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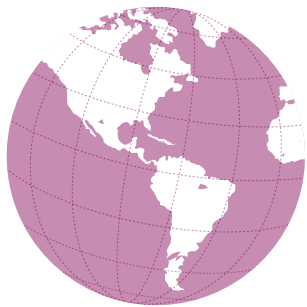
Pray for one another

The missionaries who toil in distant lands are championing a cause not unlike that of the early Church. For those who along with the Princes of the Apostles, Peter and Paul, brought the Gospel to the citadel of the Roman Empire found themselves in a rather similar situation in Rome. If one remembers that the infant Church at that time was devoid of all natural means and was exposed to hardships, trials and persecutions, he must be deeply struck with admiration at the sight of a handful of unarmed Christians overthrowing what was perhaps the greatest power that ever existed. What happened then, will undoubtedly often happen again.

— *Pope Pius XII, Evangelii
Praecones, June 2nd, 1951*



Letter from the Publisher



Dear Faithful,

Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, when beginning the work of Tradition, created a kind of litmus test—which was never made public—for starting any founding of a new religious congregation: Catholics from all over the world had to reach out to him and ask for the Mass and the traditional sacraments. Spontaneously and immediately, faithful from all over the world contacted him, asking to send them good priests. He followed God's call. For the Archbishop, the clearest sign of God's Providence and the divine will were these souls reaching out to him, hoping to be saved.

Courageously, and with unwavering faith, at the age of retirement, he started the Society of St. Pius X, this work that would become the crowning glory of his life. He took in hand the formation of priests, rooted in the Faith of all times. He made them true apostles. The priests, as soon as they were ordained, would receive their apostolic work from the Archbishop. In the beginning, he sent the new priests to work in their home countries. Very quickly, however, the mission countries raised their voices and he sent his young priests to every corner of the world.

Ever since then, starting with the first mission in his former territory, Gabon in Africa, the numbers of countries the Society would carry the Word of God to has increased. Right now, Society priests visit over 60 countries in the world. They learn foreign languages, get all kinds of vaccinations, leave their parents and friends, and set out for the unknown: to countries they have never seen before, to people whose culture and history they don't know, to danger (in nature, in culture, in the contact with new neighbors) they have never experienced in their life.

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We hope that this initiative will profoundly help you understand the extent of our work and generously support this effort with your prayers and donations.

Be assured of our gratitude for your generous support!

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Jürgen Wegner".

Fr. Jürgen Wegner
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Africa is Healthier than We Think

Zimbabwe

Facts



- Location of Zimbabwe: Southern Africa, landlocked, surrounded by South Africa, Zambia, Botswana and Mozambique
- Total Area: 390,757 sq km. It is slightly larger than Montana.
- 8.4% Roman Catholic
- Population: 14,229,541
- Capital: Harare (1.5 million)
- Languages: English (official language), Shona and Ndebele (major indigenous languages), plus numerous minor dialects

Divine Providence mingles sour with sweet; each place has its own joys and crosses; and indeed we find both in our apostolate in Zimbabwe. We enjoy a beautiful country which is blessed in many ways—full of resources and of talented people—where common sense is still the norm. Yet at the same time, there is not a day when we do not have to look for all the strength of our priestly grace to render account of our Faith in one way or another. Of course, sacrifices work in favor of the acquisition of holiness. The Catholic soul knows that divine graces are often more abundant in adversity than in prosperity—a baffling mystery for the pagans—but it remains that one needs to renew his strength daily at the Holy Mass to sustain them.

Africa is healthier than we think

So, yes, Africa is a land of sacrifices. Here we are driven to properly appreciate the basics, like electric power, a fresh water supply, or similar facilities—while in our home countries one makes use of them without ever imagining being deprived of it. In Africa the widespread sects and witchcrafts snatch, alas, so many credulous souls—while in our countries one doesn't even realize one drinks everything from television as if it were the truth. But this is not all that Africa means. The truth is that, while the western world plunges their sins to depths even below the line of the law of nature, here we are still above that, thanks be to God. And we applaud the African leaders who do not hesitate to mock the absurdity of same sex marriages or



similar theories, or the African bishops who defended the family at the recent Synod. Here, abortion is a crime as it well should be. Those in power fight against immodesty among the youth (a dream for Catholic families elsewhere!). Yes, the trials in Africa are many: they deal with a stricken economy, hunger, disease, and potholes. The Faith is far from being spread—modernism came far too early for them. But God’s chastisement will be less severe for those who have received less.

A missionary work in its full sense

In the new world or on the old continent, the fight is more and more in the open with the enemies of the Cross, who are less and less hiding themselves. Here in Africa the fight is different—our main struggle is to be accepted by a people who are ignorant of the Cross, who hide themselves behind foreign customs and language, and moreover who are very careful to preserve themselves from the influence of the western decline and from any interference in their own affairs. And we can’t blame them for that! They have their own rightful national pride. So the work in Africa is in its full meaning *missionary*, with the additional difficulty today of making people understand that our ideal is *not* what the modern western world offers them. It really demands the Faith on their side. This is one of our challenges: to become one of them without distorting a single iota of the Faith we ask them to embrace; to raise them to the Hope of eternal happiness while belonging to a Church in crisis, whose authority is ill with modernism; to give them the incentive to love God in spite of being foreigners coming from countries which give the opposite example.

Thus, one can easily understand why it is sometimes difficult to get permission to reside in such countries. Again this year the community life of the priests has been



The mission in figures

- 7 priories
- 23 chapels
- 2 schools

Fr. Clausonne



Fr. Clausonne is a French priest, ordained at Ecône in 2006. After a year in the south of France he has spent ten years in Africa, in Gabon, and in South Africa. He is presently in Zimbabwe where he is the prior of a little community of two priests and (hopefully soon), one brother.

