help they are sure to find Jesus and find and obtain Paradise.

Devotion to Mary

In a vision, St. Bridget recounts that it is not only Mary who promises help and salvation to those who are devoted to her, her Son has promised the same too through her. One day in the hearing of St. Bridget, Our Lord promised His most holy Mother that He would grant three special graces to those who invoke the holy name of Mary with confidence: first, that He would grant them perfect sorrow for their sins; second, that their crimes should be atoned for; and third, that He would give them strength to attain perfection, and at length the glory of paradise. And then our Divine Saviour added: "For Thy words, O My Mother, are so sweet and agreeable to Me, that I cannot deny what Thou asketh."

The Holy Rosary

The Church has always encouraged us in the devotion to the Mary and it gives this devotion various forms, chief among which is the devotion of the Holy Rosary.

The Rosary, to those who do not recite it daily, might seem a daunting task, especially as a family: it is difficult to find the time, it is difficult to concentrate, it is so repetitive that the consolation of the senses is usually absent, it is so hard to keep the children in order and there is sometimes embarrassment or fear of pro-

posing the idea to one's spouse or even one's children in the first place.

Do not be put off by these obstacles for Our Lady will provide the necessary help if only you would ask her. Remember, all ye husbands, it is your responsibility to make your family pray. Our modern age has made us think that prayer is feminine or unsophisticated or something entirely private - this is simply not true.

Also remember that it is not necessary to concentrate on the individual words of each Hail Mary. The use of a rosary, a holy image or statue and pronouncing the words is the perfect way to occupy the hands, the eyes, the ears and the tongue so that your mind is free to meditate upon **the individual mysteries of Our Lord's** life. St. Louis Marie de Montfort has this to say:

When the Hail Mary is well said, that is, with attention, devotion and humility, it is, according to the saints, the enemy of Satan, putting him to flight; it is the hammer that crushes him, a source of holiness for souls, a joy to the angels and a sweet melody for the devout.

It is the Canticle of the New Testament, a delight for Mary and glory for the most Blessed Trinity. The Hail Mary is dew falling from heaven to make the soul fruitful. It is a pure kiss of love we give to Mary. It is a crimson rose, a precious pearl that we offer to her. It is a cup of ambrosia, a divine nectar that we offer her.

I earnestly beg of you,...say the Rosary too, and if time permits, all its fifteen decades, every day. Then when death draws near, you will bless the day and hour when you took to heart what I told you, for having sown the blessings of Jesus and Mary, you will reap the eternal blessings in **heaven. Ω**

The Superior General's Letter to Friends & Benefactors #75

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

The enthusiastic response to the Rosary Crusade we encounter throughout the world fills us with consolation and prompts us to take up this theme once again with you. If we are petitioning Heaven with this multitude of Aves, it is because the hour is indeed grave. We are **sure of Our Lady's victory** because she herself foretold it, but the events that have been unfolding for nearly a century—since this triumph was announced at Fatima—oblige us to suppose that all kinds of other woes could yet befall mankind before this victory.

Yet the rules given at Fatima by the Mother of God were quite simple: if the world does not convert, it will be punished: *"There will be a second war, more terrible than the first."* **The world did not convert. And God's answer was not long in coming.** Since the Second World War, the world still has not converted. And if people think Russia has converted, they will have to explain to us in what it has converted, and to whom— economic liberalism?

Almost one hundred years later, we observe that the world has surely not become better; quite the contrary. The war of the unbelievers rages harder than ever, but it has taken an unexpected turn: the demolition of the Church is being carried out especially by subversion, by infiltrating the Church. Our holy Mother the Church is in the process of being transformed into a pile of spiritual ruins while the exterior façade remains more or less intact, thus deceiving the multitude about its real condition. And it has to be admitted that this subversion acquired an unexpected increase of efficacy on the occasion of the **Second Vatican Council**. It doesn't take an advanced degree in theology to figure this out; today it is an historical fact.

What part of the responsibility should



be attributed to the Council itself? This is a difficult question, but it is clear that this Council was not without effect, and its consequences have been well and truly disastrous. Because of it, the Church fell **in step with the world**. *"We, too, in fact, we more than any others, honour mankind,"* said **Paul VI at the Council's conclusion**. And the man-centred orientation of Vatican II was harped on by John Paul II. But this orientation is indeed odd for the Church of God, supernatural in its essence, having received from Our Lord Jesus Christ not only its constitution and means, but first and foremost its end, which is nothing else than the continuation of His own **redemptive and salvific mission**: *"Go into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he who does not believe shall be condemned."* (Mk. 16:15-16).

And now, here is the tragedy: the divine mission of the Church has been replaced by a purely human one. It is a great mystery that leaves one astounded. Salvation now comes second, to say the least.

Few men—very few men, unfortunately—understand that the terrible crisis of the Church since the Second Vatican Council is a chastisement more terrible

than any other, for this time the catastrophe is spiritual: what is wounded, what is noiselessly killed in the midst of an indifference worse than death, are souls. The loss of grace in a soul is the most terrible harm that can happen to it because it makes no noise, it is not felt. And the voice of the watchmen has fallen silent. The call to conversion, to penance, to the fight from sin, temptations and the world has given way, if not to indulgence, then at least to sympathy with the world. There is a real will to make peace with the modern world.

The mission of salvation has given way to a new sort of humanitarian mission; it is a matter of helping men of every condition and religion to live well together on earth.

There is no doubt that everything connected in the message of the Blessed Virgin of Fatima, what is referred to as the Secret of Fatima, has not yet come to an end. Certainly, what we are living is per force part and parcel of the events that will end one day, eventually, with the triumph of Mary. What will happen? How will we recognize it? In any case, it will at least entail the conversion of Russia according to the very words of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In 1917 at Rome, the foes of God were celebrating the 200th anniversary of Freemasonry and the 400th anniversary of Protestantism with parades of special violence against the Holy See. The demonstrators boisterously proclaimed the reign of Satan over the Vatican and the Sovereign Pontiff. Maximilian Kolbe, still a seminarian, witnessed these painful events and said:

This mortal hatred of the Church, of Christ, and of His Vicar on earth is not just an outburst of misguided individuals, but rather a systematic action that proceeds from the principle of Freemasonry: the destruction of all religion, but especially the Catholic

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religion. [*Pisma Ojca Maksymiliana Marii Kolbego franciszkanina, Niepokalanow, maszynopsis*, 1970; English tr. from *The Immaculata Our Ideal*, by Fr. Karl Stehlin (Warsaw, 2005), p. 39]....

Is it possible that our enemies should deploy so much activity so as to attain superiority while we stay idle, or at best apply ourselves to prayer without getting to work? Might we not have more powerful arms—the protection of Heaven and of the Immaculate Virgin? The Immaculata, victorious and triumphant over all heresies, will not yield to the advancing enemy if she finds faithful servants obedient to her command: she will bring off new victories even greater than can be imagined. We have to put ourselves like docile instruments into her hands, employing all lawful means, getting the word out everywhere by the diffusion of the Marian press and the Miraculous Medal, and enhancing our action by prayer and good example. [Testimony of Fr. Pignalberi reported during the process of canonization].

He founded the Militia of the Immaculata just a few days after the 13th October apparition of Our Lady at Fatima, when the great miracle of the sun took place. It was in fact on 16th October, with six fellow seminarians, that he consecrated himself to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the purpose of leading the whole world to God by the Immaculata.

