



"Put your life in order!" cries Fr Alphonse Marie CSSR during missions given at Avondale and Wanganui. There were 163 general confessions.

Easter Newsletter 2012

Dear Friends and benefactors,

The fourth Rosary Crusade is almost at a close. It began last Easter and will end this year at Pentecost. Time is short and the current situation between Rome and the SSPX has reached a critical point. Since the meeting on 16th March 2012, with Cardinal William Levada, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Bishop Bernard Fellay, Superior General of the Society of St. Pius X, has urgently been inviting the faithful to redouble their fervour in prayer and their generosity in making sacrifices during these Holy Days of Lent and in the weeks that will follow the solemnity of Easter, that the Divine Will may be done, and it

alone, after the example of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Garden of Olives: *non mea voluntas, sed tua fiat* (Luke 22:42).

So important is this decision that he has to make, that it could either make or **break the SSPX's fight for the survival of Tradition** within the Roman Catholic Church. His Lordship Bishop Fellay is very aware of the gravity of this decision; for this reason he is calling upon all faithful to help him. His words of urgent request are the following, "May the faithful be so kind as to offer one holy communion for this intention. May they make fully their own, in thought and in deed, the prayer that Our Lord asked us to address to our heavenly Father: *"Sanctificetur nomen tuum, adveniat regnum tuum, fiat voluntas tua sicut in caelo et in terra;* hallowed be

Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven!"

The Rosary Crusade is proving to be more indispensable than ever. This is why the Society of St. Pius X, which wants only the good of the Church and the salvation of souls, turns with confidence to the Blessed Virgin Mary, so that she might obtain from her divine Son the lights necessary to know His will clearly and to carry it out courageously.

It is worthwhile having a look in hindsight at the fourth Rosary Crusades of the SSPX. You will find an interesting résumé further on in this letter from Fr de Caceray, District Superior of France. Upon reading this summary you will be struck by both the generosity of the contributing faithful and the rapid answer of heaven to

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our fervent prayers each time. If Heaven has still to answer the 19 million rosaries offered for the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart in the last Rosary Crusade, it may be because the Triumph will be so great that Heaven itself is counting on still more Rosaries yet from us. Let us not lose hope, but redouble our efforts in firm confidence that She alone has the power to crush the head of the evil one.

Recent Events

Our priory enjoyed visits of many priests passing through on holidays, and spending some relaxing time with us. Due to the happy visit of Fr. Anthony Van Wingerden currently stationed in England, for the first time in history three NZ born SSPX priests, Fr. Lavin, Fr. Wingerden and myself, dined together at our priory. Perhaps Providence might arrange for the event to be repeated next year, with the addition of Fr. James Peek (now a professor at Winona, U.S.A.) to complete the quartet!

Parish Missions

St Anthony's Parish, Wanganui and Immaculate Heart Chapel, Avondale both enjoyed the great grace of a parish mission preached by Fr Alphonsus Marie, CSSR. There has not been a Redemptorist parish mission in New Zealand for over 12 years, which meant we were well overdue. A great attendance was seen in both places. Avondale faithful gathered to the tune of 80 a day, keeping Fr Marie Alphonsus busy in the confessional from noon till late hearing 42 general confession. Wanganui was not to be outdone. 240 members of the parish attended 3 hours of talks, prayers and instructions daily for the whole five days, and caged Fr. Alphonsus Marie in the confessional for days on end as he heard 121 general

confessions! Well done New Zealand, you started your Lent well this year!

CIA Camp, December 2011

The CIA (Catholic Youth Association) held its bi-annual camp, for young adults attached to Tradition. The camp was held in Cambridge near Hamilton and was the occasion for young adults from all over the North Island to assemble for four days of instruction on the perennial philosophy of St Thomas Aquinas, and the false philosophers of the Modernist crisis. Many new friendships and contacts were gained as well as the unforgettable experience of a night trip by canoe up the narrow chasms of a glow-worm studded river gorge (ous!). The next camp will be held this coming June, keep your eyes peeled for details at your nearest local SSPX Mass centre.

St Anthony's Parish Gala

I must extend my heartfelt gratitude to the many faithful throughout NZ who contributed so many items – from garden tools and kitchen appliances to pianos for this year's annual Gala. The Gala was a huge success, raising just over \$10,000. The number and quality of stalls were



A large Macrocarpa tree came down in the playing field at the school.

outstanding, giving St Anthony's Parish the reputation of one of the best Galas in town. Other schools looked upon us with envy when they saw the support and initiative of the parents and families of our school. Such support is not seen in any state school.

Storm Damage and Burglary

Only last October our Avondale Mass centre in Auckland was hit by a tornado which damaged the roofing, fencing and wall of our buildings and property there. In March, 2012 our parish and schools in Wanganui suffered similar losses. However during February the boy's school was burgled losing over \$5000 worth of computer and electronic equipment. The school is poor and in much need of these items, so the loss was a real sacrifice for the boys and a small headache for the



St. Anthony's Parish Gala attracted a number of interesting characters.

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Fr. Todd Anderson and the faithful of Auckland on the eve of his departure for Australia.

principal. But we thank God that only material objects were at stake and not souls or lives. Only two weeks later the parish, like much of the lower North island was hit by gale force winds of up to 150km/hr. The damage to our property and buildings was minor, but resulted in another \$5000 repairs to roofing, fencing and exterior cladding. Again we thank God that only material losses were endured.

Farewells and Welcomes

Our priestly community has been experiencing a few mutations since last January. In late January Fr. Anderson was transferred to Brisbane Australia where he now serves the SSPX parish of Brisbane as parish priest. His replacement, Fr. Louis Bochkoltz, finally arrived in March. He is a young priest originally from Belgium and ordained in 2009. He has served the Society of St Pius X in four districts in the space of 3 years, being first sent to Belgium then to Africa, then to Australia, afterwards onto Singapore and finally to

New Zealand. He will be assisting me in parish work, accounts and the important mission we occupy in New Caledonia.

Fr Fortin, who has been serving the Traditional faithful of New Zealand for the last three years, has been assigned to Manila, Philippines where he will swap jobs with Fr. Robert MacPherson and be placed in charge of the first boarding school in that country. We are most grateful to him for the great work that he has accomplished as priest in charge of the Auckland Mass Centre, teacher of Catholic Doctrine in the boys' school and spiritual director of the Children of Mary and several Third Orders. He will be greatly missed by all.

As Fr Fortin's replacement, Fr. MacPherson will be joining us in June, God willing when he obtains his visa. Originally from Canada, he spent much time as professor at the SSPX seminary in the USA. From there he was transferred to St Mary's Academy Kansas where he taught for many years at the high school. He was asked in 2010 to found the first boarding school in the Philippines. He succeeded in establishing an excellent foundation for further growth, but was troubled by the heavy heat of tropics (his favourite sport is ice hockey). He has been transferred to New Zealand where we hope the climate will treat him more kindly. We anticipate his arrival sometime this June.

Wishing you an abundant share in the graces of Christ Our Redeemer through Mary his Virgin Mother,

Fr Andrew Cranshaw
Prior



Fr. Andrew Cranshaw at the CIA camp in Cambridge, North Island