

ORDINATIONS

in Gricigliano

Every year members, family and friends of our Seminary look forward with great expectation to the culmination of the school year — the joyous occasion when our seminarians move forward to the next level on their path toward the holy priesthood, receiving minor and major orders. For this occasion, we had the great honor of hosting at our Seminary in the Archdiocese of Florence, His Eminence, Antonio Cardinal Cañizares Llovera, Archbishop of Toledo and Primate of Spain, and His Excellency, the Most Reverend Basil Meeking, Bishop Emeritus of Christchurch, New Zealand, who both came to Gricigliano to perform the ordinations.

Opening the week of commemoration on July 2nd, eleven first year seminarians received their cassock, thus marking their entrance into clerical life. On the following two days His Excellency Bishop Meeking conferred minor orders on a large number of seminarians, and ordained four seminarians to the subdiaconate and diaconate. Culminating the week, on July 5th His Eminence Cardinal Cañizares ordained two more priests of the Institute of Christ the King. The Cardinal showed himself very impressed by the ordination liturgy in the Classical form, which he celebrated for the first time on this occasion.



Crowning the week's ceremonies, the Solemn *Te Deum* in thanksgiving was sung in the presence of Ennio Cardinal Antonelli of Florence, Cardinal Cañizares and Bishop Meeking.

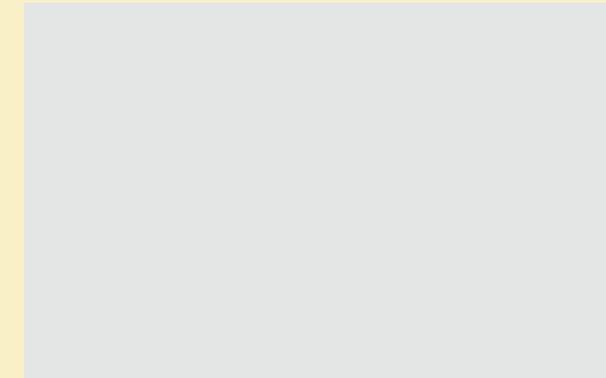


NEWS from the Vineyard

The faithful of the Institute's newest apostolate, St. Anthony of Padua Chapel in West Orange, New Jersey, warmly received their Rector, Father Matthew Talarico, on Sunday July 22nd. On this Sunday, Father Talarico, who was ordained on June 15th, celebrated his First Mass at St. Anthony's in the presence of the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Newark, Msgr. John Doran, and of Msgr. Michael Schmitz, who delivered the homily.



The younger faithful of the Institute enjoyed some special days of "harmony of Faith and daily life" at the two summer camps in Wisconsin organized by Father Olivier Meney of St. Mary's Oratory in Wausau, with a healthy combination of wholesome fun, adventure, prayer, and reflection.



Those attending liturgical functions at one of the Institute's apostolates in the United States may now see our priests and oblates wearing a special choir habit with blue trimmings. To better reflect the character, identity, and unity of the Institute of Christ the King, a choir habit has been adopted, which was invested upon its members last year by the Archbishop of Florence, His Eminence Ennio Cardinal Antonelli, and received by those serving in the United States this past June 14th. The blue is a sign of the Institute's consecration and dedication to Our Lady, under the title of the Immaculate Conception. For more information, visit our website at www.institute-christ-king.org/InvestitureUSA.htm.



On July 30th, the eve of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the good friend of the Institute, Rev. Fr. Richard Rego of Tuscon, Arizona, passed on to his eternal reward. We commend his soul to the kindness of your prayers. *Requiescat in pace.*

AT THE SHRINE

Chicago

All are invited to the Forty Hours' Devotion at the Shrine of Christ the King Sovereign Priest in thanksgiving for the grace of His Holiness's motu proprio *Summorum Pontificum*. The three consecutive days of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin with High Mass at 7:00 pm on September 14th, 2007 -- the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, when the motu proprio comes into effect -- and close with High Mass at 10:00 am on Sunday, September 16th. For more information you may visit our website, or call us at 773-363-7409. On September 26th, at 8:00 pm ET (USA), Monsignor Michael Schmitz and our architect, William Heyer, will be interviewed on *EWTN Live*, hosted by Fr. Mitch Pacwa on the global Catholic network EWTN. The Programm will be about the Restoration of our Shrine. Finally, the Novena of Masses for the feast of Christ the King will take place October 20-28. Your intentions, which may be sent to us in the enclosed slip, will be brought to the Altar every day during our annual novena.

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SPIRITUALITY

The Everlasting Sacrifice

Imprimis sacrificium est,” the Holy Eucharist is in the first place a sacrifice. These words of the late Pope John Paul II give us the key to the innermost mystery of the Holy Mass. Whenever the rite of the Church is validly celebrated, the Lord’s Sacrifice of Redemption becomes present, because the sacrifice of the Altar and the Sacrifice of the Cross are identical. For this very reason,

the Church has always known that the Holy Eucharist forms the core of Her own life that has no other goal than to continue the fruits of this redemptive sacrifice through which Christ is always present to His mystical Body and becomes nourishment for his disciples. Sacrifice, Presence

and Communion form a union in the Holy Eucharist which, as the central Sacrament, creates the Church at Her beginning, continues to build Her in Her history, and strengthens Her in Her members every day.

