



# CHRISTUS REGNAT

INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

*20th Anniversary Chapter Meeting in Gricigliano:  
Dom Antoine Forgeot, Abbot of Fontgombault monastery,  
with Monsignor Wach and Canons of the Institute.*



## TE DEUM LAUDAMUS!

## 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTITUTE



Dear friends of the Institute of Christ the King,

Receiving its canonical erection on September 1, 1990, the Institute was born out of a desire to be entirely devoted to the service of Holy Mother Church. Ordained to the priesthood by His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, in 1979, Monsignor Gilles Wach, Founder and Prior General, and Reverend Canon Philippe Mora, co-founder, received a priestly education after the example of the classical Roman style in the seminary of Giuseppe Cardinal Siri, who had been appointed Archbishop of Genoa, Italy, by Pope Pius XII. As young priests the Founders of the Institute had the grace to be befriended and encouraged by some of the great figures of the Roman tradition, among them Pietro Cardinal Palazzini, Silvio Cardinal Oddi, and Monsignor Antonio Piolanti. Hence, Romanitas, that is a profound “feeling with the Church” and an intense perception of the inner importance of the Primacy of Peter for Christianity in doctrine, liturgy and Catholic life, became the essence of the Institute of Christ the King right from its start.



*Cardinal Palazzini & Piolanti visit  
Gricigliano in the early 1990s.*



*Pope John Paul II  
ordains Msgr Wach, 1979.*

With the help of Divine Providence the fledging Institute grew steadily. From the first African mission in Mouila, Diocese in which Monsignor Wach had served as Vicar General, a house of priestly formation was established at the Villa Martelli in



*The late Cardinal Silvio Oddi, former Prefect of the Congregation of the Clergy, in Gricigliano in the early 1990s.*

Gricigliano, Italy, with the gracious permission of Silvio Cardinal Piovanelli, then Archbishop of Florence, and Augustinus Cardinal Mayer, then President of the Pontifical Commission Ecclesia Dei. Such seemingly insurmountable obstacles as, for example the dilapidated state of the seminary buildings, were gradually overcome one by one once the young Institute was consecrated to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception—consecration which is solemnly renewed annually in each Institute apostolate.

Many of the Institute apostolates which began in small chapels with few faithful have grown and flourished into large communities united in the family spirit fostered by the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales, Doctor of Divine Charity. The writings of St. Thomas Aquinas have formed an ever-increasing number of priests who are thus enabled to educate and direct souls who are thirsting to know the truths of our Faith with clarity and intelligence. The Benedictine spirit of *Ora et Labora* (Prayer and work) teaches us that when the Liturgy is given the first place in daily life, it becomes not only the source of supernatural strength and grace necessary to imitate the obedience and generous self-sacrifice of Christ the Sovereign Priest, but also a firm foundation of Faith and culture upon which the Reign of Christ the King may be established



in the hearts of humanity and in all spheres of daily life. Upon review of the spiritual work of the Institute worldwide, the Holy See has granted its approval of the constitutions of the Institute by granting the status of Pontifical Right in Canonical Form on October 7, 2008.



*Apostolate in Tucson, Arizona.*

At the present time the spiritual work of the Institute develops significantly. Day after day phone calls, letters and emails flood our offices. A remarkable number of men have entered our program of priestly formation, thus obliging us to make every extra effort to accommodate them all and to meet the rising costs of their material and educational needs.