One cannot but be struck by the affinity between the message of Fatima and the response of the Polish Franciscan while reading his act of consecration:

O Immaculata, Queen of heaven and earth, Refuge of sinners, our most loving Mother, to whom God deigned to entrust the entire order of mercy, behold I, N., an unworthy sinner, cast myself at Thy feet and humbly ask Thee to deign to accept me complete-

ly and utterly as Thy property and possession; and do with me as it pleases Thee: all the faculties of my soul and body, my entire life, my death and my eternity. Dispose of me as Thou wilt, so that what has been said of Thee might be fulfilled: ‘*She will crush the head of the serpent,*’ and also, ‘*Thou alone hast vanquished all heresies throughout the world.*’ **Make of me an instrument** in Thy immaculate and merciful hands, which serves Thee, in order to increase reverence for Thee as much as possible in so many fallen-away and lukewarm souls. Thus the benevolent reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will spread more and more. For whatever place Thou enters, Thou shalt implore upon it the grace of conversion and sanctification, for all graces come to us from the Sacred Heart of Jesus only through Thy hands. [*Scritti di Massimiliano Kolbe*, new ed. (Rome: ENMI, 1997), Vol. I; Eng. version, *The Immaculata Our Ideal*]

Very dear faithful, it is in this same spirit that we launched the Rosary Crusade. But prayer is only a part of it: let us not forget the other two very important elements, penance and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. By mortification, we wish to make reparation for the insults given to Mary, and in union with her sorrowful Heart we wish to associate ourselves as closely as possible to the sacrifice of the Cross of our Lord, because by it our salvation is effected. Thus we are at **the heart of the message of Fatima**: “*God wishes to introduce devotion to my Immaculate Heart.*” **Perhaps not enough emphasis** is given to this aspect, which seems to us even more important than the consecration of Russia and which is the second condition indicated by Mary to the pope for her triumph: consecrate Russia and promote devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

In this month of October we are going to enter into a new phase in our relations

with the Vatican, that of the doctrinal discussions. What is at stake is very important, and we recommend them to your prayers. Undoubtedly that also is a part of our Crusade, and obviously this intention is included in the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary we all desire. That also completely outstrips all our own powers, and it would be folly pure and simple to undertake such an enterprise were it not sustained by the power of the supernatural means such as prayer and penance.

We do not want to conclude this letter without also thanking you for your generosity which enables our work to develop throughout the world. There is one thing, though, that slows us down: the harvest is abundant, but workers for the harvest are lacking. Our Lord has already said it and has shown the remedy: pray for vocations! How we should like to come to the aid of all the faithful who only have the Mass once a month, or only on Sundays, unable to benefit from normal pastoral care...

Yet the good Lord has gratified us this year with 27 new priests, and we expect an even slightly larger number next year. But even that is not enough, so great is the demand worldwide.

You are deeply thanked for all your efforts. May God reward you with the abundant graces and blessings we implore on you all, your families, your children. May Our Lady of the Rosary, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, protect you.

On the Feast of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 11th October 2009.

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THE TWIN TOWERS OF A MEANINGLESS EDUCATION

It is a frequent lament among stuffy conservatives that education is not what it used to be. “In my day,” we often hear, “we had to learn a poem every day, we learnt the times tables, the capitals of the world; we learnt the periodic table in chemistry, formulae in physics, conjugations in Latin and were considered backward if we didn’t know the dates of every battle or the name of every king since 1066.”

What the same stuffy conservative



*I must not learn by rote.
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“What’s this Joyce?” says Mr. Xavier. “When I was your age everyone knew how to divide a polynomial using synthetic division.”

might also mention is that he also learnt how to use the information stored in his memory as building blocks for the process of reasoning and that, by reasoning, he arrived at a higher understanding of the world which, in turn furnished him with more building blocks to ascend higher still. He probably also learnt how express his reasoning and conclusions so that he might enlighten others too.

The stuffy conservative is right to say that education isn’t what it used to be, because a terrible catastrophe has occurred. Almost everywhere in the world, more and more youngsters are graduating from higher educational institutions with exam results that are ‘better’ than ever before, but with qualifications that are increasingly meaningless.

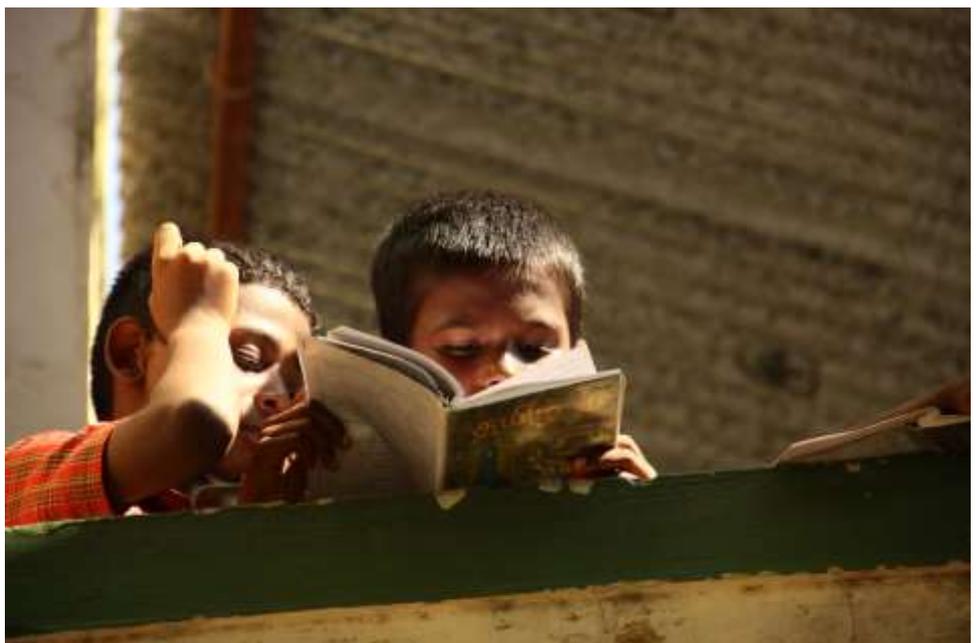
The underlying blame for this increasingly meaningless education might be laid at the feet of a backward culture, self-interested politicians, or more sinister,

dark forces which would have us degenerate into the godless economic animals of Karl Marx’s perverted imagination.

In practice, there appears to be two different disorders that are at the route of meaningless education. The first is rote learning to the exclusion of critical thinking or reasoning; the other is ‘active learning’ which excludes rote learning, also to the exclusion critical thinking or reasoning.

Exclusive rote learning is more prevalent in the institutions of the east (India is a notable example). ‘Active learning’ is a modern western phenomenon.

To explain these two models an analogy (a tool alien to both methods) is perhaps best. Excessive rote learning is like giving a child all the components of a car engine without telling him what an engine is, how it works, and how to put the components together. Only a very few children have the natural ability (or external help)



“I say Jerold,” said Daniel, “why don’t we tell Father that our zero out of ten was because we were attending the ‘Socio-Political Impact of the Tyrannical Impositions of Mathematics on Free Thinking Seminar?’ He might think we are clever.”



Miss Margaret Clark of Montana U.S.A. teaches Geography to Standard 5. Before she volunteered to teach at Veritas Academy, Miss Clark worked as an archaeologist. Her boss was kind enough to let her have a leave of absence for a year. May God bless him.

to work things out for themselves and when they do, they are generally brilliant because they have at their fingertips a vast array of knowledge and they will have discovered how to use it. Most children, however, forget what they have learnt—if they ever memorised it in the first place.

‘Active learning’ is like teaching a child all about one single component of a car engine by means of scientific experimentation, role-play, class discussion and assessment of its impact on health, society and the environment, but not telling him anything about what the component is ultimately for.

The first produces zombies, the second produces self-righteous specialists with no notion that a higher form of knowledge exists besides their own. The products of the first are good for cheap labour, the products of the second are good for tech-

nological innovation and generating demand for things when there isn’t any. Both are good consumers and both are necessary for keeping the treadmill of a capitalist system turning—but neither are equipped with the tools they need for the very purpose of their existence: the knowledge, love and service of God.

