

HELP THE POOR SOULS!

Holy Mother Church knows the mysteries of eternity. Like a good Mother, she instructs us concerning our life in this world and hereafter in the next. She wants us to go to heaven. However, knowing her children, she also consoles us in our weakness with the possibility of a complete cleansing after our passing. She knows that most of us will need it, because we do not sufficiently amend for the sins forgiven in confession.

The Apostolic Constitution *Indulgentiarum Doctrina* by Pope Paul VI reminds us of this truth: "That punishment or the vestiges of sin may remain to be expiated or cleansed and that they in fact frequently do even after the remission of guilt is clearly demonstrated by the doctrine on Purgatory. In Purgatory, in fact, the souls of those 'who died in the charity of God and truly repentant, but before satisfying with worthy fruits of penance for sins committed and for omissions' are cleansed after death with purgatorial punishments."

The Church lives with the communion of Saints. In the month of November, our Holy Mother reminds us not to forget the Holy Souls in purgatory. The treasure of indulgences, taken from the merits of Christ and his



Saints and administered by Holy Mother Church, is wide open to quench the pains of purgatory. If we visit a church or chapel on All Souls Day or a cemetery between the first and the eighth of November, we can gain a plenary indulgence under the normal conditions of

confession, communion, prayer for the Holy Father and rejection of all attachment to sin. All other indulgences, plenary or temporal, can also be offered prayerfully for the Poor Souls.

The greatest gift for them, however, is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We should regularly ask our priests to celebrate Holy Mass for the intention of our departed loved ones. From the Cross through the chalice, the Precious Blood will flow down upon the Poor Souls and bring them the comforting graces of the Savior for which they long so much. Let us not forget the souls of the clergy in Purgatory: Pray especially for the most forgotten among them and for all the other souls no one prays for. If we do not forget them, we will not be forgotten when our day comes!

FROM THE SEMINARY

Most people would imagine that a seminarian's life is solely dedicated to prayer and study. Most assuredly, the spiritual and intellectual formation of a seminarian is most essential. However, to complete this formation, a seminarian is also entrusted with responsibilities and work tasks. Here in Gricigliano our superiors often remind us of the importance of work. St. Benedict, one of the patrons of the Institute of Christ the King, gave to his order of monks the motto *Ora et Labora*, that is *Prayer and Work*. Work done in charity can be a good means of personal sanctification.



Every seminarian is entrusted with his own particular duties. These jobs can range anywhere from office work to manual labor in the fields. My charge for this year is to oversee the laundry room. I am responsible for the washing, folding, and ironing of all the clothes in the house of the priests and seminarians. It may seem a daunting task at first, but fortunately, I have outside help. Apart from my job, there are only two other jobs which have outside help. It goes to show you that the seminarians are truly the ones who do the bulk of the work here in Gricigliano. The accomplishment of these manual, and somewhat humble tasks in our community life teaches us the importance of responsibility and attention to detail. We are thus prepared little by little for the grave responsibilities we will one day receive upon priestly ordination, when we will be called to serve the spiritual needs of the souls confided to our care.

ABBÉ ANDREW TODD

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT

On Sunday, January 11th, the Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will celebrate a Pontifical High Mass for the External Solemnity of the Epiphany at the Shrine of Christ the King Sovereign Priest in Chicago. Specializing in classical choral music, The Chicago Chorale will sing Victoria's *Missa O Magnum Mysterium* and a variety of motets. This Pontifical Mass will be the finale to the "Gregorian Chant Workshop for the Serious Student," which will be offered at the Shrine by Father Wulfran Leboq, choirmaster of the Institute's seminary in Gricigliano, from January 9-11. More information regarding this special event will soon be available on the Institute's website at www.institute-christ-king.org.

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 the 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 extraordinary form of the Latin Rite according to the *motu proprio Summorum Pontificum*.

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 12 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

Dear Friends of the Institute!

This is a very special year. We should be deeply grateful to see more and more the abundant fruits of the document *Summorum Pontificum* of our beloved Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI.



With deepest gratitude to Christ Our King and His Immaculate Mother and with filial thankfulness to our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI,



we have the great joy to announce a most important fruit of *Summorum Pontificum*: **On October 7, the Vice-President of the Commission Ecclesia Dei, Very Reverend Monsignor Camille Perl, read in our Seminary chapel the official decree signed by His Eminence Dario Cardinal Castrillon Hoyos by which, in the name of the Holy Father, the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest was erected to the status of a Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right. Also our Sisters Adorers of the Royal Heart of Jesus received the status of Pontifical Right.**

The many fruits of *Summorum Pontificum* have been ever increasing: **Fourteen young men have entered our International Seminary in Gricigliano near Florence, Italy, among them four Americans and two Englishmen.** Many others are being trained in our pre-seminary program in the USA.

You will understand that we need urgently your help to support so many vocations! A careful estimate of daily expenses in the Seminary amounts to about \$30 between tuition, room and board. Thus, the cost of three days in the seminary comes to about \$90; a week to \$210; a month to about \$900. Your generous support through prayer and a material gift is deeply appreciated. **All our young vocations will pray for you and your family!**



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Ps. With a donation of \$30 you help a Seminarian to come a day closer to ascending the Altar of Our Lord!