Use of donations since July 2014

- For vestments
- Repairs to water tank
- Day-to-day operations
- Missions to Zambia

More missionary projects on hold:

We hope to open a promising Mass center in a lively township near Harare where we have a dozen families, too poor to pay the three dollar fare for a two hour bus ride to Mass and back. A family with five children would need to spend almost two days wages to bring the whole family to Sunday Mass and catechism. This is a sacrifice they can't do every Sunday! We have been preparing for this project for some time. We borrowed money to buy a second-hand car at an auction, since the roads to get there are very bad. We have begun the administrative procedures to rent a hall for the Mass. Everything has been prepared to start this new mission as soon as we have two priests again.

Nothing is easy here, and the devil knows what good the priests can do. However, after thirty years of presence in Zimbabwe, the banner of Saint Joseph's Priory is still waving. We have seven hundred baptisms in the parish register, one Carmelite nun and Father Nanthambwe's wonderful priestly vocation, having received everything from his baptism at Saint Joseph's. This is very encouraging and gives us hope for many more vocations from the Zimbabwean people. Please help us and pray for us. Your share in this work for souls will reward you a hundredfold.

very difficult. The parish priest was alone for five months, apart from a confrere who came to help during Holy Week. What a setback for a small isolated community like ours, of only two priests, having our nearest confreres in South Africa. What our Mission needs instead are brothers and sisters to help, join, and develop our work! But thanks be to God, Saint Joseph, to whom belongs our Priory in Harare, did not abandon us and helped us to make ourselves known for who we are, a genuine Church!

An apostolate back on its feet

By the mercy of God, Zimbabwe is one of the few African countries reached by Tradition among the fifty-four countries on this great continent. After almost three years without a resident priest, it was first of all necessary to put some order in the Priory. Is not the priest, who has received the sacrament of Holy Orders, called to put all things in order? This is clearly true regarding the souls' salvation, but in a mission we understand how true it is also in all material matters... At the moment we desperately need a new water tank for our water supply... please help us!

Providentially, a friend from Portugal gave us a beautiful Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, so we built a traveling box so as to make a pilgrim statue. Our Lady has blessed us so much with this statue! She introduced us into the homes of the faithful and helped us to discover their hearts. She never went to stay in a home with empty hands, but brought with her abundant graces. We also had the children pray, thanks to the beautiful Rosaries made by the Texas Rosary Makers, and we enrolled them in the Eucharistic Crusade, the most devoted having already received their badge and uniform. Each month they can't wait for their *Hostia* magazine and some of them have already joined our choir in spite of their young age.

And where would we be without our Legionaries? A handful of strong women consecrated to Mary zealously go from visiting the sick to cleaning the Chapel. Our Altar boys are working towards receiving the medal of the Archconfraternity of Saint Stephen, and of course a great part of the apostolate is to teach catechism. It is always such a lovely consolation for the priest to teach the truths of our Faith to a soul who eagerly hears it for the first time, whether it be a young child preparing his first Holy Communion or an adult catechumen burning with a desire for baptism. But one of the most efficient tools after the Holy Mass that has helped us to sanctify our faithful, is the Ignatian Retreat which we have preached several times already.





Lastly, we would increase our power to dispel the evil influences in souls in order to bring them more easily to the Faith... if our bell-tower... had a bell! Please help us with a donation which can allow us to continue all these works of mercy.

Mission in Zambia

Zimbabwe's Priory also serves its neighbor, Zambia. There we have faithful far in the north, and now in the capital city of Lusaka, where we encountered enthusiasm and good success. The travel is quite difficult—two days of traveling mostly in an African bus—but how well worth it when we see the comfort given by the presence of the priest, who hears confessions, baptizes, preaches, blesses and celebrates Holy Mass for souls who have awaited such graces for months. And that is in spite of all kinds of persecution and denigration received for their attachment to Tradition. Of course they appear strange to other Catholics: they prefer to gather in the absence of the priest and pray the Rosary or read the Mass, than to receive Holy Communion in their hands at the sound of tom-toms. Their traditional approach to Catholic devotion is something difficult to understand in Africa, where the crisis in the Church is somehow unknown and modernism is so involved



in enculturation. In their hunger for the sacraments, the most zealous will make huge sacrifices to travel to Harare for great occasions such as retreats or Holy Week, since for now all what we can afford ourselves is to travel there twice a year! Their admirable Faith deserves more of our priestly visits.

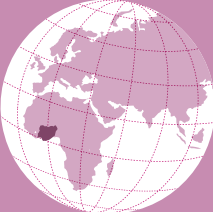
Father de Clausonne+
Prior of Saint Joseph's.



The life of the association

Nigeria

Facts



- Full name: Federal Republic of Nigeria
- The name Nigeria was taken from the Niger River, which runs through the country.
- Capital city: Abuja
- Known as the “giant of Africa” being the most populous country in Africa.
- Divided into 36 states and one Federal Capital Territory, and has a presidential system of government (*continued*)

St. Michael’s Mission in Nigeria is the most recent mission founded by the Society of St. Pius X in Africa. Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa and presents many challenges for the apostolate. Electricity and gasoline are daily requirements yet are most often lacking. Many people live in abject poverty, and pervasive political corruption makes even simple daily life very difficult. Malaria and other diseases are epidemic in many parts of the country. The roads are in extremely poor condition which makes travel very dangerous, not to mention the constant threat of being kidnapped by the natives for ransom.

