

SPIRITUALITY

Blood of Redemption

Holy Mother Church reminds us that the Precious Blood of Our Savior gives us a decisive strength in our battle against the forces of evil: "Let us, then, come back from that table [of communion] like lions breathing out fire, thus becoming terrifying to the Devil, and remaining mindful of our Head and of the love He has shown for us. . . This Blood, when worthily received, drives away demons and puts them at a distance from us, and even summons on to us angels and the Lord of angels," says Blessed John XXIII in his Apostolic letter promoting the veneration of the Precious Blood.

The Church has always known that the redeeming power of the God-head permeates the human nature of Christ to such a point that one single drop of Christ's Blood would be more than sufficient to wash away

all our sins. St. Thomas Aquinas puts this truth in memorable words: "Blood that but one drop of has the world to win all the world forgiveness of its world of sin."

The mystery of the Incarnation makes the humanity of Christ into the perfect instrument for the glorification of the Father and the salvation of humankind. In a supreme act of loving obedience, the Blessed Lord has given his life unto the shedding of His Blood which he renews sacramentally every time the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated on our Altars. The stream of life never ceases to flow, and we can approach it to drink "from the fountains of the Savior." The consecrated host contains His Body and Blood and brings us in contact with the Divinity of Christ. Our gratefulness and awe can never be deep enough, for God himself, through the Blood of His Son, makes us partake in the ocean of His Trinitarian life.

Let us again hear the Pope who promulgated the last edition of the Traditional Missal: "Unlimited is the effectiveness of the God-Man's Blood -- just as unlimited as the love that impelled him to pour it out for us, first at His circumcision eight days after birth, and more profusely later on in His agony in the garden, in His scourging and crowning with thorns, in His climb to Calvary and crucifixion, and finally from out that great wide wound in His side which symbolizes the Divine Blood cascading down into all the Church's sacraments. Such surpassing love suggests, nay demands, that everyone reborn in the torrents of that Blood adore it with grateful love".

Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz

FROM THE SEMINARY

To the Vineyard

Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, a man becomes a mediator who links heaven and earth. *Pontifex*. He becomes completely configured to Jesus Christ Sovereign and eternal High Priest. *Alter Christus*.



He becomes the instrument through which Jesus Christ sanctifies the members of His Mystical Body. *Sacerdos*.

The priesthood is the most awesome dignity that can ever befall a man. And yet, the priest does not cease to be subject to his own human weaknesses and frailty. He holds a most precious treasure in a very delicate earthen vessel (I Cor 4, 7). Nevertheless, we should never underestimate the power of prayer. God is greatly pleased with the prayers of those who trust in His mercy (Ps 146, 11). And so, if He has granted me the grace to persevere during my years of seminary formation, I attribute this grace to you, dear friends, to your prayers and to your generous support.

Now as a young priest by the grace of God, I rely very much on all of you to continue to pray for me, that I may be faithful in fulfilling with pastoral zeal and dedication the duties of so sublime a vocation. Please know how grateful I am to each and every one of you for your kindness and charity. Thank you for the grace and the priestly joy which your prayers have obtained for me.

Each day I pray at Holy Mass that the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Source of all heavenly grace and consolation, reward you all abundantly.

Father Matthew Talarico

Just as an acorn does not become a tree unless many things converge to make it grow, so also a vocation to the sacred priesthood depends on many people who contribute to a young man responding generously to this calling. I thank everyone who has prayed for me and helped me with my material needs during my seminary formation especially the people of the Institute's apostolates in Wausau, Wisconsin, Rockford, Illinois, and Saint Louis, Missouri.

In particular I thank my parents for their support and sacrifice, my family who has prayed much for me, my superiors,



Mgr Wach, Father Mora, and Mgr Schmitz, for the formation they have given me and their paternal care. Also I thank the priests and seminarians at Gricigliano who are like family to me. Finally I thank Archbishop Raymond Burke, who is a great example of priestly life and Christian courage.

Father William Avis

THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

is a society of apostolic life whose goal is the honor of God and the sanctification of priests in the service of the Church and souls. Its specific aim is missionary: to spread the reign of our Lord Jesus Christ in all spheres of human life. Our work is carried out under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception, to Whom the Institute is consecrated.