**This Advent we urgently need your help! We can only keep up with our mission to bring them the truth and love of Christ if you support us now!** For the love of Jesus the Infant King, we ask you to be as generous as possible for the Reign of Christ. Grateful for your charity, without which the Institute would not exist today, we offer our daily prayers at Holy Mass. **May the King of glory reward you for your sacrifice!**

Yours very truly in Christ the King,

Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz  
*Vicar General in the Institute of Christ the King  
Provincial Superior for the United States*



*Newly tonsured seminarians with Monsignor Wach and seminary superiors.*

# CHRIST THE KING ACROSS AMERICA



## ANNUAL VISIT OF PRIOR GENERAL

In the weeks of early summer, the Founder and Prior General of the Institute, Monsignor Gilles Wach, visited many of the apostolates of the Institute across the US. Msgr. Wach expressed time and time again his gratitude to the faithful for their continual prayers and generous support of the Institute priests and seminarians. The climax and conclusion of the visit was the annual National Retreat for the Society of the Sacred Heart, open to faithful who desire to make a personal commitment to living a Rule of Life inspired by the spirituality of the patron saints of the Institute. at the Shrine of Christ the King in Chicago.

## 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: ROMAN HOLIDAY IN CHICAGO

On the Solemnity of the Kingship of Christ, friends of the Institute gathered to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Institute at a gala dinner, "Roman Holiday in Chicago." Fine Roman cuisine and music of the Italian baroque, as well as a detailed explanation of the future Shrine interior, made the evening both delightful and culturally enriching. His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago, honored the Institute by his presence and his very gracious words of encouragement and gratitude for the spiritual work of the Institute in Chicago and beyond.



## CONFIRMATIONS IN KANSAS CITY & TUCSON

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Robert W. Finn, Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Extraordinary Form at Old Saint Patrick Oratory (left).

In November His Excellency, the Most Reverend Gerald F. Kicanas conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Extraordinary Form to faithful from St. Gianna Oratory and celebrated a Pontifical Low Mass at Holy Family church. (right)



## FIRST SUMMER CHOIR CAMP FOR CHILDREN

At the height of summer, 33 youngsters, age 8-14, participated in the Institute's first Children's Choir Camp. A typical day at choir camp included several hours of rehearsal, core classes, prayers, meals, and plenty of fun and recreation. The curriculum was a balanced mixture of music theory, vocal technique, and composition for advanced students, as well as, studies in Latin history, grammar, syntax and vocabulary. Special emphasis was placed on Gregorian Chant.



## SUMMER CAMPS IN WISCONSIN

About 200 young people attended both the boys' and also the girls' summer camps under the guidance of Institute priests and seminarians, as well as many parents and adult volunteers.

MEET NEWLY ORDAINED  
CANON MICHAEL STEIN  
FROM LEESBURG, VIRGINIA



As I write this little article I am celebrating the four month anniversary of my priestly ordination. I spent last year in the Institute's African missions in Gabon as a Deacon. Those months were filled with many beautiful experiences. I was in charge of

over 170 students in Catechism classes, I baptized 31 children, preached often, gave retreats and conferences, did many house blessings, and visited the sick.

But all of that pales in comparison to the divine joys attached to a priestly ministry. For four months now, I have held Jesus-Christ in my very hands everyday! By the words of the consecration I bring Him to the Altar. The intimacy between the Heart of the Lord and the Heart of His priest is inexplicable. For four months I have been the treasurer of His Divine Graces, I have been the instrument of His infinite Mercy. The many hours already spent in the confessional is another grace that allows the priest to heal souls, offer them comfort and counsel, and draw them into the pierced side of Our Savior to wash them of their sins and to fortify them for the future. I have been able to visit the sick, hear their confessions and then bring them Holy Communion, I even walked through downtown in surplus and stole with the Host resting upon my chest to bring Communion to the sick. His Sacred Heart was literally upon mine!

These are just a couple of examples after only four months of priesthood of the countless experiences and graces God offers His ministers. Imagine what a year, ten years, thirty years of priesthood hold in store?! Please pray for us here at the Missions in Gabon, and thank you for all of the support and prayers you have already offered! I assure you of my gratitude and prayers at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

*Canon Michael Stein, Vicar  
Paroisse Notre Dame de Lourdes  
Libreville, Gabon*

20 YEARS FOR CHRIST



*Pope John Paul II greets Msgr. Wach & Canon Mora*



*Seminary in Gricigliano, Italy*



*Clerical Oblates chant daily certain Hours of the Divine office together with Canons*



