

CHRIST THE KING

Across America

SOCIETY OF SACRED HEART NATIONAL RETREAT

Over one hundred friends of the Institute came from across the nation to the Shrine of Christ the King in Chicago for the annual national retreat of the lay Society of the Sacred Heart from June 14-16.



The Society has its roots in a lay group of Benedictine spirituality from the first half of the 20th century which counted among its members the late Dr. Dietrich von Hildebrand and several other prominent Catholics from Germany, Austria, and America. In the early 1990s the Bavarian house in which the Society, or Gemainschaft, had met over the years was given to the Institute of Christ the King. Its members continued to meet under the spiritual leadership of the Institute, into which finally the Gemeinschaft was incorporated in 2004 at the request of its members. On the feast of Saint Benedict, March 21, 2006, members of the Gemainschaft were among the first to receive the Cross of Saint Francis de Sales in a ceremony which officially established the Society of the Sacred Heart as a lay association of the faithful in the Institute of Christ the King. Today the Society has numerous members in Germany, Austria, France, Belgium, and Italy, and is also growing throughout the USA.

Preached by the Institute's Founder and Prior General, this year's national retreat was a soul-satisfying family gathering in the presence of its spiritual father. Monsignor Gilles Wach gave an insightful reflection on the Year of Faith in the spirit of St. Francis de Sales. His second conference focused on the encouraging development of the Institute apostolates in the US and across the world (left). Monsignor conferred the cross of Saint Francis de Sales to 17 new Society members who, having attended the general retreat of the Society the previous year, had now completed their year as postulants. (right)



Regular meetings of the Society are held in the Institute apostolates under the direction of the local priest. In addition to the daily Office of Compline and daily Mass or spiritual communion, Society members make the total consecration to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and pledge daily prayers for the members of the whole Institute family throughout the world. After a year of discernment during which postulants practice the Rule of Life in accordance with their particular state in life, one becomes a member by receiving the Cross of St. Francis de Sales which hangs from a blue cord, symbol of the Marian consecration. Neither an award nor a badge of honor, this cross is meant to be an outward sign of interior consecration of love and service to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart through the practice of the daily Rule of Life, as well as a visible sign of one's devotion to Holy Mother Church and of one's dedication to the spiritual family of the Institute. A 2010 decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary states that both plenary and partial indulgences can be obtained by members who receive this Cross of St. Francis de Sales.



The Institute of Christ the King invites you for an
8 day "Viva Cristo Rey" pilgrimage
 to the
Shrines of Our Lady of Guadalupe, of Blessed Miguel Pro,
 and other holy and cultural sites of Mexico.
March 31-April 7, 2014

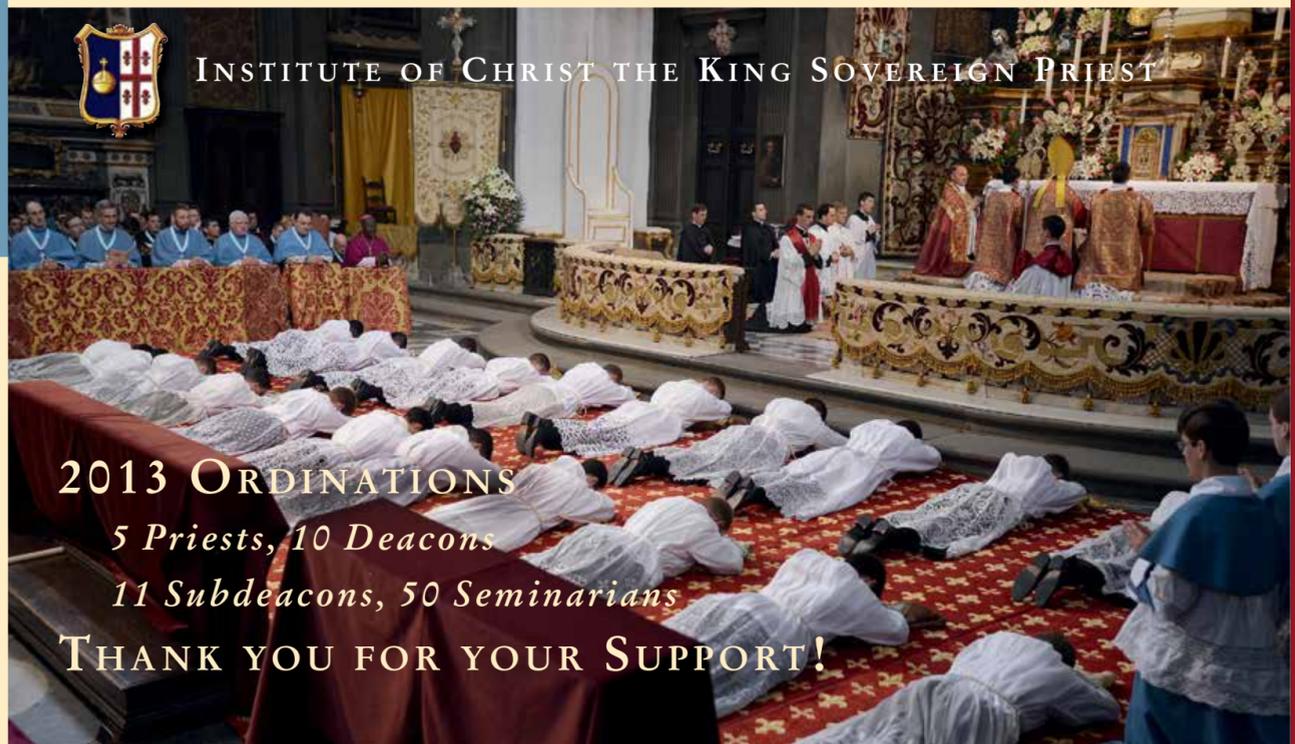
Daily Mass celebrated by chaplain, Rev. Canon Benoit Jayr

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Students of the Institute's International Catholic School, Brussels, Belgium.

AN INSTITUTE IN SERVICE OF YOUTH



Dear friends of the Institute,
 God never gets old! Unlike we human beings who age, God never changes. Unlimited by space and time, God is one act of infinite perfection. He always was, is now and forever shall be. His infinite Being is not static and distant, but rather dynamic and close to His creatures, upon whom He never ceases to bestow the overflow of His unending goodness. In this sense God never gets old, He remains perfectly forever young.



That's why the second Person of the Blessed Trinity became incarnate as a little Child. He gives Himself to humanity as the newborn Babe of Bethlehem in order to show us just how adorable and attractive is the divine truth for the good for man. God's love for humanity never grows old, but His love remains always fresh and young, always ready to welcome us back when we repent from sin.



On Holy Thursday Jesus gave us the Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass as the link which unites us with Himself, the eternal, living God who is forever young. Thus the Liturgy is a spiritual fountain of youth. It brings the newness of divine grace and charity to us, even when our sometimes selfish hearts have grown old and irritable before their time. The very first words of the Mass illustrate this beautifully: Ad Deum qui laetificat iuventutem meam! "I will go to the altar of God, to God who gives joy to my youth!"

The Liturgy is the source of spiritual youth. Visible evidence of this can be found in the many young vocations which God has granted to our Institute. During the first week of July, five young men were ordained to the priesthood by His



Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, in Florence, Italy, where our International Seminary is located (right). There were five Americans among the ten deacons and eleven subdeacons who were ordained by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Archbishop Guido Pozzo. Over forty other seminarians received the cassock and the various Minor Orders, which were conferred by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Matthew Madega. We are so very grateful to all of you, dear friends and benefactors, for your prayers and generous support which helps these 70 young vocations to the altar of God!

Indeed, the Liturgy is the source of spiritual youth. This is also visible in the many young adults, the numerous families, and the large numbers of children which are present in the worldwide apostolates of our Institute. Formation of youth is an important part of our Institute's apostolic charism. The spirituality of our patron St. Francis de Sales offers a tried and test method of education founded upon principles of faith, rational psychology, and common good sense.

Thus the education and spiritual formation of youth is an integral part of the Institute's mission. Our Canons have a leading role in the Institute's schools, such as the International Catholic School in Brussels, Belgium, and others in France at Lille and at Montpellier.

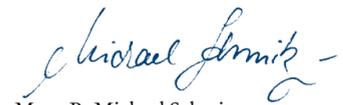
In the worldwide apostolates the Canons offer children's classes in the catechism, as well as youth programs which include talks on the formation of virtue and the lives of the saints, as well as community service and social activities together with the parents. In the United States our priests thus promote activities which engage the mind and the body, as well as the spirit, such the outdoor summer camps for boys and for girls in Wisconsin and in California, the annual Choir Camp held in Kentucky for young chorists and instrumentalists, as well as the Young Adult Sursum Corda camp which took place this year at Mundelein, near Chicago.