Nigeria is also suffering from the insurgence of Islamic sects, among which is Boko Haram, which have ravaged the country. In the diocese of Maiduguri almost all the Christian churches have been destroyed. In the last decade over 10,000 Christians have been murdered, and several priests have undergone martyrdom at the hands of the Islamic persecutors. Christian children, such as the schoolgirls in Chibok, are kidnapped in large numbers to be sold as slaves or forcefully converted to Islam.

These material adversities make the apostolate—already difficult in our times—particularly demanding both spiritually and physically.

The Mission in Enugu

The tribes in the southeast of Nigeria, the Igbo people, were converted to Catholicism by the extraordinary work of the Holy Ghost Fathers, of whom



Archbishop Lefebvre was the superior for several years. The Igbo people are profoundly Catholic and there are even in our days many religious vocations. The city of Enugu is the ancient capital of Biafra, which historically has been a center of the political ambitions of the Igbo people.

The priory in Enugu was founded on August 26, 2012 in a rented house not far from the center of Enugu. There is a chapel for daily Mass which is too small for the number of faithful who come on Sundays and holydays. Thus the Sunday Masses are held outside under a roof that can harbor the almost 150 faithful who attend the Mass in Enugu. There have been over 230 baptisms since the founding of the mission, and over 20 marriages.

We do not yet have a permanent home for the priory in Enugu. As it is a rented house, it is impossible to build a church or school, and there is simply not enough space to accomplish all that should be done. For this reason, we have been searching for a parcel of land upon which we can build. We are in urgent need of funds in order to establish a permanent settlement here in Enugu.

Vocations

In spite of the lack of a permanent settlement, we have already been blessed with many vocations. Two young men are in the seminary in Australia, one of them in his third year. Another young man will be entering this coming year, and perhaps another two in the following year. Our candidates for the seminary spend at least one year learning Latin, Gregorian Chant, and the fundamentals of the spiritual life before going to our seminary in Australia.

We also have many religious sisters who have found their vocations in the convents of Tradition. There are five sisters in Kenya, with the Missionary Sisters of the Society in Karen, and several others who would like to join once they can obtain a



The Mission on a Map



The Mission in Figures

- 3 priests
- 6 Mass centers
- 300 devotees

The missionaries



- Father Peter Chrissement
- Father Gregory Obih
- Father Benedict Laignelot

Facts (continued)

- Majority of people are Muslim in the northern states. In the southern states, the majority are Christian.
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- Slightly more than twice the size of California.
- Tropical climate with variable rainy and dry seasons.
- A Nigerian Blessed: Bl. Fr. Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi, beatified in 1998 by Pope John Paul II
- Patron saints of Nigeria: Mary, Queen of Nigeria and St. Patrick

VISA. There is also one sister studying in Salvan with the oblates of the Society.

The lack of facilities to receive candidates to the priesthood and the lack of a convent for the sisters is especially frustrating since we know that there are many vocations who would like to stay faithful to Tradition and yet we lack the means to receive them.

Chapels

From the priory in Enugu our three priests make many apostolic voyages to the large cities of Nigeria in order to provide the Traditional Mass, sacraments, and catechism to as many faithful as possible.

In Lagos, the largest city in Africa, we have a very fervent group of almost 100 faithful. For a long time we were able to celebrate Mass in a school building but the government recently made a decree making it impossible for us to continue in this place. For the moment, we are struggling in a very small rented room above a restaurant until we can find a more suitable place. We have found another place to rent but unfortunately it is a bit expensive.

In Abuja, the capital of Nigeria, we have a small chapel in the home of one of our faithful. About 40 people attend this Mass every two weeks in a room that can only fit about half this number. We would like to find a more permanent place for these souls who struggle to keep faithful to Tradition in this city. In the South, in the city of Port Harcourt, there is a small but very apostolic group of faithful using a nice room which we are able to use for free thanks to the generosity of the owner.

In addition, we have a small mission in Onitscha, a large city near the great Niger river. We travel to provide the Mass and sacraments to this group who are very keen on the Traditional liturgy and even have an organist. Another of our missions is in Achalla. They have built themselves a chapel in this very poor rural area about 2 hours from the priory.

Apart from our missions in Nigeria we also travel to other countries to celebrate the Mass. In Accra, in Ghana, we have a fervent group of some 30-40 people who often have to make great sacrifices to come to our Masses. Our most recent mission is in the Benin Republic which has great potential for the future, but lack of funds and priests prevent us from doing much at the present time.



Please help us!

The most important and most necessary help that you can give to our apostolate in Nigeria are your prayers and sacrifices. The prayers and offerings of children are especially efficacious! Only supernatural means can truly help us in this struggle, namely the grace of God that is obtained by prayer. It is prayer also that gives great joy in this apostolate!

The complete lack of infrastructure that makes even ordinary life quite difficult. There is no electricity for much of the day, and even water must be collected from the rain. The roads are very badly maintained if they exist at all. This makes the voyages to the missions rather difficult, especially in the rainy season. This is another reason that we ask for your prayers, that we might have the spiritual strength to extend the Kingship of Our Lord to these people longing for the Tradition of the Church.

How can one materially aid the work of the Priory in Nigeria?

Donations of all sorts are welcome. We often receive gifts of food or even animals from the faithful to help us in our daily necessities.

We hope in the near future to be able to receive faithful who would like to come to visit the priory and to help us as volunteers.

For those that are further away, monetary aid is most welcome. We know that many of the graces given to souls are due to the sacrifices of many who contribute to the missions. May God grant you a hundred-fold in this life, and eternal life in abundance!