*2004 Foundation of Sisters Adorers of the Royal Heart of Jesus*



In a constantly growing territories, schools, and missions in countries around the world, we celebrate Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form, preach retreats and spiritualize and direct activities in direction, and teach classes. As Canons they live the community life of prayer throughout the Hours of the Divine Office, and the Minor Orders. The nine branch of the Institute performs clerical activities principally prayer and dedication to



*2006 Cardinal Antonelli, then Archbishop of Palermo, in the habit, which outwardly expresses the importance of the communal chanting of the*

# THE KING WORLDWIDE

2010 Over 60 priests of the Institute offer the Extraordinary Form of Liturgy in dioceses worldwide. More than 80 seminarians are in formation to become the priests of tomorrow.

number of parishes, orations located in twelve world priests of the Institute and Sacraments daily form of the Roman Rite, spiritual conferences, organizations for youth, offer spiritual uses and educational programs participate in a community through the chanting of various Office together with receive the Roman cassock The Sisters Adorers, femi- tute, support these apostles through their life of the Liturgy.



2008 Msgr. Camille Perl, then Secretary of Pontifical Commission Ecclesia Dei, reads Decree of Pontifical Right.



Schools, camps, and activities for youth in African missions and around the world



An empty shell in 2005 the Shrine of Christ the King is growing to become an icon for the renaissance of Liturgy and culture in Chicago and beyond



Bishop of Florence, bestows the choir and Marian consecration and the important Divine Office

## MEET NEWLY ORDAINED CANON AARON HUBERFELD FROM RICHFIELD, CONNECTICUT



Dear friends, after seven years, I now have the joy of announcing to you that, as you hoped and prayed, I am now a priest of Jesus Christ: a priest forever, and a priest for you.

This is why the ordain-

ing bishop laid his hands upon my head a few short months ago. I now have the power to bring grace to men through the administration of the sacraments. In the final months leading up to my ordination I often meditated on the fact that the priest, in the performance of his duties, does nothing for himself. Of all the sacraments which he can confect and administer, there is not one which he can validly give himself. Solemn Baptism, Holy Absolution, Confirmation, Extreme Unction -- the priest administers all these for the salvation of others. It is true that in the greatest of the sacraments, the Most Holy Eucharist, the priest receives communion from his own hands, but he does this only during the Mass as an integral part of the holy sacrifice. All that the priest does, he does for the salvation of the world, and for himself only inasmuch as he is a part of that fallen world.

I wish to conclude with a word of thanks. Thanks above all to Almighty God, who has deigned to call me from among countless others to participate in the eternal Priesthood of His Son, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thanks to parents for raising me, loving me and seeing me through to this glorious day. Thanks to my superiors for patiently providing me with the formation I needed and still need in order to respond to this sublime calling. And thanks to you, dear faithful, for your prayers, your support, and your friendship. I am in your debt, and in your service, for now, after seven years, I can truly make my own the words of the Psalmist: *what return shall I make to the Lord for all that He hath done for me?*

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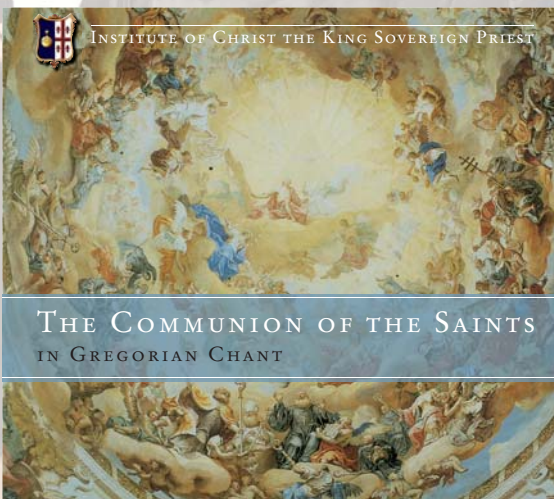
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