At Veritas Academy we are trying to create stuffy conservatives who know things—both supernatural and natural—and can think about them. It is a difficult task because some the children have already suffered the effects of excessive rote learning and we are handicapped by a system of state exams that requires the temporary retention of many unconnected facts. One day, however, when the twin towers of meaningless education fall, we might all return to the sanity of the perennial *trivium* of old; and with our building



Miss Bridgette Bell of Cincinnati U.S.A. teaching English to Standard 9 boys. Miss Bell has given six months to the Mission for which we are very grateful.

blocks of knowledge—some from heaven, some from earth—we will build a house built on rock which will stand against wind and rain forever! (Mt 7 v.24-5) Ω

Priory of the Most Holy Trinity, India

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

In the days before the steam engine, sailing ships plied their way across the deep blue oceans of the world. For the sailors of these majestic works of art and technology, the challenge of the sea could bring them to moments of either heroic virtue or quivering cowardice, but for most of the time, life was simply 'plain sailing.' To cover one hundred nautical miles in a day was a cause for deep satisfaction for a conscientious crew and on some voyages there could be many days together where the sun shone brightly and the wind blew steadily in a favourable direction. With their ship gently rising and falling as it ploughed a disappearing furrow in the deep, they held centre stage between the azure sky and the sparkling disk of endless water. The routine of each day, busy in itself, but repeated day after day brought time to a standstill. The bells sounded the watches one after another, swabbing, polishing, cooking, the sound of the eager feet, the clatter of mess tins,

loud voices and laughter and song carried away by the steady breeze, the gurgling of the water against the hull and the creaking of the timbers and ropes . . . all arriving in due time and order made the life of a sailor seem one long continuum.

Well, sitting here, trying to think of the extraordinary and exciting things that have happened in the mission over the last three months, I begin to understand what life aboard a sailing ship might have been. Nothing has really happened and yet we have been very busy with our daily routines. In our little world, we are centre-stage, and despite being surrounded by many millions of people, there is nobody really watching... except from above.

And just as in the days of sailing ships when the greatest progress was made under a steady breeze, so it is when there is routine in our lives. When we have a routine, if it is a good routine, then we develop good habits or virtues by the repetition of actions. For a soul in a state of grace, a growth in natural virtue is also accompanied by a growth in supernatural



'Receive the token of your admission to the Guild of St. Stephen that, ever aided by His intercession, you may lead a holy life. Amen.'

virtue such that, the longer a good routine is maintained, the holier and more virtuous a soul becomes. It is for this reason that religious orders take their rule so seriously.

Sometimes, however, a steady routine weighs heavily upon our wounded nature—we crave change, continuous change. This is understandable because man is made to know and love God; he therefore has an in-built desire to gain knowledge of new things until he knows everything, that is, until he knows God. Unfortunately, however, when man is unfaithful to grace, he will destroy himself by seeking both sensual and intellectual knowledge that does not lead him to a knowledge of God. But when grace acts, man uses his knowledge of creatures as a springboard to a higher knowledge that comes through study, reflection, meditation and intuition. The key to overcoming the monotony of routine, therefore, is to seek for an ever higher, newer and more complete knowledge of That which will enthrall us for all eternity. It requires effort, but the rewards are infinite.

So the life of our priory, chapels and school continues as usual. The days pass with little dramas that come and go, but



Young Mr. Joseph Carron providentially arrived just after the departure of Mr. Jack Fox. He teaches maths at Veritas Academy and supervises the boys at the priory. Here he attempts to make the boys sing—the stick is used for encouragement

Priory of the Most Holy Trinity, India

by the grace of God, there are but few clouds in our blue blue sky.

In Jesu et Maria
Father Robert Brucciani.

CHRONICLE

■11th October: All day adoration took place at Palayamkottai.

■13th – 26th October: The Christurajapuram festival was brought forward to coincide with the feast of Christ the King (the chapel's patron) this year rather than at Christmas. Mass was celebrated everyday by Fr. Valan. Sermons were preached and Christ the King was adored in the Blessed Sacrament during benediction and during the Blessed Sacrament procession on the feast itself.

■17th October: Four servers were elevated to the position of Junior Acolyte within the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen. The blessing and presentation of the medals takes place before the offertory of the Mass.

■2nd November: The southern Indian monsoon began. Rainfall has been very low for the last few years and, because the water collection and storage infrastructure is poorly maintained, there is considerable anxiety about supply for agriculture and domestic needs. In most of India, 80% of the rain falls during 20% of the year (that mysterious 80:20 rule again). Typically during the two months of the monsoon, it rains every third day. The rain can either come as torrential showers which last for perhaps 30 minutes, or as downpours which seem to last for much of the day or night. There has been some local flooding on the roads, but nothing



*“You have to be careful,” says Anthony. “Far too many people just rush around and get stressed.”
The boys go fishing on a Saturday afternoon.*

Priory of the Most Holy Trinity, India



There were two new arrivals at the priory and orphanage: brother and sister, Peter and Pauline. Being Catholics, but not having been baptised, they were duly instructed and received the sacrament on the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary. Their godparents are Mr. & Mrs. Michaelas.

like the flooding seen in the north or in other parts of Asia.

■6th November: Mr. David Gallo, a professional teacher of English as a foreign language, returned to the Ukraine after spending one month giving intensive English classes to some of our newest pupils. Our grateful prayers go with him.

■10th November: Jack Fox left for his native Australia after a 10 month stay. He will be sorely missed for his consideration towards others and his boundless enthusiasm with the boys. He now plans to go into the army to seek even more adventure. Although the continuous rain of the monsoon seems more depressing without Jack, it was a relief to get him back home in one piece – **how he didn't seriously injure himself on his motorbike** is clearly an act of Providence; he must have a very holy mother.

■18th November: Joseph Carron of the Valais, Switzerland arrived for a 6 month stay. His arrival is an answer to our prayers as we need at least one male volunteer to help with the boys at the priory. Having completed his military service in the Swiss Army, where he specialised as a motorbike rider, he is ideally suited to both bringing order out of the chaos of **the boys' dormitory and coping with danger on the roads.**



Le'me go!

■21st - 22nd November: Fr. Brucciani paid a regular visit to St. Joseph's Chapel in Trichy to see Fr. Matthias (one of our helper priests) and to be a guest at the 160th Legion of Mary Meeting of the parish. Fr. Mathias also unveiled a new publication—a copy of a spiritual work encouraging devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The book is the life work of Fr. Mariados and is written in Tamil.

■29th November: In the midst of an outbreak of chicken pox among the boys, a nefarious plot was uncovered in the dormitory: Michael Bastin, coveting 1st place in Standard 5, has been doing his utmost to have the other boys incapacitated by the malady. So far he is guaranteed 5th place out of 8. Ω

NATURE



Look at me!



Evening from the roof of the priory.

Society of Servi Domini, Girls' Orphanage, India

FUNDRAISING BROTHERS CYCLING TO INDIA

While you are browsing this latest edition of the *Apostle*—probably surrounded by the comforts of home—spare a thought for two young men who have forsaken their home for probably what will be the best part of two years to raise money for the Society of Servi Domini.

Andrew and Randall Leese, faithful of Corpus Christi Chapel, Edmunds, Washington U.S.A. set out on a round-the-world cycle tour last April. So far they have travelled the length and breadth of the U.S.A, popping down to California to do a retreat as a starter, stopping at St. Mary's Kansas and then Winona for the ordinations. They've since 'done' the U.K., Ireland, France and Spain are now making their way through Portugal.

So far the brothers have cycled over 14,000km and have raised USD28,000 for the orphanage—and there is still a very long way to go.