From a Letter to a Fast-Growing Mission

In 1979, a certain doctor of Kenya sent a letter to Ecône with this simple address: “Archbishop Lefebvre – Switzerland.” Fortunately, the Swiss Post Office has very clever employees, and the letter reached the Founder of the SSPX.

This Doctor was quite a stubborn man and was begging for priests to re-introduce the Traditional Latin Mass in his country. He knew he was not a saint, and he was known as such by the Catholic hierarchy in Kenya. But Divine Providence takes advantage of any good will to achieve His purpose. This is how Archbishop Lefebvre sent several visitor priests successively, most notably Father Richard Williamson and Father Franz Schmidberger, who became the cornerstones of the SSPX foundation in Kenya. After so many visits from Europe, Zimbabwe, and South Africa, a priory was founded in Nairobi on September 3, 2003. The priests first resided in the doctor’s very modest cottage. A year later, they purchased land in Karen, in the area made famous by the movie “Out of Africa.”

A Century of Christianity in Kenya

Kenya is a country of 42 million inhabitants, located in East Africa. With the slopes of Mount Kenya where all kinds of agriculture are abundant, with the white sand beaches along the Indian Ocean, with the large Rift Valley with its wild animals (the famous big five: lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhinoceros), Kenya is most probably one of the richest countries in Africa for its breath-taking landscape. The

Facts



- Capital: Nairobi
- Official Languages: Swahili, English
- Size: 224,081 sq. miles
- Religion: 23.4% Catholic
- Named for Mt. Kenya, whose meaning is unclear but may derive from certain indigenous words meaning “God’s resting place” (*continued*)

The mission on a map

The mission in figures

- 3 priests
- 5 Mass centers
- 1 school (Lavington)

The missionaries

- Fr. Nicolas Bély
- Fr. Pierre Champroux
- Fr. James Kimani Ngaruro

Facts (continued)

- The Great Rift Valley is a 4,000-mile long rift.
- There are 110 different types of bats found in Kenya and 88 different types of rat, mouse or gerbil.
- The cheetah is the fastest animal in Kenya.
- Kenya is roughly the same size as France or Texas
- Kenya has 197 airports of which 16 have paved runways.



variety of culture, from the pastoral life of the Maasai, Luo, and Kalenjin tribes, to the agriculture and sedentary life of the Kikuyu, Luhya, and Meru tribes, makes the country lovable to missionaries.

The Catholic evangelization of Inland Kenya was the work of the Holy Ghost Fathers in Nairobi, of the Consolata Fathers around Mount Kenya, and of the Mill Hill Missionaries along Lake Victoria. In 1899, the Holy Ghost Fathers built St. Austin's, the Catholic mother-church in Nairobi, located on a plot given by a local chief in a no-man's land between the agricultural Kikuyus and the pastoral Maasai. In 1902, the Consolata Fathers established their mission in Murang'a, on the slopes of Mount Kenya. The Mill Hill Fathers arrived in Western Kenya as soon as the railway reached Kisumu in 1903.

When the SSPX settled a priory in Kenya in 2003, the Catholic Church was already a well established institution in Kenya, competing with the Anglican Church, the Presbyterian Church, the African Inland Mission, the Quaker Friends, Seventh Day Adventists, and so many Pentecostal Churches, as well as Islam. The SSPX is certainly a very small entity to keep and restore the Catholic Tradition in Kenya!

2003 – SSPX Foundation in Kenya

Nevertheless, the courageous missionaries started their apostolic work in Kenya. A small chapel was arranged, and some Catholic faithful came to attend the



Missionary Sisters of Jesus and Mary

In 2011, Bishop Fellay made the decision to start a new female congregation, the “Missionary Sisters of Jesus and Mary,” and established their Novitiate in Karen. In the meantime, the priests relocated the priory to Lavington, where the church had been for the past five years. Some young ladies from Gabon, Nigeria, Uganda, France, and Switzerland joined the new congregation. Today, they are 6 professed sisters, 4 novices, and 6 postulants. Their vocation is—after they’ve pronounced the religious vows of obedience, chastity and poverty—to commit themselves to the missionary work in Africa, mainly by teaching catechism, taking care of the children at school, visiting the sick, etc. They are not a contemplative or semi-contemplative, but a fully active religious congregation.

With so many children coming to church, the need soon arose for a school. A study group was initiated in January 2013, with 2 teachers and 20 pupils. Two classrooms were built behind the chapel. This was the beginning of Holy Cross Academy. The school was registered in 2014, and we started the construction of a three story building. Unfortunately, we had to interrupt the construction work for about a year due to lack of funds.

In January 2016, Bishop Fellay made the decision to assign three Missionary Sisters to the Priory in Lavington in order to take care of the pupils of Holy Cross Academy. Because of these welcome laborers, we had to change the building plan to include an apartment for the Sisters on the 3rd floor. The architect made the necessary changes and the construction work resumed in May of 2016.

School Building Project

Around 200-250 faithful attend Mass every Sunday at Holy Cross Priory. The parish is taken care of by two French priests, Fr. Nicolas Bély and Fr. Pierre Champroux, as well as by Brother Rémy. Holy Cross Academy has around 75 pupils, taken care of by the three Missionary Sisters and five Kenyan teachers. The children are between 3 and 11 years of age. There are three classes for Kindergarten and 5 classes for primary school. Each year we hope to open a new classroom until—God willing—we’ll reach the 8th grade in 2019, when our first pupils will write their first national examination.

