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INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST



Marian May devotions & procession at our seminary.



MARY IMMACULATE: MOTHER OF THE CHURCH & HER PRIESTS



Dear friends of the Institute of Christ the King,

De Maria numquam satis est! Regarding Mary, enough can never be said. In the wake of the ordination of eight new priests for our Institute this summer, it is an especially opportune moment to reflect on the Blessed Virgin as Mother of the Church and of the Catholic priesthood.

Although the title “Mother of the Church” has been more frequently invoked by Popes in recent decades, echoes of this age-old expression can be found throughout the centuries in official documents as well as in the hearts of Catholic peoples. Nearly 150 years after the reference made by Pope Benedict XIV in the mid-18th century, Pope Leo XIII writes in his 1895 encyclical on the Holy Rosary that Mary “was, in very truth, the Mother of the Church, the Teacher and Queen of the Apostles.” A few years later, in his encyclical on the Immaculate Conception, Pope St. Pius X likewise refers to Mary as Mother of all the faithful who are members of the Mystical Body of Christ which is the Church. In late Medieval and Renaissance frescos which can be found in the great shrines and churches of Europe, artistic renderings depict Mary as a mother whose veil extends over groups of the clergy and faithful who, looking up to her, gather together closely under her maternal protection.

Mother of the Church, Mary is especially the Mother of the Catholic priesthood. She sees in the soul of every priest the sacramental character which makes of him the image of Christ her Son. She who brought Christ into the world and who carried the Son of God in her arms is the perfect model for priests who sacramentally bring Jesus into the world at every Mass and who carry in their hands His Eucharistic Body and Blood. She spiritually helps priests who in the sacred actions of their ministry bring about the birth of Christ through grace in the souls of the faithful.



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EIGHT NEW PRIESTS FOR THE CHURCH! Ordinations in Italy & in the United States



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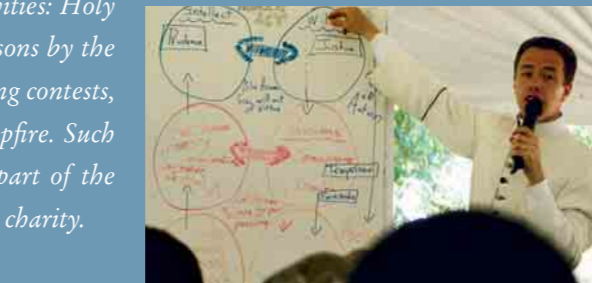
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Rosary Procession during Boys' Camp

CHRIST THE KING Across America

CELEBRATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Perhaps more visibly than all other feasts, the celebration of Corpus Christi, particularly the practice of holding a procession, is also a sign of a united Faith – across time that spans the past, the present, and the future, and across space that spans the breadth of the United States, and indeed, the whole world. The Church honors her Eucharistic Lord as one body, and does so joyfully, solemnly, and publicly. Many apostolates of the Institute organize processions in the city streets, such as at the Shrine of Christ the King in Chicago (top right) and at St. Stanislaus Oratory in Milwaukee (right). At every locale, this feast inspires us and helps us make known to the world that Jesus Christ is truly present in Blessed Sacrament, and is adored in our hearts and in our daily life.



St. Francis de Sales, St. Louis, MO



St. Margaret Mary, Oakland, CA
St. Anthony, West Orange, NJ



SURSUM CORDA YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND

Nearly 70 young adults ages 18-35 gathered from around the country at Mundelein Conference Center near Chicago for a long weekend of prayer, faith and spiritual formation, social activities, sports and games, under the direction of the Institute's Canons and seminarians.



SUMMER CAMPS FOR BOYS AND FOR GIRLS

About 190 children attended both the boys' and also the girls' July summer camps in Wisconsin under the guidance of Institute priests, oblates, and seminarians, as well as many parents and adult volunteers. The five days of each camp were full of many activities: Holy Mass and Rosary walks, spiritual talks and lessons by the priests, sports and archery, carpentry and cooking contests, horseback riding, and singing around the campfires. Such apostolates with the youth are an important part of the Institute's char-ism to teach the divine truth in charity.





Four priests were ordained on July 3 near our Motherhouse in Florence, Italy, and four more men received priestly ordination at St. Francis de Sales Oratory, St. Louis. We thank you, dear friends, for your prayers which are surely at the origin of these priestly vocations.