Without the notion of sacrifice, Holy Mass can never be understood in its full mysterious meaning. All other elements, as important as they may be, are secondary to the one decisive operation of the Blessed Lord which consists in the perpetuation of His supreme act of obedient Love to the Divine Father at the moment of the propitiatory sacrifice of His life for the brethren. At the consecration, through His Eternal Power united for ever to His human nature, the Church, at His will and bidding, in the person of the priest becomes the instrument of this mysterious union, and no one else than the Lord Himself utters the sacrificial words through the voice of the celebrant: “This is My Body” and “This is the chalice of My Blood”. By Divine Grace, the curtain of time is drawn, and the one and eternal sacrifice is sacramentally renewed on the Altar. The Divine Presence changes reality, and what has been bread and wine, becomes the Body and Blood of the Redeemer, sacrificed for ever as the Apocalyptic Lamb and visibly immolated under the separated sacramental species, ready for the consumption of the faithful, to whom they will bring heavenly life and glory.

Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz



FROM THE SEMINARY

A Seminarian’s Summer

The seminary year in Gricigliano never “winds down.” The final weeks of this year especially were a series of remarkable events – the 25th Pentecost pilgrimage to Chartes Cathedral in France, the American ordinations in St. Louis, then review week, exams, and the ordinands’ retreat -- all building up to the triumphal Te Deum and fireworks that close the week of ordinations at St. Philip Neri Seminary. Our thoughts were not on getting away for the summer, but on being a part of the greatest Institute event of the year, receiving holy orders and spending time with the hundreds of guests who come (and faithfully return) every year for the occasion. We’re usually packing our bags for the States an hour before departure.

A seminarian spends a good half of his summer at one of our apostolates, offering our priests and oblates much needed help with their day-to-day work and especially with camps and other summer activities organized for the faithful. The summer apostolate gives a seminarian the chance to get to know the people involved in the work of the Institute throughout the world; when, God willing, he comes back as a priest, he won’t be a stranger. I have spent my last few summers at our church in Oakland,



California; this summer is my first time back to the Midwest since I started seminary.

I have been at our house in Chicago, playing the organ at Mass and helping our new American seminarians prepare for their big move to Florence. I look forward to seeing my parents in Connecticut in August. They are very supportive of my vocation and visit me as often as I visit them. I thank them especially for the fact that I go back each September refreshed and ready for another precious year of formation in Gricigliano.

Abbé Aaron Huberfeld

PILGRIMAGE to the BASILICA of
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Mexico City
November 26 - 29, 2007
Msgr. Michael Schmitz
& Fr. Jean-Marie Moreau

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THE INSTITUTE
OF CHRIST THE KING
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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

With his recent Apostolic letter, *Summorum Pontificum* the Vicar of Christ has not only encouraged the celebration of the Classical liturgy, but has also followed yet another theologically important tradition of Holy Mother Church called *liberalitas Ecclesiae*, the generous “liberality of the Church.” This genuine liberality is the very reason we call the Church our Mother, because in the name and authority of the Blessed Lord she dispenses liberally all the graces her children need. She gives *suum cuique*, as the motto of the Holy See tells us, to everyone what he deserves. Never cheap, meticulous or narrow in the administration of the Divine riches entrusted to them, the Spouse of Christ and her visible head, His Vicar, want to grant free access to the treasures of grace contained in the first place in the sacramental instruments of sanctification to all who worthily request it. Hence, with nearly the entire history of the Church as background, the Bishop of the Universal Church wisely proceeded to lift all restrictions and obstacles that could hinder priests and faithful to access the wide field of grace open to them in the extraordinary form of the Latin Rite. His fatherly gesture merits forever our prayerful gratitude!

At our Shrine of Christ the King in Chicago, and in all our apostolates in North America and worldwide, we celebrated this historical moment with a solemn Te Deum in honor of the Triune God and as a grateful intercessory prayer for the intentions of the Roman Pontiff. On September 14th and the following days, we will hold a special event and the devotion of the “Forty Hours” of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at our Shrine to mark the day of the canonical implementation of the motu proprio *Summorum Pontificum*. All are invited to join us here in Chicago. At the end of October we will commemorate, also in a spirit of thanksgiving, the Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ with the yearly Novena of Masses for the Feast of Christ the King. Your intentions will be especially remembered at the Altar.

Thank you for your continued generosity in financial assistance and in prayer. In this way, you help us train the many priests who want to celebrate the extraordinary form of the Latin Rite and make it possible for us to receive the ever growing number of candidates to the priesthood and the oblatehood in the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest. Thank you for all your help! You are in our prayers!

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