Traditional Mass. Some young men and women wished to enter the religious life. “Many are invited, but few are chosen” (Mat. 22, 14). Today, there is one Kenyan priest of the SSPX, as well as two seminarians and three religious sisters.

The priests used to teach catechism every Saturday in the high density area of Kawangware, in the homes of some poor families. More and more children attended these lessons, and the priests assisted them with food and school fees, according to their means. In 2005, in the low density area of Lavington, they purchased a plot close to Kawangware. This was really providential. The priests could then exercise their apostolate amongst the disadvantaged people in a compound of almost an acre. In the following year, the priests built a chapel and were travelling almost every day from Karen to say Mass in Lavington. This was the very beginning of a fruitful apostolate amid the Kenyan population.



Most of the pupils of Holy Cross Academy are from poor backgrounds. Their parents are hard-workers in various informal small businesses in Nairobi. Most of them did not get a chance to receive much education, due to the lack of means of their own parents. But they want their children to have a better chance than they had. For this reason, we try to keep the school fees affordable for them, and we rely on the generosity of our benefactors to complete the school budget with their donations.

When the school construction is complete, hopefully this year, we are expecting to receive many more pupils. Thanks to the quality of our teachers and to the

presence of the sisters, the reputation of the school is growing fast. As of January 2017 we have more than 100 pupils. The completion of the school building is becoming critical. Our aim is to complete the walls, doors, and windows soon. Also, we wish to have at least three classrooms completed, as well as three bedrooms and a dining room for the sisters. Once these things are done, we can get the certificate of occupation and receive the children in the new school.

Thank you so much to all those who have taken a part in this project. The children pray for their benefactors daily and attend Mass for them every Wednesday.



St. John the Baptist Expansion Program

One of the oldest priories in the African District is Our Lady of Sorrows in Roodepoort, South Africa. The decision to move to a lower class neighborhood in 1991 was hotly contested by some of the older parishioners. However, it has turned out to be eminently providential. St. John the Baptist Catholic School was started there in 1996 and remained a very small primary school for 17 years, most of the original families leaving the country. Yet, over the past three years, the location, central for many African children in Roodepoort and Soweto, has, together with the strong religious education, brought about a great expansion of the work of the school, such that it has now become the biggest recruiter of new parishioners. Many students have been baptized and another forty are catechumens.

Growth of a Catholic School

The growth of the school started in 2013, and by January 2014 the enrolment had risen to 45 students. At the same time a beginning high school was started, with only 8th grade. It became clear that the already existing classrooms were not going to be sufficient, and so in October 2014 a new six-classroom building and bathroom block was begun. By January 2015 the enrolment had doubled to 90, so that when the new building was completed in July 2014, it was already completely filled. But the enrolment doubled *again* just a year and a half later, with 181 students enrolled in Kindergarten through 10th grade. Every available space is now required to accommodate the students. For the

Facts



- South Africa is the southernmost country in Africa
- Capital: Pretoria
- Currency: South African rand
- Population: about 55 million
- South Africa has 11 official languages, among which are Afrikaans and English
- The country is slightly less than twice the size of Texas
- The majority of the population is (Protestant) Christian
- A minority of about 7% is Roman Catholic

first time we have two classes of 1st graders, one for the boys and one for the girls. In the future, the continued growth of the school will require that two classes per grade be added one year at a time.

The key to this growth has been to provide a profoundly religious Catholic education, and to provide strict discipline, structure and high academic standards. This has won an excellent reputation for the school, which is drawing souls to Catholic Tradition. However, it is still very much a mission environment. Most of the families of parishioners are poor and cannot pay all their school fees. Yet the Church longs to give them a Catholic education which will deliver them from both their material and spiritual poverty.

Future Development

Planning for the immediate future has become an urgent necessity. Even the church is overcrowded for the weekly school Masses, and full for daily Mass. It is for this reason that two projects are currently in the works.

The first project is the purchase of a neighboring



property, across the road from the priory. This property, consisting of a large hall and several rooms with a building space of 8,000 square feet was formerly a furniture store and before that a Masonic hall. It will function as an assembly hall for the school and also allow the separation of the boys from the girls, as the Church requires. St. Joseph House, as it will be called, will become the boys' high school and will therefore be on a separate campus from the girls' high school and the elementary school.

The second project is another new school building which will be placed on a part of the school playing fields. This three story building, with 13,000 square feet of floor space, will house ten classrooms and a staffroom once completed. These large classrooms will be used for the primary school, where the classes are larger (but not exceeding 25 students per class). The process for obtaining the building permits is practically complete and construction should begin at any time.

The Mission of St. John the Baptist

These new buildings will enable the Roodeport priory to provide for the educational needs of traditional Catholics in the area and will also to draw many other open-minded souls to the beauty, love, and practice of the Catholic Faith. Our 13 traditional Catholic teachers, many of whom have followed the exercises of St. Ignatius, all understand that the role of the Catholic school is to form Christ in the souls of the children entrusted to us. Our two Oblate sisters and two priests, however, are praying that the assignment of a third priest in August will enable the school to deepen the spiritual formation given. Thus will be fulfilled the mission contained in the Society's statutes: "Schools, truly free and unfettered, able to bestow on youth a thoroughly Christian education, shall be fostered and, if need be, founded by the members of the Society. From these will come vocations and Christian homes." (Statutes III, 4)

South Africa was once a country of the first world, with a thriving economy. Now this is past history, and the economical and cultural decline is rapidly drawing it down to the level of other countries on the continent. It is for this reason that the success of this mission to the Africans depends upon support from elsewhere: notably prayers, volunteer teachers, and financial support. Note that none of the capital improvements could be done without foreign funds, and that the families of St. John the Baptist Catholic School greatly appreciate the support upon which they rely.