If you would like to follow them, they have a very good website at www.orphanride.org, but beware, the photos will make you jealous.

From: Sr. Maria Immaculata
Sent: 23 November 2009 14:41
To: sspxindia@gmail.com
Subject: Orphanage News

Dear Father,

I don't think we have any news, unless you wait till Dec. 8th, then you can put the pictures of the new house and write about the blessing of the house.

In Jesus and Mary,
Sr. Maria Immaculata

No news is good news.



Almost finished. This is the new orphanage (phase 1) at the end of November. It should be ready for occupation early next year (the ready money is on sometime near Easter). Sr. Maria Immaculata, as the site manager of the site manager, will no doubt sing Te Deums from the rooftop when it is all over ...until the next phase begins, that is.



Father Couture poses with the lean and athletic Andrew and Randall Leese in California at the beginning of the U.S. leg of their world tour for the orphanage.

St. Bartholomew's Priory and the Northern Mission, India

LETTER FROM THE PRIOR

While it is unusual for the SSPX to found experimental priories, establishing St. Bartholomew's Priory in Vasai, 15 miles North of Bombay in August of 2008, was a necessary strategic move. The Northern circuit ministered from South India for more than 20 years, required long hours and days of travel; it made community life difficult and left little time and energy to establish necessary contacts with the indigenous Catholic clergy. At the same time, the faithful souls in 'the North' who called upon the Society could not be taken care of with great solicitude.

The mantra of the American business-

man – 'It's all about location, location, location!' – is happily realized at St. Bartholomew's Priory. Situated in St. Gonsalo Garcia Ashram, the priests of St. B's live in the bosom of the historical and famous Bassein Fort. This Portuguese stronghold built in 1536 to defend the Arabian Sea coast, became the second most glorious and prestigious Portuguese possession in India, being known as 'the chief city of the North.' Besides the heroic stamp of its conquering soldiers (space precludes relating their exploits), saints have graced its premises. St. Francis Xavier visited the Fort on three occasions and the first and only canonised saint of India,

St. Gonsalo Garcia, was born in the fort itself, very close to the ashram. Needless to say, these saints (together with St. Anthony—highly venerated in India), are frequently called upon for their assistance in overcoming the daily difficulties that are the bread and butter of missionary progress.

Unlike most SSPX priories, besides existing on land sanctified by several saints, it is the additional boon of St. Bartholomew's to be planted in the middle of an already existing and growing Orphanage and School. Through the generosity and industrious ministrations of Norbert D'Souza – respectfully called "Sir Norb-



Rev. Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer in front of St. Gonsalo Garcia School for morning assembly.

St. Bartholomew's Priory and the Northern Mission, India



Some paint even landed on the walls.

ert” by the boys – the Society has been asked to take care of the abundant spiritual needs of St. Gonsalo Garcia Ashram and School and perhaps eventually to take over its supervision. Originally founded in 1926, the subsequent survival and growth of the orphanage, particularly through the hard times of the conciliar revolution, were the fruit of Sir Norbert’s perseverance and hard work. Presently nearly 80 boys live on the premises. Many boys are part-boarder and part-orphan having only one parent while about a dozen are complete orphans the real orphans are clearly recognisable during vacation times when their sad faces reveal that they have no other place they can call home. Though the majority of the boys are Hindu, all the boys attend and sing the Mass, say the Rosary daily and participate in all the other prayers of St. Gonsalo Garcia’s. Serving Mass is the privilege of the 9 Catholic boys, but several Hindu lads are always eager to help out in the sacristy. For priests who love boys, St. Bartholomew’s is the place to be.

It requires little imagination to see in the mind’s eye the varied activities of a combined Orphanage-School complex. Prayers, meals, studies, work and play

succeed one another with what closely approximates regularity, while occasional accidents, adventures and visits from guests or benefactors sprinkle the daily routine.

St. Bartholomew’s also covers a broad area of 8 dependent missions with an attendance of roughly 750 per Sunday. Directly dependent upon the priory in Vasai are four Mass centres, three in the Bombay metropolitan area and one in the beautiful colonial State of Goa, which is served once a month. Each Sunday, the Prior of St. B’s offers three Masses in three different locations for an average attendance of 160 souls. The priory’s very pro-active assistant Fr. Joseph Pfeiffer boards the plane weekly for the two hour flight to the South-Eastern coast landing in the metropolis of Madras (Chennai) to handle the second portion of St. B’s Mission run. Fr. Joseph covers the three Mass centres that are in and around Madras

while a fourth weekday Mass centre in Bangalore is served once a month. The average Sunday attendance of this South-eastern portion of the Northern circuit is a very promising 550 – 600 (It is much higher for certain festivals). The details of the history and apostolate of this circuit deserve special treatment in the annals of the acts of the Northern apostles, but suffice it for now that the Madras Mass centre rivals Vasai in that it is located less than 100 yards from Little Mount, the site of the Apostle St. Thomas’ last teaching and preaching and the beginning point of his *via crucis* ending with his glorious martyrdom. The priests of St. Bartholomew’s sometimes wish that their mission would put them on a similar course, but generally conclude that God prefers their sweat to their blood. In which case, may God send more labourers to spread the load!

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Mr. Patrick Bell (brother to Bridgette) corrects homework with the boys.

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LETTER FROM THE PRIOR

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Since my last letter, a lot has happened. Our two brothers (brothers in religion and by blood), Brother André and Brother Bartholomew arrived from the Philippines on the very feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. Our community has grown in number, but its average size has diminished: we have the shortest brothers in the Society of St. Pius X, but their help is great!

New Priest Arrives

A mere three days later, our new priest, Father Michael Fortin, arrived from the United States. He was born in Quebec, Canada – to the great joy of our district superior, Father Daniel Couture, himself a Canadian from Quebec – but spent all his life in Virginia, USA. He was just ordained on the feast of the Sacred Heart, 19th June 2009.



Mr. Foster, from Fiji, teaching years 5-6.

Bishop Fellay's Visit

On the very same day, Bishop Fellay came to visit us, for a very short visit – a quick “hop” from Australia, where he had conferred the minor orders at Goulburn on August 15th to the seminarians, including our NZ seminarian, John Cameron. Bishop Fellay gave the Confirmations in Wanganui on the 20th, and had an opportunity to see our new priory.

New Priory!

Indeed, Divine Providence had other plans than ours. In my last letter, I announced that Fr. Baudot and Fr. Couture had approved the purchase of a house across the road from the church and the building of an extension for the accommodation of all the priests and brothers. Indeed one of the brothers is currently sleeping in the priory's library! But God had better plans. The house built by the Marist Brothers at 7B Totara Street, a few hundred metres from the church, came up



Brothers Andre and Bartholomew in front of the new priory in Wanganui New Zealand

for sale in August and we were able to purchase it. It is close to three times the size, on almost twice the land area of what we would have had with the previous project, and, even after the necessary renovation, it will still be cheaper. More importantly, its design is exactly what is needed for religious life: eight same size small bedrooms, with a sink and a wardrobe, and larger rooms well adapted for a religious community: chapel, study room (and library), community room, dining room suitable for a community, and adequate kitchen. The renovations have started; we count on your generosity to help us for this. As explained in the previous letter, the General House helped us for a third: there is still two thirds to provide for. Because of this our debt to the bank is quite high at the moment and really needs to be reduced.

Fr. Couture's Visit

Father Couture came for the renewal of the vows of the brothers on the feast of St. Michael. The brothers have a postulancy of one year and a novitiate of one year. They then take annual vows three times and then can make the vows for three years, twice, after which they can do their perpetual vows. It was the first time both our brothers made their three-years vows,

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at the solemn high Mass of St. Michael, sung by our whole secondary school. All our brothers and sisters need the support of your prayers for their perseverance and sanctification, and in return you benefit from their prayers and sacrifices. It is a great joy to see our community thus growing; let us all pray for many more good and holy vocations, for the glory of God and the salvation of many souls.