The Institute was founded in 1990 by Monsignor Gilles Wach and Father Philippe Mora in Gabon, Africa, where we still have missions. Today, the mother-house and international seminary of the Institute is located in Gricigliano, in the Archdiocese of Florence, Italy.

Recognizing the importance of a deep harmony between faith, liturgy, and life, and power of beauty in attracting the human senses to the things above, an integral part of the Institute's charism is the use of the traditional Latin Liturgy of 1962 for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the other sacraments.

Great care for a solemn liturgy, complete fidelity to the doctrine of the Church and the Holy Father, and awareness of the central role of Grace, especially Charity – these are essential elements of the Institute's spirituality, which is drawn from its three co-patrons, St. Benedict, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Francis de Sales. Our motto, taken from St. Paul, is "Live the truth in charity".

The Institute operates in more than 50 places in over 10 countries, where our priests focus on the care of souls in many different ways. To assist our priests in their apostolic work, the Institute also has clerical oblates. In 2004, a community of religious sisters was canonically established to aid the priests in their mission through prayer and apostolic work.

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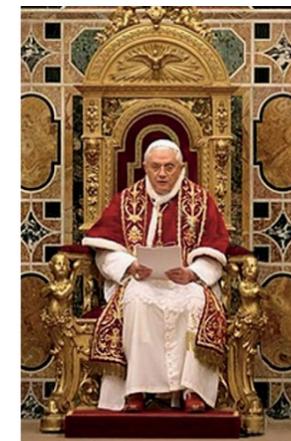
Christ reigns

Letter of the Vicar General

Christus regnat – Christ reigns: We are experiencing this truth ever more intensely. In the presence of a huge crowd, two of our priests were ordained in a magnificent ceremony in St. Louis by Archbishop Raymond L. Burke, and two more in Gricigliano by Antonio Cardinal Cañizares of Toledo, Primate of Spain. Vocational inquiries are numerous, with many solid and generous young men seeking to serve the Lord in the Institute of Christ the King, so that we have a very strong class entering this year. And this month we welcome one more apostolate to our family, which brings the Institute to St. Anthony of Padua Chapel in West Orange, New Jersey on the East Coast.



God has blessed us richly with many graces through your prayers and your help, for which we are so grateful. You are very much part of the apostolic work of the Institute, and for this reason, through our bi-monthly newsletter, we want to share with you the gifts of His Divine bounty, so that you and your loved ones may partake in the life of the Institute of Christ the King, and witness how the reign of Christ



is spreading, in spite of all difficulties. The new format of our newsletter will have more information, spiritual nourishment, and more images – without increase in cost of production or postage. We hope you enjoy it.

Our deepest gratitude goes to our beloved Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI for the release of His *motu proprio Summorum Pontificum* granting generous availability to the Classical form of the Latin Rite. Let us keep His Holiness and all those involved in our prayers. The demand for priests thoroughly formed and trained in the Tradition of the Church will increase even more.

Please continue to contribute generously to our endeavors! Your donations make it possible for us to form more dedicated priests and to bring the Blessed Lord to more and more people. May God bless you and your families abundantly.

R. Michael Schmitz
Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz
Provincial Superior für the United States



in the United States

In attendance, at the sanctuary and in choir, were the Most Reverend Robert Finn, Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph, the Most Reverend Joseph Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, Msgr. Vernon Gardin, Vicar General of St. Louis, Msgr. Joseph Pins, Rector of the Cathedral Basilica, and superiors of the Institute of Christ the King, Msgr. Gilles Wach, Prior General, Msgr. Michael Schmitz, Vicar General and Provincial for the United States, Father Benoit Jayr, Provincial of France, and Fr. Karl Lenhardt, Vice Provincial for the United States, and many priests and seminarians friends of the Institute.

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 15th, 2007, over 1,200 gathered at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis to witness the culmination and fulfillment of the many long years of formation of two members of the Institute of Christ the King. From the hands of His Grace, the Most Reverend Raymond L. Burke, Archbishop of St. Louis, now Father William Avis and Father Matthew Talarico received the holy orders of the Priesthood, in an inexpressibly beautiful and elaborate ceremony.

Filling the several liturgical roles in the Solemn Pontifical High Mass within which the Ordinations took place, were priests, seminarians and oblates both from the Institute's motherhouse in Gricigliano, Italy, as well as from the several apostolates in the United States. The expertly sung Gregorian chant was provided by the Schola from Gricigliano, while the Cathedral choir performed Domenico Bartolucci's setting of the Ordinary of the Mass, as well as other polyphonic works. All in all, the glorious setting of the Cathedral, the intricate and precise choreography of movements of the Mass participants – prelate, assistant priest, assistant deacon, assistant subdeacon, masters of ceremony, thurifer, acolytes, bougeoir (candle) bearer, book bearer, mitre bearer, crosier bearer, metropolitan cross bearer, familiari, torch bearers, and train bearer (bearing the capa magna) and, of course, the ordinands -- the beauty and variety of types of vestments, the transcendent music, the incense, and above all, the profundity and timelessness of the prayers, all

contributed to seemingly transport those present into Heaven during four hours, when time was as if suspended.

At the lively reception that followed, faithful, friends, clergy and seminarians all mingled and rejoiced in the great event they had witnessed. This gathering was in a real sense a large family reunion, with people from sea to shining sea representing all the Institute's American apostolates and beyond, and the rare occasion of having in one and the same location all the priests of the Institute who serve in the United States. The special opportunity of meeting priests and seminarians from overseas was a particular treat to all, and a source of edification. Msgr. Michael Schmitz took the occasion to present Archbishop Burke, who graciously came to the reception, with an antique etching of Our Lady as a small token of gratitude for His Grace's paternal and unflinching support of the apostolic work of the Institute of Christ the King.

In the meantime, the newly ordained stayed in the Cathedral bestowing their "First Blessing" for nearly two hours, a foretaste of their future life of total self-giving and mediation between God and man.

Father William Avis returns now as vicar priest to St. Francis de Sales in St. Louis, where he had been serving as deacon, while Father Matthew Talarico is assigned to St. Anthony of Padua Chapel, the Institute's new apostolate in New Orange, New Jersey.



The newly ordained with Archbishop Raymond Burke, Bishop Robert Finn, Bishop Joseph Perry, and superiors of the Institute in their choir habit recently bestowed by the Archbishop of Florence, Ennio Cardinal Antonelli, in whose archdiocese the motherhouse is located.



Monsignor Gilles Wach STD

Besides the Ordinations of Fathers Avis and Talarico, June saw a flurry of activity throughout the Institute in the United States upon the visit of Monsignor Gilles Wach, our Prior General. Scheduled, as it was, around the feast of Corpus Christi, Msgr. Wach's visit gave occasion to some momentous events in the lives of of our faithful.

Kansas City



On Thursday, June 7th, the Feast of Corpus Christi, Msgr. Wach celebrated a Solemn High Mass and administered First Holy

Communion to eleven children of Old St. Patrick's Oratory, Kansas City, in the presence of Bishop Robert Finn. There followed a procession with the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, led by His Excellency.

Oakland



Solemn High Mass at St. Margaret Mary's Church, Oakland, June 18th.



Wausau

At St. Mary's Oratory, in Wausau, His Excellency, Bishop Joseph Perry confirmed fifty eight souls on June 9th, with Msgr. Gilles Wach and Msgr. Michael Schmitz in attendance. Here, the confirmands with Bishop Perry and Father Olivier Meney.

Green Bay

On the External Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 10, twenty children received their First Holy Communion from Msgr. Gilles Wach at St. Joseph's Oratory in Green Bay. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament followed.



Santa Clara

At Our Mother of Perpetual Help Oratory in Santa Clara, Msgr. Wach celebrated a Solemn High Mass on Jun 19th. He was also in Rockford, on June 13th, celebrating Mass at St. Mary Oratory.

AT THE SHRINE

Chicago

At the Shrine of Christ the King, we are still celebrating "firsts." On May 13th our faithful experienced the "first First Holy Communion." Then, the visit of Msgr. Gilles Wach brought about the very first Solemn High Mass celebrated in the small space of our



basement chapel, on Tuesday, June 12th, followed by the weekly perpetual novena to St. Therese and Benediction. Finally, because of the growing number of people attending the Shrine, we have added a second Mass on Sundays.

In the meantime, the bidding process for contractors has come to a close with a final decision having been made. We are also gearing up for a capital campaign at the end of the year in order to raise the several million dollars needed to re-build the gutted interior of our magnificent church. Please keep this effort already in your prayers.