The Mission Seminary

Holy Cross Seminary, Goulburn

Holy Cross Seminary is located near Goulburn, New South Wales, Australia. Goulburn, Australia's first inland city, is home to 25,000 people, most of whom earn their living through agriculture – particularly cattle and sheep production – and related industries. The Seminary, approximately 13 miles south of the city, is within one hour's drive of the nation's capital, Canberra, and just over two hours' drive from Sydney with its large international airport. Through that airport come most of the Seminary's students because, besides training Australian candidates for the priesthood and brotherhood, Holy Cross supports the apostolates of the Districts of Asia and Africa. The young men formed within these walls will later return home to serve these mission districts.

Before Holy Cross was Holy Cross

The origin of Holy Cross Seminary can be found in the ranching operation established by James McFarlane in the mid-1820s. Christened "Inveralochy" (Scotch Gaelic for "settlement at a lake mouth") and, to this day, still often referred to as such by the natives of Goulburn, Inveralochy consisted of 12,800 acres. Time passed and owners followed one upon another until, in 1950, the holding (by then reduced in size to 4,809 acres) was purchased by Rev. Dr. Terence B. McGuire, archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn. Archbishop McGuire dreamed of creating a Catholic farm school which would form future developers of Australia's vast agricultural potential.

Facts

Holy Cross Seminary,
Goulburn, Australia

Major Seminary and
Brothers' Novitiate

Academic year begins in
February and ends in
November.



The Seminary in figures

5 Priest Professors:

- Fr. Daniel Themann
- Fr. Christopher Curtis (vice-rector), Australian, ordained in 2006
- Fr. Paul Robinson (Novice master for the brothers), American, ordained in 2006
- Fr. Christoph Pfluger, Swiss, ordained in 2006
- Fr. Todd Stephens, Australian, ordained in 2009

2 Lay Professors:

- Mr. Desmond McDonnell
- Mr. Stephen Armstrong

5 Religious Brothers

Seminarians as of June 2017:

- 4 Koreans
- 3 Australians
- 3 Filipinos
- 2 New Zealanders
- 2 Kenyans
- 2 Nigerians
- 1 Indian

Fr. Themann



Fr. Daniel Themann is the Rector of Holy Cross Seminary and was ordained in 2009 at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary, Winona, MN.

His Grace entrusted the property to the Christian Brothers who, in 1954, opened Saint Michael's Agricultural and Trades College.

For nearly 20 years, the college was the pride of this religious congregation's educational efforts in New South Wales. But the reforms of the Second Vatican Council crippled the religious spirit of the order, and combined with the agricultural recession of the late 1960s, brought this worthy endeavor to its knees. The school closed in 1971. However, most of the farmers and ranchers who today are the Seminary's neighbors are alumni of this institution.

The property passed through other hands until it finally served as a drug abuse rehabilitation center. The residents of the future seminary during this period left behind much—in the form of property damage—to commemorate their occupancy. Much like Saint Mary's Academy and St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary, the buildings of Inveralochy, then situated on 51 acres, were in very poor condition when they came to the attention of Fr. Gerard Hogan, then the District Superior of Australia, in the late 1980s.

Restoring the church

Since the day the Seminary was blessed by Fr. Franz Schmidberger on March 7, 1989, the work of building restoration has proceeded side-by-side with the work of priestly formation. For example, newcomers immediately notice the Seminary's very "traditional" heating system—wood-burning stoves in the main chapel, refectory, and elsewhere. Other portions of the building rely on a small central heating system whose radiators are more aesthetic than functional. But, at the same time, returning visitors never fail to comment on recent improvements completed since their last visit. Taken altogether, the projects undertaken by each succeeding seminary rector have ensured that the work of priestly formation may be carried out in a fitting atmosphere—while the occasional minor discomfort contributes to the training of candidates, many of whom will some day face a missionary apostolate.

Currently, Holy Cross Seminary trains seminarians from nine different nations



and four different districts. This work of formation is performed by five priests with the help of four Society brothers. The academic year, as is typical in the southern hemisphere, runs from March through December. This accounts for the alternative dates for the various ordinations throughout the year which are surprising, at first glance, for those who live in the hemisphere which is home to the seminaries of Winona and Ecône.

Most recently on Low Sunday, four Holy Cross seminarians received the cassock. Two Australians were ordained to the priesthood last December, and the Seminary looks forward to seeing three additional new priests at the end of 2016.

Financing the Future

Although Holy Cross services small and developing districts, it must be noted that the faithful of these districts are extremely generous in contributing to the maintenance of the Seminary. If Holy Cross relies upon the assistance of faithful from the United States and other large districts, this is certainly in no way due to a lack of generosity on the part of those parishes and missions who send their young men to be trained in rural Australia. Nevertheless, these districts simply do not have the resources to support the Seminary without calling upon their brethren in those countries where the work of tradition is further advanced.

In the near future, the Seminary hopes to acquire two adjoining plots of land that would increase the total size of the property by approximately 60%. One of these plots contains the remains of an athletic field (currently a sheep pasture!) which once belonged to Inveralochy in the days when it was an agricultural school. At the moment, the seminarians lack a space large enough for their games of soccer, football, and cricket since most of the Seminary's acreage is dedicated to the maintenance of its small herd of beef cattle. Many fervent prayers are offered by the seminarians for the intention of displacing the field's current "residents" and returning this grassy space to its original function. Perhaps through the generosity of those who read this magazine, those prayers will be answered.