Father Couture gave two very interesting conferences. The first one was to the members of the third orders (and any other devout faithful who wanted); it was on Christ, Head of the Mystical Body. Our Lord Jesus Christ is not only Lord, King ruling over us, but He has a vital bond with all of us. He has a pre-eminence of excellence, as the most perfect model of all virtues, the object of the contemplation of all the saints when they lived on earth, and their joy to behold in Heaven. He also influences the members of His Church, pouring His grace within and moving them towards our ultimate beatitude, which is none else than to see Him and to be forever with Him in Heaven. Hence is required from us that docility to His grace, that generous response, that generous Fiat like that of Our Lady, to do His will – not our will – on earth as it is done in Heaven. He is a head crowned with thorns on earth, and with glory in Heaven; if we want to share with His glory, we ought to share with His Cross generously, with Our Lady at the foot of the Cross.

Father Couture's second conference was on the dangers of the internet for the mind, for the will and for the affections. He showed how the intense appeal to the senses (sight, hearing) promotes a certain

superficiality, shallow thinking, inability to read serious good books from cover to cover, and thus can lead away from the Faith. In our modern times, there is an increase of the disease of obesity, due to over-eating especially junk food; there is also a similar spiritual disease of over-consumption of junk “information” (food for our mind), leading to grave spiritual



*'Here am I, little Jumping Joan;
When nobody's with me ..I'm always alone.'*



Sister Mary Philomena with the children in the primary playground.



St. Dominic's School (ground floor) and convent (upper floor and side building).

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illness.

Proper use of the internet requires maturity (the sense of duty) and a strong spiritual life. Hence it is particularly dangerous for children. Thus parents must protect their children, by keeping them away from it, or strictly regulating it, being conscious that children are often more versed in its usage than their parents. Some internet activities, such as social networks (Facebook, MySpace, etc.) or computer games, can be addictive and thus greatly weaken the will. Moreover, grave errors and vices have spread over the internet; they are placed on an equal footing with truth and virtue, and are often presented with a greater visual appeal. Many have fallen into grave sins because of the ease of access through the internet to all kinds of vices. Thus the warnings of the Beloved Apostle are more **important today than ever**: “**Love not the world, nor the things which are in the world. If any man love the world, the charity of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, is the concupiscence of the flesh, and the concupiscence of the eyes, and the pride of life, which is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the concupiscence thereof: but he that doth the will of God, abideth for ever**” (1 Jn 2:15-17). If used sparingly as a mere tool to consult valuable resources, it may be useful; but if used without that strict reserve and sense of duty, then it can really lead astray, far from charity and even from faith.

Prayer Intentions

For next year, you should already mark two dates. First the feast of the Epiphany, 6th January 2010: God willing, this will be the day of perpetual profession of Sr.M.Catherine O.P. and Sr.M.Rose



Primary school boys ready—even for sunshine.

O.P., together with the first profession of Sr.M.Philomena (taking the black veil), and the taking of habit by our three postulants. As you can see, this will be a real great day for our Sisters. Please pray for them, that the Holy Ghost may prepare them to be more and more pleasing to their Divine Spouse for Whom they have left everything to follow Him. Pray also for future postulants. Several have indicated some interest, but we do not yet know when they are coming.

This month of October sees the beginning of our doctrinal discussions with Rome on Vatican II. We have always contended that Vatican II departed from Tradition in important matters, in particular with regard to religious freedom, collegiality and ecumenism, disregarding the **dogma “outside the Church there is no salvation” and its traditional interpretation** by the Fathers and Doctors (see my little book *Is Feeneyism Catholic?* available at the Angelus Press). Bishop Fellay explained to us that the discussions will approach the question from above, first clearly establishing the principles with which to judge the Council: these can only be principles of the Catholic Faith, as it has been always taught and defined by the Church.

We need to pray much to obtain a good outcome from the discussions. In this month of the Holy Rosary, let us also

redouble our effort for our Rosary Crusade. Do not forget to send us your monthly counts. It is quite remarkable that our Crusade will end in March 2010, and just the next month will start the exposition of the Holy Shroud at Turin (April to May 2010) and in May 2010 Pope Benedict XVI has decided to go to Fatima. It seems we can see God's plan's unfolding: things fall into place. Next year I will again do a tour of New Zealand with the copy of the Holy Shroud that I have here, for those who cannot go to Turin. It should be a great moment of grace.

We have been able not only to survive, but also to build the convent/girl school, and now to purchase this new priory, because of three major factors: a help from our superiors, some generous faithful who included the SSPX in their last will and your regular generous support. As for the second factor, it can be done by leaving a specific sum for the SSPX, **it can also be done by “counting the SSPX with the children”**. This was already suggested by St. Augustine: if you have six children, let the Child Jesus be the seventh; if you have eleven, let Him be the twelfth. To prepare a will, our exact legal name is “The Society of Saint Pius X”; we are a registered charity under n° CC22442. All our benefactors are included in the intentions of the daily Rosary of all the members of our community, **plus in all the Masses “pro populo—for the faithful” that I say as Prior on the set days (Sundays, major feast days: 85 per year)**.

Yours sincerely in Jesus and Mary,
Father Francois Laisney
Prior

Letter from China

A Letter from China
to a traditional Catholic businessman
19th March 2009

My greetings to Mr. B. and his friends,

It has been over ten months since the devastating Wenchuan Earthquake that happened on 12th May last year, in Sechuan. Over the past few months, Mr. B., you have sent wonderful people to visit us and render us financial and emotional support again and again. We know that you have been praying for us, for none of the faithful in T. perished in the disaster. Many homes were destroyed in the earthquake. By the end of this year, some of the people will be able to move into their new homes. People whose homes are partly-damaged will be able to return to their homes by the end of June after they have been fortified and repaired. The majority of the population in T. is now staying in temporary houses set up and provided by the government, each unit slightly over ten square feet. For bigger families, they were issued with temporary houses that were over twenty square feet. Do not worry for us, dear Mr. B.! God has blessed us abundantly and He has even sent us spiritual help! On behalf of all the faithful here in T. and the survivors of the earthquake who have benefited from the donations we received, we would like express our gratitude once again to Our Lord and to you, Mr. B..

Mr. P. has been very kind to us. Despite his age, he took the risk to visit us even when there were tremors and aftershocks of the earthquake. He even risked his life to help us retrieve our things from our abandoned homes, which could have collapsed at any moment. During H. and R.'s visit, we brought them to see the rubble and damaged buildings in T., and they also visited our temporary homes. They talked to us about the Faith. To sum up our sentiments, all the faithful here are very grateful to God, and also to these true friends who visited us in spite of their busy schedules to remind us that elsewhere people are praying and offering masses for us!

Dear Mr. B., you have sent us some financial help on three occasions. The donations we received were used to supplement the daily expenses of the faithful and other people who require financial assistance in the aftermath of the earthquake. We have about 6000 yuan left, and this will be used for the support an old faithful who lost everything in the earthquake and two patients who have been sick for a long time. R. will be able to tell you more in detail.

May you have good health always, Mr. B.!

On behalf of all the faithful in T.

Note: Out of discretion, names have been withheld.