Now it is up to you to pray continually for these new priests as they begin their ministry in a secularized world. Confide these young priests to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church and the Catholic priesthood. Along with your prayers, these new priests also need your generous support in order to carry out the mission

for which they have been prepared during the many years of their seminary formation. **Your charitable contributions** are needed to sustain the newly-ordained priests in their spiritual work for Christ our King. No donation is too small, no sacrifice is too great for these new workers in the Church's vineyard. May God reward the gift which you offer to help His priests!

Assuring you of a special prayerful remembrance in the daily Marian devotions of the Canons, Oblates, Sisters, and Seminarians of the Institute, I remain,

Yours very truly in Christ the King Sovereign Priest,

Michael Schmitz
Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz

Vicar General and Provincial Superior
Provincial Superior for the US



The Pontiff clothes the newly ordained in the priestly stole and chasuble: "Receive the yoke of the Lord; for His yoke is sweet and His burden light."



"That whatsoever (these hands) shall bless may be blessed, and whatsoever they shall consecrate be consecrated and sanctified, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."



"Receive the power to offer sacrifice to God and to celebrate Mass for the living as well as for the dead in the name of the Lord."

The hands are joined in the promise of obedience which is made to the Pontiff.



The Rite of Ordination

Rich with spiritual significance, the traditional Roman Liturgy of Ordination with its prayers and ceremonies is a veritable catechism on the nature of the priesthood, inspiring a profound understanding of the priest as Alter Christus ("Another Christ").

FOUR AMERICANS ORDAINED IN ST. LOUIS

In a beautiful four hour-long ceremony which was truly a glimpse of the heavenly Liturgy, four priests were ordained for Holy Mother Church by His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, on August 5, Feast of the Dedication of St. Mary Major (also known as, the Feast of Our Lady of Snows), at St. Francis de Sales Oratory in St. Louis, Missouri.

Appropriately styled the "Cathedral of the South Side," the neo-Gothic landmark church was overflowing its full seating capacity of 1,200 persons with faithful and friends of the Ordinand and of the Institute from the four corners of the country. St. Francis de Sales Oratory's towering altars with their graceful statues, its vibrant stain glass windows, the colorful ornamentation of its pillars, and the soaring heights of its decorative vaulted ceilings offered a glorious setting for the conferral of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, of which the sacred character forever marks a man as a priest of God. The melodious orchestra and the talented Oratory choir which sang the Missa Gratas Agimus Tibi by Jan Zelenka (1679-1745), the harmonious movements of the ministers clad in decorated antique vestments, the festive flowers and ornaments of church, altar, and sanctuary all contributed to uplift the minds and hearts of all present to the supernatural reality which was taking place.

Several bishops were present for this momentous occasion, including His Grace, the Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop of San



Francisco, the Most Reverend Robert W. Finn, Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph, and the Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop in Chicago. A large delegation from the Institute's St. Philip Neri international seminary also came to St. Louis, including the Rector and Co-founder of the Institute, Reverend Canon Philippe Mora, as well as the nearly 30 seminarians who are natives of the United States in Canada. The four French canons who were recently ordained in Florence, Italy, on July 3, also traveled to the United States for the ordination of their fellow classmates. This large group of Institute clergy also formed a schola cantorum which sang the Gregorian Chant and provided the servers for the liturgical roles of the Pontifical Liturgy.

Profoundly grateful to His Grace, the Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, for his gracious permission, the Institute is very much indebted to His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke for his fatherly role in ordaining these four priests for the service of the Church within the community of the Institute.

With heartfelt congratulations, we offer the assurance of our prayers and best wishes to all four of the newly ordained priests, Canon Francis Altieri (Kimberton, Pennsylvania), Canon Benjamin Coggeshall (Quincy, Illinois), Canon Joel Estrada (Los Angeles, California), Canon Andrew Todd (New Orleans, Louisiana). We also thank all of their families, friends, and benefactors who helped them to the holy altar of Our Lord!

First Masses & Te Deum of Thanksgiving



Canon Benjamin Coggeshall



Canon Joel Estrada



Canon Andrew Todd



Canon Francis Altieri

Solemn Benediction and Te Deum of thanksgiving celebrated afterwards by the Prior General, Msgr Gilles Wach.