Fr. Theman, Rev. Mr. Stamos and Rev. Mr. Gaydos after the ceremony of taking of the cassock.

Bishop Fellay performed the ordination ceremony at Holy Cross Seminary in 2015.



View upon the fields in front of the seminary



District of

Mexico & Central America



Fr. Jorge Amozortia,
District Superior

His Most Reverend Excellency, Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, visited Mexico for the first time in the beginning of 1981, once he was able to obtain the license from the Mexican government to enter the country.

During his visit, he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation in places like Guadalajara, Jal., Orizaba, Ver., and Tlaxiaco, which is located in the state of Oaxaca. Here the number of confirmands exceeded 700.

The first three priests from the SSPX arrived in Mexico in 1984 to a small town called Zapotiltic in the state of Jalisco, where a generous donation of a property contributed by the faithful made possible the foundation of the Autonomous House of Mexico. A year later, in 1985, the District of Mexico and Central America was established with a Priory in Zapotiltic and another one in Mexico City.

The District's geographical scope covers all the Mexican territory as far as Panama. In addition, a visit is made to Cuba four times a year. We currently have points of presence in Mexico, 5 countries of Central America, and Cuba.

Our Chapels

The work that has been done in the District has proved to be a major task, if we take into account that the economic situation of the countries in our District is rather bad. The chapels that we currently have are the fruit of great effort from both priests and faithful.



For example, the Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City has been constructed bit by bit with a great deal of work, commitment and perseverance. It currently has sufficient funds to build the sanctuary and fixed altar, and after these items are finished the church will finally be complete. It has taken a total of ten years for what began as a warehouse to become our current chapel.

Other beautiful chapels have been built, for example, in Guadalajara City (St. Athanasius), in León (Our Lady of the Rosary), Dos Ríos (Our Lord of Mercy), Chihuahua (Saint Joseph), Gómez Palacio (Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary) and some others.

A District under Construction

The chapel in Mexico City, due to be completed this fall, is only one of our current construction projects. In Cholula, a small city that is attached to Puebla City, there is a large property where we have already begun construction. The priest chaplain and the faithful, with great effort, courage and determination are doing a wonderful job. We hope to have a decent and fitting chapel built in 2 or 3 years where we will be able to celebrate Mass and provide instruction to the faithful.

The chapel located in Guatemala's capital city is an old building adapted to work as a temporary chapel. We have spent more than 10 years in that same chapel, but unfortunately it has not been possible to raise the funds necessary for the construction of a proper facility, although we are working on it.

A couple of years ago, in the City of Cancún, Quintana Roo, funds were raised to buy a suitable property for the construction of a chapel, thanks to great sacrifices. Currently, efforts are being made to collect the necessary resources to begin the construction of the chapel.

In the City of Mérida, in the State of Yucatán, a property has been purchased for the construction of a chapel. We still do not know when we will be able to start construction, but in the meantime, the blueprints are being drawn up and fundraising continues.

In April, the First Assistant of the SSPX visited our District and celebrated the Mass in the temporary chapel located in the capital of the State of San Luis Potosí. On this occasion, the efforts of the faithful were crowned with the blessing of the land for the new chapel by the First Assistant. They already have some savings, and we hope to start construction very soon, while at the same time, continuing to raise the funds necessary to bring this project to completion.

The District's needs

Cuernavaca, "the city of the eternal spring", located in the state of Morelos, Jalapa in Veracruz, and Chilapa in Guerrero are 3 small Mass centers that we visit once a month, or once every two months in the case of the latter two. We celebrate Mass in the homes of some of the faithful, and we do not have much hope of having a suitable place anytime soon for the celebration of the Holy Mass. We will see what Divine Providence has in store for these cities.

The capital cities of Querétaro and Oaxaca states are two new and growing Mass centers. The great majority of the faithful there are young and growing families.

We have high hopes for these two places. We still do not have a stable place to celebrate the Mass. Sometimes we say Mass in the homes of the parishioners, in a

District of Mexico



Facts

- District House
- 5 Pories
- 33 chapels where the Holy Mass is celebrated.
- 20 priests



The District House is in Mexico City. There are four pories located throughout the Mexican territory, and another one in Guatemala's capital city. All of them are served by 20 priests.

Saint Joseph's House

Saint Joseph's House, the Seat of the District, is a few steps away from the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It has a community composed of

- 2 home priests and
- 1 resident, as well as
- 3 Oblate Sisters.

Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Opposite the property is the Convent of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, a filial community of our congregation since 1987, which has a total of

- 28 professed religious,
- 2 novices and
- 1 postulant.

Cuba Mission

From Mexico City, we visit Cuba four times a year. In addition to our visit to Havana, we also go to the city of Matanzas.

Priory of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Priory of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, has

four priests plus another priest who lives in the Seat of the District. Besides attending to Mexico City, this priory also takes care of eight Mass centers and one school.

Gómez Palacio

There is one Priory in the northern part of the country located in the city of Gómez Palacio in the State of Durango, and it is composed of three priests. From there, they attend another three cities: Chihuahua, Ciudad Juárez, and Ensenada.

Guadalajara

The City of Guadalajara, considered to be the country's second most important city, has one Priory dedicated to St. Athanasius, and composed of four priests. From there, four Mass centers are maintained. It is a strategic priory which, if God allows, will split up to create a new Priory in the city of León, in the State of Guanajuato.

Orizaba

The City of Orizaba, which is located in the State of Veracruz, houses three priests who live in the Priory dedicated to the Blessed Rafael Guizar y Valencia. This Priory takes care of five Mass centers regularly.

