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Rev. Fr. Couture addresses the faithful during the 25th anniversary celebrations.

My Dear Faithful,

Silver Jubilee

I would like to thank all the faithful who were able to spare the week-end of Christ the King and/or the Feast of All Saints to converge on Wanganui for the

celebration of the twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Society of St. Pius X's establishment in New Zealand. The occasion was marked with a most beautiful solemn Mass, memorable for the musical items, beautiful Gregorian, and quality polyphonic church music. We were graced with the presence of Fr. Couture, district superior later in the day and would have been graced by the arrival of former prior Fr. Delsorte, had not Qantas decided to strike the day he was due to travel.

A most competitive Holy Images Auction was held in the afternoon of the 25th Anniversary celebrations, which raised for the needy parish \$3500. I extend my gratitude to the organisers of and contributors to this auction for its great success. The afternoon was equally the occasion for several talks given by priests of the SSPX, and most especially a professional presentation by Fr. Fortin on the History of the Catholic Church in NZ: its beginnings, growth, collapse in the wake of Vatican II, and the work of restoration,

initiated by the arrival and establishment of the SSPX some 25 years ago.

Fundraising in the USA

Only a week prior to giving this conference to the faithful of NZ, Fr. Fortin had just finished a grand tour of several parishes in his home country, the United States. The generosity of the American faithful was astounding. The final count of contributions towards our school, convent, parish and apostolate in New Zealand and New Caledonia, was close to \$50,000 NZ. The Americans are well known for their generosity, but to contribute so generously in a period of financial depression, where the United States are suffering as much as any other country, is truly a sign of the great bond of universal charity that links all Christians in Christ.

School Year End

The Secondary School end of year prize-giving held on December 1st was an occasion of celebration for many students



No room at the inn, but plenty of room on the stage for the St. Anthony's Junior School nativity play.

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who did remarkably well in their studies this year. Four young men from our boys' high school graduated—three whom will be pursuing tertiary studies at Universities across the country in 2012 (in Law and Engineering). Our girls' school saw the graduation of 5 young ladies, who will be exercising their talents in various fields of study and work. We wish them all success, strength, perseverance and growth in their Faith.

The Primary school always endeavours to offer a variety of end of year productions to accompany their end of year prize giving. On the evening of 8th December, a large crowd of parents and families of the school turned out to witness a number of poetry recitals, traditional Filipino dances, performances and the traditional Nativity play done by J 1&2. The same night, contributions from the audience brought the total donations collected by our primary school this year for the SSPX orphanage in India, to \$1800. A big THANK YOU to all benefactors.

Blasphemies, Public Protest, Media and Reparation

Most faithful will be aware of the blasphemous billboard of the Blessed Virgin posted outside St Matthews Anglican church, Auckland central. The church is well known, and advertises itself as being a centre for gay and lesbian activists. It is not the first time the vicar of St Matthew's has organised blasphemous billboards attacking the sacred virginity of our most blessed Mother. Each time the faithful of our Mass centre in Auckland have rallied together to defend the honour of our Queen, by public acts of reparation and protest. At 11am, on Sunday 18th December a crowd of between 70-100 concerned Catholics assembled in front of the blasphemous billboard portraying Our



Back from overseas (Nelson, South Island) after a 5 day voyage in December, the crew on the Ave Maris Stella Girls Camp along with the Captain, Fr. Fortin, thank God for the many graces received.

Lady shocked as she stares at the results of a pregnancy test. TVNZ, NZ Radio, and several other TV and radio and newspaper reporters were there to capture the moment. A member of Tradition tore off the offensive part of the image, as can be seen in the photos below, facing possible prosecution, which he was ready to bear in defence of the Blessed Virgin. An hour of reparation was then held in front of the billboards, by the recital of the 15 decades and the chanting of hymns in hour of Our Blessed Mother's, perpetual virginity. The sign has since been removed and the

Vicar of St Matthew's has indicated to the press that he will not be replacing it. I would like to thank all the faithful who came to pray in the rain, who knelt before the statue of Our Queen on the wet pavement with their children and toddlers and who were not afraid to face the media—who they answered with great courage, professing their faith unashamedly to all New Zealand.

May God bless you all.

Rev. Fr. Andrew Cranshaw
Prior



Soldiers of Christ make reparation in front of the blasphemous poster.