THE WONDERFUL WORK OF ACIM-ASIA IN THE PHILIPPINES

ACIM-ASIA is the Asian branch of the Catholic Association of the Nurses, Doctors and Health Professionals in France. It is a professional association, it seeks to assist all those who work in the medical domain, but also those who are interested in the great ethical questions that surface with time by the discoveries of science or the trends of opinion. The Asian Office is in General Santos, in the South of the Philippines. (See www.acim-asia.com and the French site www.acimps.org)

SUMMARY OF THE ACTIVITIES OF 2009

JANUARY: With the help of Apostles of Mary, ACIM-Asia participated at the Bioethics Convention in Baguio City, Philippines. Twelve ACIM-Asia delegates attended. The representation pleased the hosts (The Catholic Physicians' Guild of the Philippines and the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations) who then offered to collaborate with ACIM-Asia and traditional Catholics in bioethical lectures and campaigns. The campaign took 4 weeks. Interaction between the traditionalist and non-traditionalist delegates was lively. A Signature Campaign was conducted against the Reproductive Health Bill.

FEBRUARY: Three members of ACIM-Asia attended the Post Graduate Course in Bioethics at the University of the Philippines and joined the Bioethics Society of the Philippines. Plans were made for the bioethics campaign in the southern part of the country. A Signature Campaign was conducted against the Reproductive Health Bill.

MARCH: Catechism for mission patients. Solicitation of medicines for the medical mission on July. Letters, facsimiles, and emails were sent to pharmaceutical companies in Manila and General Santos City. Swiss volunteer Raphael Perruchoud augmented the workforce. Coordination with Notre Dame of Dadiangas University for the Swedish student nurse Therese Ancker.

APRIL: Invitations to doctors for the medical mission. 19th: Supported medical mission in Holy Cross Parish, Calumpang, General Santos City—450 patients cared for. 26th: Distributed literature on contraception, abortion, other religious matters at the city gymnasium.

MAY: Catechism for mission patients, follow up of medicine solicitations and invitations to doctors.

JUNE: Preparation for July Mission to the tribe of the Aetas in Leyte and Surigao: survey of present condition and needs. Bioethics Lecture for Nursing Students in the South Cotabato and General Santos City region, held at Notre Dame of Dadiangas University.

JULY: Survey of Mankayan disaster area and assessment of needs. (Note: major landslides have taken place since June in this mining area north of the Philippines, more than 10,000 people have been affected, more than 100 have died.). 26th-31st: Rosa Mystica Medical Mission #3, in Sampaloc, near Manila, with 70 volunteers from 7 countries, and 3150 patients cared for.

AUGUST: 5th-6th Short mission to the Aetas of Zambales. Rosary Campaign (teaching mission patients how to pray Rosary).

SEPTEMBER: Rosary Campaign (distribution of Rosaries in Gensan Foundation College, Inc.). Campaign against the Reproductive Health Bill.

OCTOBER: Block Rosary Campaign started among families of patients (3 communities started). Bioethics Lecture in Broke-shire College of Nursing, attended by 200 students, 7 clinical instructors and 2 school administrators.



Untiring Dr. Cagape, head of the medical team in the Philippines.

Rescue Mission to the victims of typhoon 'Katsane' 3rd –16th October

An account by Blandine and Perrine, two French volunteers.

We have had 12 days of medical mission in various barangays of Manila, staying two days at most in the same place. We have seen no less than 3400 patients, and we are not exaggerating— these are real figures. These people have seen a doctor, have had their wounds treated, and have been able to receive the medicine they needed.



In some very poor areas of Manila dramatically affected by the flood, there was still 20 cm of water fifteen days after the typhoon. The inhabitants were doing their best to remove the mountains of debris from their miserable shelters.



We heard all kinds of moving, extraordinary, and at times funny testimonies. Take this one: a father thanking heaven for having been able to save his baby when he had lost his whole house; or a family reciting the rosary on the corrugated roof of their house, thus imploring Heaven to stop the threatening water from climbing further; and another family swimming through the various rooms of **the house trying to reach the staircase...**

But everywhere, unforgettable and universal, there is the famous Filipino **smile... What a blessed lesson!**

A thousand families have lost absolutely everything, but they keep the same

mischievousness fighting spirit to be seen on our photos! There are also great personalities whom we have met, all of them above the common: the priests of the SSPX priory, the volunteers, always present in this or that barangay, or even the priests of the Congregation of St Francis Xavier living the life of the poor Filipinos.



Each day unfolded in difficult material circumstances: it always took a couple of hours by car to reach our assigned mission post, with the added burden of finding some means to transport our movable pharmacy—our twenty boxes—to bring them to our destination in spite of closed or still flooded streets. Then, to find a clean spot as the base camp for the **medical work... not an obvious task with mud, dirty water everywhere and rain still falling.** Add to that the heat, and, most of the time no electricity, and a lot of noise: imagine standing in a little stadium or in front of a house with 300 patients waiting, many of them with their babies, and a megaphone shouting for order...

We ourselves were able to lodge near the priory, with the joy of attending daily mass, and with an occasional moment to relax.

This is what we have lived in the last two weeks. Quite an experience! Thanks be to God!

A LIFE CONSECRATED TO GOD

*A letter from the Rector and Novice Master of the Brothers' Novitiate,
Santa Barbara, Philippines.*

The life of a brother, a religious brother, is a most beautiful life. He offers his most precious gift to God – his own life. His are the words of the holy man Job in the Old Testament; ‘God has given, God has taken away, as it may please God, but let the Holy name of God be blessed.’ (1:21) This gift of himself is a true consecration (a setting apart for God) made by pronouncing vows and embracing a life according to the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

In reality, these counsels, these vows free him from all worldly cares so that he may dedicate his whole life to God. The married man must be solicitous about his earthly support for himself, his wife and

his children. In the accomplishment of this duty, his soul is open to so many dangers, to so much immorality. Perhaps the greatest danger that befalls him is that he owes obedience to no one in the run of his home affairs. Is this a danger? There is no guiding hand to protect him from wrong decisions that may affect his whole family.

Not so for the life of a religious brother. By poverty he renounces the material things of the world; he has no solicitude for the bread of tomorrow. Having consecrated his life to God, his whole confidence lies in his Creator. If God feeds the sparrows of the air and the lilies of the field, much more will He take care of a precious soul who has given himself to Him.

By chastity, a religious brother renounces the right to paternity. This is no small gift that he offers to God, for his very nature, created such by God tends towards the fatherhood. Yet, it also frees him from the solicitude of a wife and children. Thus he can spend his time sitting at the feet of Our Lord, thereby choosing the better part which shall not be taken from him.

But the greatest gift of all is obedience. Renouncing what is exterior to him, or even that what belongs to the body, cannot have the same merit as the renunciation of that what is most precious to man – his own will. In his superiors, he sees the loving hand of God guiding him and showing him clearly His Will from day to day. This fills the brother’s soul with humility. Living such a consecrated life, how can a brother not be very pleasing to God? How can God not hear his prayers? Indeed the life of a consecrated soul is a very beautiful life.

But tell us, in practical terms, what does a brother do every day? What does he do at the Novitiate?

THE NOVITIATE

Well, let us start with the second question. The Novitiate is a school for brothers. To consecrate oneself is an act made once, but to live that consecrated life is a continuous act and takes a little know-how. Therefore, young men entering into



Brothers Patrick and Mathias with Father Coennrad Daniels

Saint Bernard Novitiate, Iloilo, Philippines

the Novitiate are taught not only the nature of consecration, but, in a nutshell, how to live in the state of consecration, how to strive after perfection. Life here is epitomised by that saying of St. Benedict: **Ora et Labora ... pray and work.**

Firstly, there is the prayer of the Church, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It is at the altar where a brother truly lives! It is at the altar that he learns to imitate his crucified Lord. Without the Holy Sacrifice, a brother is really nothing, but united to the whole Church, he offers a Victim more pure and pleasing to God than a million other prayers. So it follows that, here at the Novitiate, the brothers are never left without the Holy Mass.

They also join the priests in the recitation of some of the hours of the Divine Office. The Divine Office, contained in the breviary, is the public prayer of the Church and so, as with the Mass, the prayers of supplication of a brother are powerful before God when he joins in with this public prayer.. The Mass and the Divine Office are prayers we offer in the chapel; our Holy Mother the Church calls them her liturgy. Every brother, therefore, is also taught about the liturgy of the Church and how to prepare the altar and the Sacristy for these holy actions.

Labora? Work? Well, a brother's work is multifarious. Let us start with the classroom. A brother is taught to love Catholic doctrine; every day he receives in-depth instruction on our holy catechism.

A study of the history of the Church shows him the life of tradition and a life that has made so many saints. History repeats itself, says the philosopher. A clear understanding of the Church's history will put him on guard against new her-

esies which have been condemned so many times by the Popes. Brothers also study the Acts of the Magisterium. By the writings of the Popes, a brother is strengthened for the trails of the present day.

Spirituality is the subject by which a brother learns of the mysteries of grace, the movements of the soul and the true way of perfection from the great spiritual authors.

An aspiring brother must even learn Latin. The Novitiate does not try to make him a Latin scholar but ensures that he knows enough Latin to follow the liturgy. A brother must also try his best to understand and master Gregorian chant. As to the last, not always so successfully!

Then there are practical classes too ranging from music, electrical maintenance (he might have a shocking experience), plumbing (he never knew his work had so many flaws until he receives that ever so gentle shower of leaking water), mechanics, woodwork (sometimes a little crooked) farming, cooking (burnt offering on occasions!) accountancy and many more!

The time spent here at the Novitiate may vary in duration. The shortest possible time in which a brother can receive his formation, is two years. The first year we call the year of Postulancy, and the second, which is strictly governed by Canon Law, is call the Noviciate. It is only after this last year that he is permitted to take his first vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

THE APOSTOLATE

Now to answer the first question: What does a Brother do from day to day?

At a given time, he is sent out to a priory to help the priests, sometimes across the seas to distant lands (as with the Filipino brothers in England and in New Zealand). Everything that he learns here at the Novitiate, he will put into practice wherever he may be. Prayer, the Holy Mass especially, however, remains the heart of his life.

A brother must have a generous heart. Do you have a generous heart? Are you willing to consecrate your life to God? You need not fear! God is never outdone! What you do for Him, He will repay you a hundred fold! Listen to the words of St. John Bosco: Oh if souls only knew what God would make of them if they let Him!!

Fr. Coennrad Daniels
Novice Master

SOUTH KOREA



Christ the King procession in Seoul under the direction of Fr. Onoda

Mass Centres in the District of Asia

INDIA—NORTH

BOMBAY/VASAI (MH)

[Priory of St. Bartholomew](#)

St Gonsalo Garcia Orphanage, Bassein Fort,
Thane District, Vasai, Maharashtra 401201
Tel: [91] 976 954 3765 or [91] 250 232 2962
Mass: Every Sunday at 7:00am, Tue-Fri 6:45am,
Sat 7:00am, 1st Fri 6:30pm

Resident Priests:

[Rev. Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer \(Prior\)](#)
[Rev. Fr. Joseph Pfeiffer](#)

BANGALORE (KN)

Contact: Mr. Benny Joseph [91] 80 2573 2662
Mass: Monthly

BOMBAY/BANDRA (MH)

Pioneer Hall, #9 St John Baptist Rd
Contact: Priory of St. Bartholemew, Vasai
Mass: Every Sunday at 10:30am

BOMBAY/MALAD (MH)

1st floor, Gratias Mariae Building
Tank Road, Orlem,
Contact: Priory of St. Bartholemew, Vasai
Mass: Most Sundays at 6pm, Thurs 6:00pm,
1st Fri 7:30am, 1st Sat 6:00pm

GOA - SALVADOR DO MUNDO

opposite bus stand,
Contact: Mr. Carvalho [91] 832 246 2013
Mass: Usually 3rd Sunday at 5:30pm

CHENNAI (MADRAS) (TN)

St Anthony's School, Little Mount 600015
Contact: Mr. David [91] 944 512 2353
Mass: Every Sunday at 6:30pm

KANCHIPURAM DISTRICT (TN)

Immaculate Conception Church
R.N.Kandigai Village
Contact: Mr. Irudaiyaraj [91] 944 412 2316
Mass: Every Sunday at 7:00am

INDIA—SOUTH

PALAYAMKOTTAI (TN)

[Priory of the Most Holy Trinity](#)

8A/3 Seevalaperi Rd,
Annie Nagar, Palayamkottai, TN 627 002
Tel: [91] 462 257 2389
Email: sspxindia@gmail.com
Mass: Daily at 7:15am, Sunday at 7:30 am

Resident Priests:

[Rev. Fr. Robert Brucciani \(Prior\)](#)
[Rev. Fr. Valan Rajakumar](#)

ASARIPALAM (TN)

Saint Anthony's Church, Nr. parish church
Melasaripalam, Kanyakumari Dist.
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity

Mass: Every Sunday at 10:15 am

CHRISTURAJAPURAM (TN)

Christ the King Church
Christurajapuram, Irenipuram Post,
Kanyakumari Dist., 629 197
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity
Mass: Sunday at 5:30pm, Monday at 6:30am

NAGERCOIL (TN)

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
Near SP Camp Office
Thalavaipuram
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity
Mass: Saturday at 6:00pm, Sunday at 6:30am

PALAYAMKOTTAI (TN)

Society of Servi Domini,
Opp. Government. High School
Burkitmanagaram, Tirunelveli TN 627 351
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity
Mass: Most weekdays at 7:25am

SINGAMPARAI (TN)

St Anthony's Church
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity
Mass: Every Sunday at 11:30am

TRICHY (TN)

St. Joseph's Chapel,
North 3rd Street, Srirenivasanagar 627 017
Tel: [91] 431 277 0042
Mass: Every Sunday at 7:30am, Mon.-Sat.
(except Thurs.) at 6:30am, Thursdays at 6:30pm

TUTICORIN

St. Francis Xavier Chapel
88B Vettivelpuram
Near Murugan Theatre
Contact: Mr. Francis Kumar [91] 948 647 1966
Mass: Every Sunday 7:15am

INDONESIA

JAKARTA

Tel: District Office, Singapore [65] 6459 0792
Mass every month, usually on the first Sunday

NEW CALEDONIA

DOMBÉA

Mission Saint Patrick,
Tel: [61] 2 9567 7088
Mass: Every 2 Months

NEW ZEALAND

WANGANUI

[St. Anthony's Church](#)
88 Alma Road
P.O Box 7123

Tel: [64] (6) 344 7634 Fax [64] (06) 344 2087
Email stanthony@sspx.com

Mass: Sunday 7:30 & 11:00am, 9:00am (Sung)
Mon.-Sat. at 5:30am (except Sat.), 7:00am &
11:25am (except Thurs.)