Guatemala

The Priory of Guatemala, dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima, is in charge of serving our chapels located in Central America. It is located in the City of Guatemala, and it has three priests who, in addition to the Priory and the chapel in the center of the town, regularly attend to another six Mass centers, as well as another two that are only visited sporadically. All of them are situated throughout five Central American countries.

Other Countries

The countries that are regularly served by this Priory are:

- Guatemala
- El Salvador
- Costa Rica
- Nicaragua
- Honduras

The apostolate in Central America is extremely difficult, due to the poverty present in the area, as well as the massive invasion of Protestant sects. As if that were not enough, both the Liberation Theology and charismatic movement have a major influence in the region.

rented accommodation, or in some other place made as worthy as possible. We are working to help these two cities, and we will attempt both inside and outside the District to raise the necessary funds.

In Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, we say Mass in the hall of a bakery, which we have named Bethlehem, which means House of Bread. We are searching for both funds and locations for the chapel. The situation is true for the three Mass centers in Costa Rica. In El Salvador, we received a generous donation from one of the faithful for the purchase and construction of a chapel. We hope we will be able to solve the legal matters involved and start with the work as soon as possible.

Lastly, we must mention the problems we face in Cuba. We visit the island four times a year, but unfortunately we have not been able to acquire a fitting and stable place for the celebration of the Mass in Havana. We were able, with great efforts, to rent a small apartment where the faithful get together to pray the Rosary, and the Mass is celebrated there when the priest visits the country. One possible option is to buy a place, but this will not be easy due to economic issues and because of the political situation in the country.



Chapel in León



Chapel in Guadalajara



Benediction of a Crucifix and a piece of land in San Luis



Chapel in Cuba



Church in Mexico City



The SSPX in Eastern Europe

Next year will mark the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima. During one of the apparitions, the Blessed Virgin Mary showed the 3 humble children of Fatima a real and terrible vision of hell and proclaimed to them God's will to establish in the world devotion to her Immaculate Heart. According to the very words of the Mother of God herself this special devotion has for its goal the saving of souls and should also lead to peace in the world. However, at the same time she foretold that the insults and sins committed against almighty God would continue for a long time and would cause great misery all over the world. "If My requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church." We are constant witnesses to the terrifying reality that was prophesied, and we have no idea when it will come to an end.

As a remedy for these things, the Blessed Virgin Mary specifically asked for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart and an expiatory communion on the first Saturdays of the month. She also gave the following prophesy: "The good will be martyred, the

Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated. In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world."

Therefore, the Mother of God has given to all of us the duty of prayer and penance. In addition, the Superior General of our Society of St. Pius X has recently encouraged us to take these requests of the Our Lady very seriously by another Rosary Crusade of prayer and penance, which recently ended on the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on August 22nd, 2017.

Consecration of Russia

Undoubtedly, by means of the consecration of Russia, which the pope himself must initiate, the Mother of God wants to show to all mankind that it is God's will that a future peace in this world, as well as peace and union with God, is achieved through Her alone. However, in accordance with Catholic teaching, we understand that she also wants to somehow include us in these great works by our prayers and works

of penance, as well as by our continued efforts—however modest their effect might be.

It is because of this that the SSPX priests have been traveling to Russia for the last twenty years in order to try, in an almost inconspicuous way, to spread the seed of the traditional Catholic Faith there. This apostolic work is marked by numerous difficulties. However, we wholeheartedly offer everything to our Blessed Lady. Full of hope and zeal, we beg her for the grace that through our humble prayers and efforts, the SSPX itself would somehow be able to help facilitate the consecration of Russia by the pope and bishops to her Immaculate Heart.

Missions in Eastern Europe

We have recently established, for the first time, Society chapels in both St. Petersburg and Moscow. They are of a very provisional character, however, and we envision yet a further step in this enormous country. We would like to find some property which can be purchased by the SSPX and established as a chapel and a living place for the priests in the capital city of Russia. Would you be able to help us with this very important project? We need a lot of prayers and

sacrifices for this project, as well as many financial contributions since we have only very modest funds.

Humanly speaking, 2017 would be a very suitable year for the realization of such a plan by the SSPX in Russia. We are doing what we can to realize this dream, but at the same time we do not want to force anything and we leave all to Divine Providence.

Our missionary work here includes the pastoral care of more than 20 churches and chapels in Eastern Europe, long apostolic journeys, numerous publications both printed and electronic in 5 different languages, schools, retreats, pilgrimages, etc. However, looking at material expenditure alone, it is impossible for most of the faithful in these countries to contribute more than just a few pennies towards this great work.

It is mainly the contributions of our faithful in the West, and above all, unfortunately, the massive financial assistance from the SSPX's General House, that enables us to continue our missionary work of mercy in these countries. Therefore, to all of you who have helped us in any way, I express my most sincere gratitude! May God reward you! And please be assured that we remember all of you during the holy sacrifice of the Mass. An unexpected and generous gift from benefactors made it possible for us to recently pay off a





long standing debt to the SSPX seminary in Germany. There is a saying: He who has no debt, is rich. We are working towards that goal, but unfortunately, we're not quite there yet...

The remodeling and construction of our main retreat house in Bajerze (in the middle of Poland) is still being delayed because technical clarifications still need to be done by specialists. The chapel for our school in Warsaw, which is still basically in the first stages of construction, is far from being finished because we simply do not have the financial means for it. Nevertheless, we made a small step forward this summer by finishing some of the interior plaster work after the heating units had been installed.

Also, we had dreamt of buying a small vacant piece of land close to our school in Warsaw. This purchase would help us immensely in the future, but unfortunately this cannot be realized at this time. