

CHRIST THE KING *Across America*

AUTUMN CONFIRMATIONS AT THE SHRINE IN CHICAGO

This autumn several apostolates received visits from the local Bishop, who, as the Successor of the Apostles, is the link to Christ Himself. Once invited by the Bishop to serve in the Diocese, the Institute assists the Bishop with the pastoral care of the faithful according to the proper identity and specific charism of the Institute.

At the Shrine of Christ the King in Chicago, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation (*left*) and offered Pontifical High Mass (*above right*) on October 14. Following the Liturgy and festive reception a splendid concert of baroque music in honor of His Excellency as a part of the Shrine's ongoing program of events to promote a renaissance of faith and culture in this landmark church.



CONFIRMATIONS AT ST. GIANNA ORATORY IN TUCSON, ARIZONA

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Gerald Kicanas, Bishop of Tucson, celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Extraordinary Form for forty young people and adults. Following the ceremony His Excellency offered Pontifical Low Mass for the faithful at Saint Gianna Oratory in Holy Family Church.



CONFIRMATIONS AT ST MARGARET MARY IN OAKLAND

Just days after his installation as the new Archbishop of San Francisco, His Grace, Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone, former Bishop of Oakland, confirmed about 40 young people & adults of the Institute's apostolate at St. Margaret Mary.

His Grace questioned the candidates before the reception of the Sacrament (right).



CONFIRMATIONS IN GREEN BAY CATHEDRAL

On November 3 over 30 young people from Saint Joseph's Oratory received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Extraordinary Form from His Excellency, the Most Reverend David L. Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay, in the Cathedral of St. Francis Xavier. Several hundreds of faithful gathered in the cathedral for this Liturgy and the Solemn High Mass which followed.



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"I had two intentions for this month; one of them was for rapid recovery for my son's knee injury. I am very grateful to say that he is recovering better than expected. No surgery will be required. Praise be to the Infant King!!" - From Mrs. C., California

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INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

OUR CONSECRATION TO MARY IMMACULATE



Dear friends of the Institute of Christ the King,

De Maria numquam satis! Of Maria there is never enough! (St. Bernard) Each year we in the Institute of Christ the King look forward with great joy to the approach of the Feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception. It is under this Marian title that the Blessed Virgin is our principal patroness. Since the early days of the Institute's existence our Prior General makes annually the solemn consecration to Mary Immaculate. In each apostolate of the Institute throughout the world this consecration is renewed on December 8 after a special Novena of solemn devotions. This consecration is outwardly visible in the Marian blue color of our choir habit. Time and time again in the history of our young Institute we have seen many spiritual blessings which can be attributed to the intercession of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

We invite you to join us in thanksgiving to our Immaculate Mother for these graces. In your charity please also remember in your prayers this Advent the intentions of our ever-growing Institute. In 12 dioceses across the United States, in 9 countries of Europe, as well as in the African missions of Gabon, our spiritual family of Canons, Sisters, and clerical Oblates works to bring the truth and charity of Christ our King to a world in desperate need. You can also help us in this urgent mission by your financial gift. We solely rely upon the generosity of you, our benefactors. *May the Christ Child bless you for your prayers and support!*

Yours very truly in Christ the King,

Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz
Vicar General in the Institute
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Our Prior General consecrates the Institute to Our Lady of Immaculate Conception each year on December 8.



DISCOURSE OF POPE BENEDICT XVI
Feast of the Immaculate Conception: December 8, 2011

“And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars” (Apoc 12:1).

“What is the meaning of this image? It represents at the same time Our Lady and the Church... (it) symbolizes the 12 tribes of Israel and means that the Virgin Mary is at the center of the People of God, of the entire communion of saints...As well as representing Our Lady, this sign personifies the Church, the Christian community of all time. She is with child, in the sense that she is carrying Christ in her womb and must give birth to him in the world. This is the travail of the pilgrim Church on earth which, amidst the consolations of God and the persecution of the world, must bring Jesus to men and women.