Resident Priests:

[Rev.Fr François Laisney \(Prior\)](#)
[Rev.Fr Andrew Cranshaw](#)
[Rev.Fr Robert A. Jackson](#)
[Rev.Fr. Michael Fortin](#)

AUCKLAND

Chapel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and
St. John Fisher
103 Avondale Road, Avondale
Tel: [64] (6) 344 7634
Mass: Every Sunday at 9:00am
Every Saturday at 10:00am, 1st Friday at 7:00pm

HAMILTON

4 Comries Road [64] (7) 855 1790
Mass: Every Sunday at 2:00pm

NAPIER

Dunstall's Funeral Chapel
Cnr Edwardes & Bowers Streets; Napier.
Tel. [64] (6) 843 9446
Mass: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 5:00pm

WELLINGTON

Chapel of St. Michael Archangel
32 Beauchamp Street, Linden; Tawa.
Tel. [64] (4) 232 7297,
Mass: Every Sunday at 9:30am

HONG-KONG

YMCA-KOWLOON

Contact: St. Bernard Novitiate, Philippines

JAPAN

TOKYO

Japanese Martyrs' Mass Center
Akebonocho Jido-Kaikana 2F
Honkomagome 1-12-5
Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, Japan 113-0021
Contact: Mr. Arata Nunobe [81] (3) 3776 1233
or [63] 2 725 5926 (Philippines)
Mass: Monthly

OSAKA

Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass Center
"Honkan" of Shin-Osaka-Maru Bldg.
(5min from JR Shin-Osaka Station, East Exit)
Tel: [81] (3) 3776 1233
Contact: Mr. Arata Nunobe
or: [63]2 725 5926 (Philippines)
Mass: Monthly

Mass Centres in the District of Asia

MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR

Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Contact: Mr. Nicholas Lim [60] 361 575 976
Fax: [60] 361 573 101
Contact: Roy Rogers [60] 163 755 072
Mass: 2nd Sun. 9:30am and 4th Sun. 6:00pm

SABAH

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Chapel
Lot 18-2, 2nd floor,
New World Commercial Centre,
Donggongon, Penampang, Sabah 89507
Contact: Mrs. Amalia Kasun
Tel: [60] 168 131 025; [60] 168 428 552
Mass: 4th Sunday at 9:30am

KOREA

SEOUL

Immaculate Conception Chapel
2nd Floor, Yale Building, #60,
Choonshin-dong, Jongro-gu,
Nearest Subway stations: Line #1 "Jongro O-ga"
Station, or Line #4, "Dondaemoon" Station.
Contact: Mr. Christian Barde [82] (2) 3476-5055
or: [63] 2 725 5926 (Philippines)

PHILIPPINES

STA BARBARA—ILOILO

[St. Bernard Noviciate](#)
Brgy. Daga, Santa Barbara, Iloilo
Tel: [63] (0) 0915 846 6913
Mass: Daily at 7:15am, Sundays at 8:00am
Resident Priests:
[Rev.Fr. Coenraad Daniels \(Prior\)](#)
[Rev.Fr. Aurelito Cacho](#)
[Rev.Fr. Gregory Noronha](#)
[Rev.Fr. Alexander Hora](#)

QUEZON CITY—METRO MANILA

[Our Lady of Victories Church](#)
2 Cannon Road
New Manila Quezon City 1112
Tel: [63] (2) 725 5926 or 413 1978
Fax: [63] (2) 725 0725,
Mass: Daily at 7:15am & 6:30pm,
Sundays at 9:00am & 6:00pm
Resident Priests:
[Rev.Fr. Adam Purdy \(Prior\)](#)
[Rev.Fr. Thomas Onoda](#)
[Rev.Fr. Albert Ghela](#)
[Rev.Fr. Edgardo Suelo](#)

AGUSAN DEL NORTE—BUTUAN CITY
Sta. Lucia Chapel, Brgy. Mohagany Butuan City
Contact: Our Lady of Victories Church, Manila
Mass: 4th Sunday at 5:00pm

BACOLOD CITY-NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
Immaculada Concepcion Church
Purok Paglaum, Brgy. Taculing Bacolod City
Tel: [63] (33) 3962648
Contact: St. Bernard Novitiate, Iloilo
Mass: Every Sunday at 6:00pm

BAGUIO CITY—BENGUET

Contact: Our Lady of Victories Church, Manila
Mass: 1st Sunday at 9:00am

BATO—LEYTE

Contact: Our Lady of Victories Church, Manila
Mass: 2nd Sunday at 9:00am
and 7:00am the following day

CAGAYAN DE ORO-MISAMIS ORIENTAL

Our Lady Help of Christians Chapel
4th floor Cid Building, Mabulay Subdv.
Cagayan de Oro City
Contact: Our Lady of Victories Church, Manila
Mass: 4th Sunday at 8:00am

DAGOHOY—BOHOL

St. Joseph's Chapel
Sitio 2 S.Lorenzo St., Poblacion Dagohoy, Bohol
1st Sunday at 7:30am
Contact: St. Bernard Novitiate, Iloilo

DAVAO CITY—DAVAO DEL SUR

Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel
Alvarez' Residence, Diamond Street, Davao City
Contact: Our Lady of Victories Church, Manila
Mass: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 6:00pm

GEN. SANTOS CITY-SOUTH COTABATO

Chapel of St. James
Babate's Residence, Tiongson Street
(in front of Lagao Elementary School)
9500 General Santos City ,
Contact: Our Lady of Victories Church, Manila
Mass: Sat before 1st & 3rd Sundays at 10.30am
and 1st & 3rd Sundays at 10:00am

JARO—ILOILO

Chapel of Our Lady of Consolation & St. Joseph
By Pass Road, Jaro, Iloilo City 5000
Contact: St. Bernard Novitiate, Iloilo
Mass: Every Sunday at 10:30am; Mon, Wed, Fri
at 6:00pm; Tue, Thurs, Sat at 7:15am

KORONADAL CITY-SOUTH COTABATO

St. Michael's Chapel
Upper Paredes Marbel, South Cotabato
Contact: Our Lady of Victories Church, Manila
Mass: Sat before 1st & 3rd Sundays at 5:30pm
and 1st & 3rd Sundays at 6:30am

MAASIN CITY—LEYTE

Contact: Our Lady of Victories Church, Manila
Mass: Saturday before 2nd Sunday at 6:00pm

MANBUSAO CITY—CAPIZ

St. Anthony Chapel

Brgy. Balit Mambusao, Capiz
Contact: St. Bernard Novitiate, Iloilo
Mass: 4th Sunday at 4:30pm

MANDAUE CITY—CEBU

St. Pius V Chapel
San Jose Village Opao, Mandaue City , Cebu
Contact: St. Bernard Novitiate, Iloilo
Mass: 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday at 6:00pm

SOGOD—SOUTHERN LEYTE

Contact: Our Lady of Victories Church, Manila
Mass: Friday before 2nd Sunday at 6:00pm

TACLOBAN CITY—LEYTE

Contact: Our Lady of Victories Church, Manila
Mass: 2nd Sunday at 6:00pm

TAGBILARAN—BOHOL

Our Lady Guardian of the Faith Chapel
541 San Jose St., Cogon 6300
Contact: St. Bernard Novitiate, Iloilo
Mass: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 8:30am

TANAY—RIZAL

St. Philomena Chapel
Sampaloc Brgy, Tanay, Rizal
Contact: Our Lady of Victories Church, Manila
Mass: 2nd & 4th Sunday

District Office SINGAPORE

[St. Pius X Priory](#)

286 Upper Thomson Rd
Singapore 574402
Tel: [65] 6459 0792, [65] 6459 3820
Fax: [65] 6459 3591
Email: district@sspasia.com
Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Low) & 10:00am (Sung)
Monday to Saturday: 7:15am
Resident Priests:
[Rev.Fr. Daniel Couture \(District Superior\)](#)
[Rev.Fr. Francois Chazal](#)
[Rev.Fr. Emerson Salvador](#)

SRI LANKA

NEGOMBO

St. Francis Xavier Mission
525, Colombo Rd.
Kurana, Negombo
Tel: [94] (31) 223 8352
Fax : [94] (31) 531 0137
Or: District Office, Singapore [65] 6459 0792
Mass: 3rd Sunday at 9:00am

DUBAI & THAILAND & VANUATU & VIETNAM

Tel: District Office, Singapore [65] 6459 0792

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Please contact Father Brucciani (sspindia@gmail.com) for the South and Father Tim Pfeiffer (jtpfeiffer@juno.com) for the North.



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