SISTERS ADORERS OF THE ROYAL HEART

of Jesus Christ Sovereign Priest

On August 28th, the Institute was very blessed to receive a visit from the Most Reverend Raymond L. Burke, the newly appointed Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, the highest court of the Holy See. His Grace participated in a two mile procession from the Institute's seminary, Gricigliano, to the convent of the Sisters of the Institute, Adorers of the Royal Heart of Jesus Christ Sovereign Priest.

There, in a very moving, solemn ceremony, His Grace blessed and crowned an antique statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the entryway of the Sisters' convent. Monsignor Gilles Wach, Prior General and founder of the Institute, then renewed the Consecration of the whole Institute to the Sacred Heart. This was followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, during which the sisters beautifully chanted the Litany of the Sacred Heart.

The Institute priests, seminarians, and guests then joined the Sisters for a small reception with His Grace on the lawn overlooking the majestic Tuscan hills, before returning to Gricigliano, where a wonderful, multi-course Italian feast was held in honor of the Archbishop.

The event was an opportunity for many to see the improvements that have been made at the

Sisters' new convent, located just down the road from Gricigliano. Although there is still very much work to be done, the Sisters now have at least some livable space in which to dedicate themselves to their life of contemplative prayer. Please remember the Sisters in your prayers, and in particular, the continued restoration of their convent.

In June of 2004 Cardinal Ennio Antonelli, then Archbishop of Florence, vested the first three sisters with their habit. The Sisters Adorers of the Royal Heart have since been blessed with very good vocations and now, just 4 years later, they number 14 sisters—with more postulants to arrive before the end of the year!

Two of these fine sisters are from the United States, Sister Deanna Marie of the Divine Mercy from Minneapolis, MN and Sister Madeleine-Marie of St. Joseph from Green Bay, WI. These two prayerful young American women have found wonderful peace and great joy living a contemplative, non-cloistered life of work and prayer in their convent, set in the picturesque hills of Tuscany.



NEWS *from the Vineyard*

Consecration and Pontifical High Mass at Old St. Patrick's Oratory



*Oratory of
St. Gianna in Tucson*

It was a truly joyous occasion for the people of Kansas City and for the Institute of Christ the King!

Hundreds of faithful gathered on Saturday, October 25th, to witness His Excellency, the Most Reverend Robert Finn, Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph and a great friend of the Institute, solemnly consecrate, according to the traditional ritual, the newly restored Old St. Patrick's Oratory, and celebrate a Solemn Pontifical High Mass. Serving in this Sacred Liturgy and assisting in choir were many Institute priests and oblates, including the Provincial Superior of the United States and Vicar General of the Institute, Monsignor R. Michael Schmitz.



Originally established in the 1870s, Old Saint Patrick's was erected by Bishop Finn in October of 2005 as an Oratory of the Institute of Christ the King. Since then, under the able leadership of the former rector, Fr. Denis Buch-

holz (now rector of St. Joseph's Oratory in Green Bay, WI), and of the current rector, Fr. William Avis, the Oratory has been extensively restored and renovated. There was much to be done, and everyone worked hard to ensure that the beautiful restoration would be completed before the day of the dedication. Of course, none of this could have been accomplished without the profound generosity of the faithful of Old St. Patrick's.

Other exciting news: the Institute has begun a new apostolate, the Oratory of St. Gianna, in the diocese of Tucson, Arizona, at the gracious invitation of the Most Reverend Gerald F. Kicanas, Bishop of Tucson and Vice-President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Oratory of St. Gianna is under the direction of the newly appointed rector, Fr. Richard von Menshengen, who celebrated his first Mass at St. Gianna Oratory on Sunday, September 21.

AT THE SHRINE *in Chicago*

The Shrine of Christ the King in Chicago welcomed a full crowd of people, including the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Consul General of Germany in Chicago, who had come from far and wide as well as from the local surrounding area to attend the Benefit Recital held in honor of His Highness, Paul Duke of Oldenburg, Germany, a long time friend of our Institute, on Saturday, September 27th.



After His Highness related the inspirational story of his conversion to the Catholic Faith, there followed a delightful program of sacred baroque music and of traditional spirituals sung by the widely-acclaimed tenor, Mr. Trevor Mitchell. The richness of his awe-inspiring voice filled the nave of the Shrine with the sound of angels.

The friendly warmth and lively conversation at the reception which followed testified to the success of this fundraising event, which is due in large part to the generosity of our benefactors and of the volunteers who gave their time and effort. Without these individuals, the Shrine of Christ the King would not be a reality.

Progress continues on the great work of restoring the Shrine. You will hear more from us in the coming months as we enter the next phases of our fundraising efforts, and the next phases of the restoration. Please pray for us and support us in every way possible as we seek to make this spectacular, historical church as grand as it once was.