To provide this spiritual and moral leadership, it is necessary for us to have good priests who are well-formed in this Salesian charism of the Institute. Thus by helping our seminarians to reach God's holy altar as His ordained priests, you are helping us to form the youthful generations of tomorrow!

To bring the social Reign of Christ to our world of today, we urgently need your financial assistance in support of our work for souls. Help us to bring the truth in charity to so many young Americans who are thirsting for Christ and the peace which only He can give. Because the Lord has a special love for children since He became one Himself, He will surely reward the sacrifice you have made for His little ones!

Assuring you of the prayers of the Canons, Seminarians, Sisters, and Oblate Brothers of the Institute in the United States and throughout the world, I ask you likewise to remember us in prayer each day, and I remain,

Yours very truly, in Christ our King,


 Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz
 Vicar General in the Institute
 Provincial Superior for the United States

Msgr. Wach, Prior
 General, visits
 Institute's school,
 Montpellier, France.



Institute's school, Montpellier, France.

Summer Camps for Boys and Girls



About 190 children attended both the boys' and also the girls' July summer camps in Wisconsin under the guidance of Institute priests, oblates, and seminarians, as well as many parents and adult volunteers. The five days of each camp were full of many activities: Holy Mass and Rosary walks, sports and archery, carpentry and cooking contests, spiritual talks & singing around the campfire.



Annual Youth Choir Camp

Over thirty children ages 11-17 came to Kentucky for the 5-day Choir Camp which offered a unique occasion for the children to develop their musical gifts for the glory of God and the restoration of authentic Catholic culture. Because the camp was also aimed at the overall musicianship of the students, each day included classes in music theory, ear skills, composition, Latin and Gregorian chant. Of course, the camp environment was truly Catholic in that amidst their musical activities the children had ample time for sports and fun activities, including a talent show and skits. With the presence of an Institute priest, Canon Raphael Ueda, the children and staff were able to assist at Mass each day. The daily program ended with a Rosary walk on the beautiful grounds.

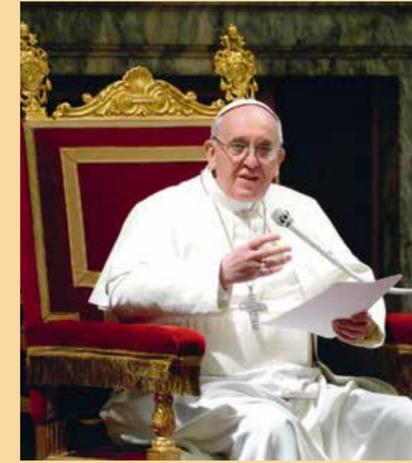


FORMING YOUTH IN FAITH

From the Encyclical "Lumen Fidei" of His Holiness, Pope Francis

43. Parents are called, as St Augustine once said, not only to bring children into the world but also to bring them to God, so that through baptism they can be reborn as children of God and receive the gift of faith. Thus, along with life, children are given a fundamental orientation and assured of a good future; this orientation will be further strengthened in the sacrament of Confirmation with the seal of the Holy Spirit.

53. In the family, faith accompanies every age of life, beginning with childhood: children learn to trust in the love of their parents. This is why it is so important that within their families, parents encourage shared expressions of faith which can help children gradually to mature in their own faith. Young people in particular, who are going through a period in their lives which is so



complex, rich and important for their faith, ought to feel the constant closeness and support of their families and the Church in their journey of faith. We have all seen, during World Youth Days, the joy that young people show in their faith and their desire for an ever more solid and generous life of faith. Young people want to live life to the fullest.

Encountering Christ, letting themselves be caught up in and guided by his love, enlarges the horizons of existence, gives it a firm hope which will not disappoint. Faith is no refuge for the fainthearted, but something which enhances our lives. It makes us aware of a magnificent calling, the vocation of love. It assures us that this love is trustworthy and worth embracing, for it is based on God's faithfulness which is stronger than our every weakness.

Institute Summer Youth Apostolates

KENTUCKY CHOIR CAMP



CALIFORNIA BOYS CAMP



WISCONSIN BOYS CAMP



WISCONSIN GIRLS CAMP



National Sursum Corda Camp for Young Adults



More than 65 young adults ages 18 and older from over 10 states gathered at the beautiful, peaceful setting of Mundelein, Illinois, near Chicago, for a spiritually refreshing and friendship-building weekend. From June 21 through June 24, on these beautiful grounds, the young adults experienced a balanced schedule of public and private prayer, daily Mass, confessions, spiritual direction, walks on the lake, sports, line dancing, games, talent show, and socializing. The Canons also



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