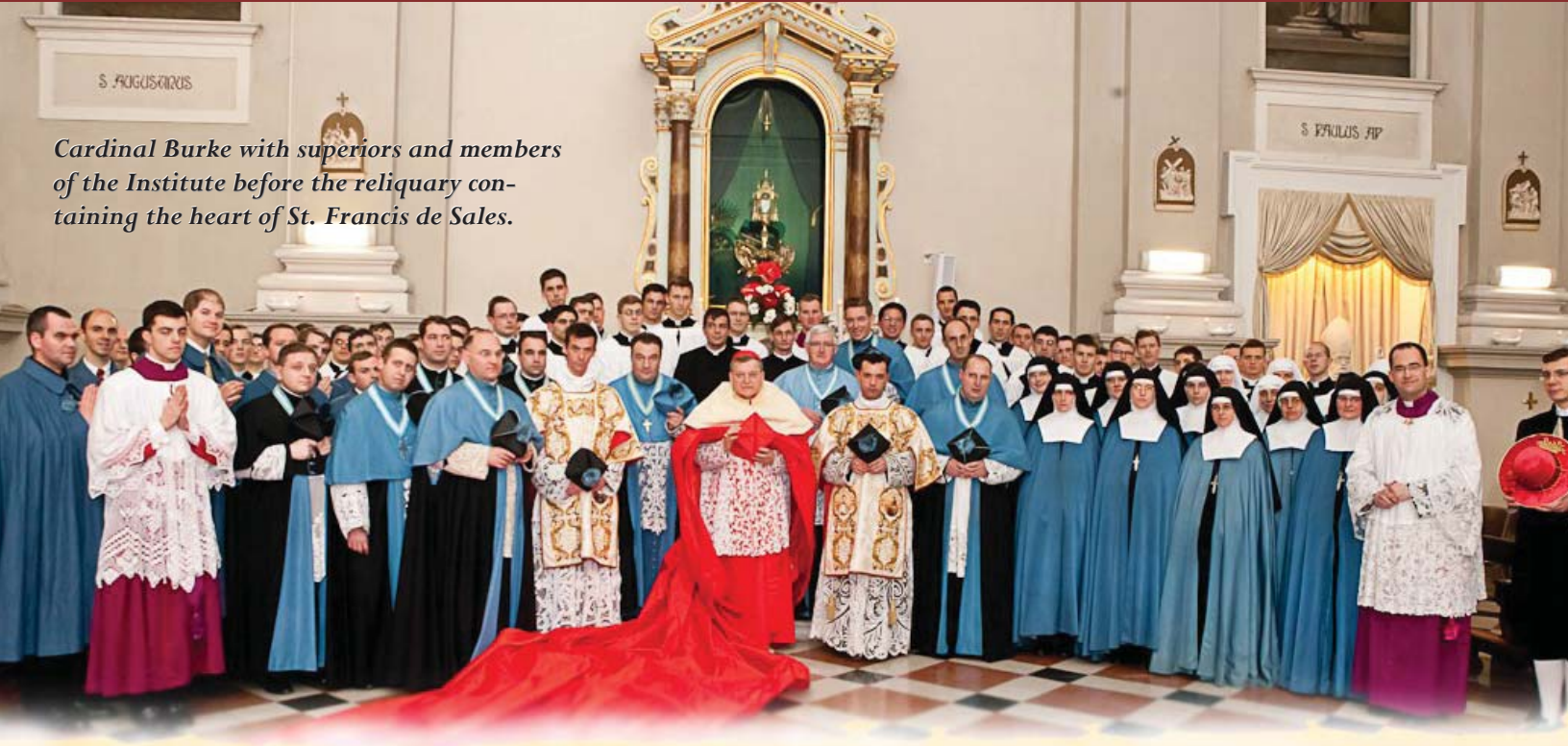




INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

Cardinal Burke with superiors and members of the Institute before the reliquary containing the heart of St. Francis de Sales.



OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL



Dear Friend of the Institute of Christ the King,

“Child, give Me thy heart!” Proverbs 23:26 The heart is the source of human activity. In order to live and act as disciples of Jesus Christ, we must give Him our hearts in a generous act of love and self-sacrifice. The Most Sacred Heart of our crucified Jesus is the Model of what our human love should be: *“Jesus meek and humble of Heart, make our hearts like unto Thine!”* **At our International Seminary in Gricigliano, Italy, the hearts of our seminarians are being formed into priestly hearts.** St. Francis de Sales, the great Bishop and Doctor of Divine Charity, is an outstanding example of how a priestly heart should imitate the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For this reason our Prior General Monsignor Wach, leads the seminarians on an annual pilgrimage to the Visitation convent in Treviso, Italy, where the incorrupt heart of St. Francis de Sales has been venerated ever since the days of the French Revolution. **This year His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, accompanied this pilgrimage and offered a Pontifical Mass.**





This heart of St. Francis de Sales, enclosed in a precious reliquary, is the symbol of the love which inspired the abundant apostolic activity of the great missionary saint. During his life his teaching converted thousands of people to Catholicism. Four hundred years after his death his many writings, such as "Introduction to the Devout Life," continue to guide multitudes of souls to Heaven.

From childhood, Monsignor Gilles Wach, Founder and Prior General of the Institute, knew and revered St. Francis de Sales. He was educated in high school by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales in France. This early influence later led Monsignor to focus the theological thesis for his Doctorate on the life and work of St. Francis de Sales. The teaching of this Doctor of Divine Charity formed the heart of the foundation of the Institute of Christ the King since its very beginning. Such Salesian spiritual maxims as: *"Do nothing by force, but act always with love"* today inspire the Canons, Oblates, and Sisters of the Institute to live and proclaim Christ's truth in charity, striving for a renewal of the world through divine grace.



The day after this Salesian pilgrimage of grace His Eminence Cardinal Burke ordained three men to the holy order of the Diaconate in the Seminary Chapel (pictures shown on these pages). The external solemnity and beauty of the Pontifical High Mass of Ordination offered a visible glimpse of the invisible beauty of the grace received by the newly ordained deacons. Six long years of prayer and study have prepared the generous hearts of these men to preach, to bless,



to baptize, and to assist the priest at the altar and communion rail during Holy Mass. As these newly-ordained deacons exercise their new functions at the service of the Church, they currently are also devoting themselves to the final period of preparation before their priestly ordination. **The formation of their priestly hearts continues alongside their 70 brother seminarians of the Institute!**

The formation of a priestly heart takes many years. Our seminarians spend numerous hours of prayer in the sacred Liturgy, chanting the Office and serving at the holy altar. Much of their time outside the chapel is devoted to acquiring a profound knowledge of the sacred sciences in the classroom, where they learn an obedient devotion to the Church's Magisterium. Each day the hearts of these future priests are being prepared in the school of Saint Francis de Sales to live and teach the fullness of the teaching of Christ and His Church in a manner which attracts unbelievers and draws the fallen away back to the divine beauty of these supernatural truths.



This Lent will you have the heart to help your future priests? Generous contributions are crucially needed to support the necessary costs of their priestly formation: quality professors and books, not to mention room and board. We cannot simply turn away the many good men who want to give their lives to the Church as your future priests, but who cannot now afford the already reduced seminary

tuition fee. **However, we cannot continue to form priests for tomorrow without meeting our costs of today!** The future of our 70 seminarians is now in your hands. For the love of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, make your Lenten offering toward the establishment of the Reign of Christ the King in our world. **No gift is too small, no prayer is too short for these vocations which are our hope for the generations of tomorrow!** The charity of your Lenten prayers and sacrificial gift will obtain for you an abundance of Easter joy and the blessing of our Risen Savior!

May God bless the generosity of your heart!

Yours devotedly in Christ the King,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Schmitz".

Msgr. Michael R. Schmitz
Vicar General in the Institute of Christ the King



UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS IN 2011



May 28 Pilgrimage to National Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Basilica of Holy Hill, near Milwaukee, WI.

July 8-10 Camp for Young Adults, ages 18 and up.

July 18-22 Camp for Boys, ages 10-18.

August 1-5 Camp for Girls, ages 10-18.

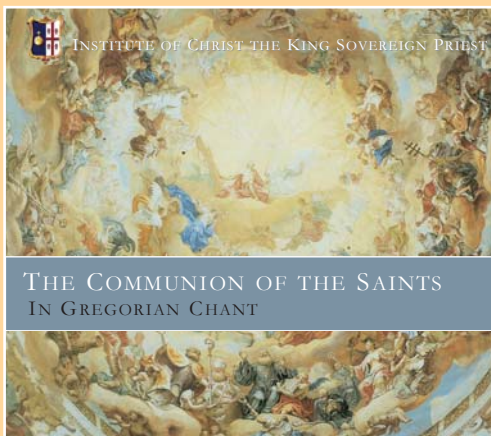
August 7-12 Choir Camp for Girls and Boys, ages 9-14.



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