It is for this very reason, because she is carrying Jesus, that the Church comes up against the opposition of a ferocious adversary, represented in the apocalyptic vision by “a great red dragon” (Apoc 12:3). This dragon sought in vain to devour Jesus – the “male child”, destined to rule all the nations” (12:5) – because Jesus, through his death and resurrection, ascended to God and is seated on his throne. Therefore the dragon, defeated once and for all in Heaven, directly attacks the woman – the Church – in the wilderness of the world. However in every epoch the Church is sustained by the light and strength of God who nourishes her in the desert with the bread of his Word and of the Holy Eucharist. And so it is that in every tribulation, in all the trials she meets over time and in the different parts of the world the Church suffers persecution but turns out to be victorious. And in this very way the Christian community is her presence, the guarantee of God’s love against all the ideologies of hatred and selfishness.

The one threat of which the Church can and must be afraid is the sin of her members. Whereas Mary is indeed Immaculate, free from any stain of sin, the Church is holy but at the same time she is blemished by our sins. This is why the People of God, on pilgrimage through time, addresses its heavenly Mother and asks for help; it asks her to accompany it on its journey of faith, to encourage the commitment to Christian living and to support its hope.

May Mary help us to see that there is a light beyond the blanket of thick fog in which reality seems to be enveloped. For this reason, we too, especially on this Feast, do not cease to ask her for help with filial trust: “O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who turn to thee”. *Ora pro nobis, intercede pro nobis ad Dominum Iesum Christum!*

The Immaculate Conception
by Jusepe de Ribera



First Anniversary of Sisters Adorers’ Swiss Foundation

His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, visited the Sisters Adorers’ Swiss foundation on the 1st anniversary of its establishment.

Located in the Diocese of Basel, Switzerland, quite near the border with France, the House of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus is nestled in the Alps, which provide a very appropriate atmosphere for prayer, work, and community in the spirit of the Sisters-Patrons, St. Francis de Sales, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, and St. Madeleine Sophia Barat.



Cardinal Burke offers Pontifical Mass and solemnly blesses the convent.



Thriving African missions in Gabon.



The Institute family is in over 60 locations worldwide-including 13 in the USA.



Growing number of clerical oblate vocations as brothers in Institute family.



Ss. Peter, Paul & Philomena Church in New Brighton, United Kingdom.



26 seminarians from North America: largest number ever!



New apostolate at Sacred Heart Church in Limerick, Ireland.

THANKS BE TO MARY IMMACULATE
For So Many Graces received!

CONSECRATION OF THE INSTITUTE TO OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

In the presence of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and with heaven and earth as our witness, we prostrate ourselves at thy feet, O Mary, Our Lady. We acknowledge Thee as our Mother, as the Immaculate Conception, living tabernacle of the Divinity, as Queen of angels and of men, as Mother of the Church and of the Catholic priesthood, and as refuge of the afflicted. That is why, small and weak that we are, we wish to consecrate to Thee our Institute, our families, our persons, our works, our future, all that pertains to us and is in us, and which God, in His immeasurable goodness, has entrusted to us for our good use. We also consecrate to thee the value of our good actions, past, present, and future, leaving to thee

the entire and full right of disposing of us and all that belongs to us. Mary, be our Mother; sanctify us, purify us, correct us, guide us, pray for us and protect us. Help us to perfectly fulfill the duties of our state of life. Extinguish in us all self-love, which prevents thy Divine Son, King and Sovereign Priest, from reigning in and around us. Cover abundantly with thy maternal protection all the parishes, chapels, schools, works and missions entrusted to the Institute, and mayest thou forever impede the devil from reigning, in any manner, in this Institute which desires to be entirely Thine for the greater glory of God, the exaltation of our Mother the Holy Catholic Church, and for the conversion of sinners. Amen.

Work Progress at Seminary & Sisters Adorers’ Motherhouse

Thanks to the generosity of you, our benefactors, we now have 11 new rooms for seminarians! Your donations have helped to convert an old farmhouse into space which is useable for our seminary.

Major renovations, including new roof and necessary masonry work, are going on at the Sisters Adorers’ Motherhouse, located 2 miles from the seminary.

Thank you for your continual support for our international seminary and convent, which include growing numbers of American vocations!



The old farmhouse which is being renovated in order to accommodate 15 seminarian rooms.



One of the 11 new rooms; 4 more still to be finished!



Motherhouse of the Sisters Adorers near Gricigliano.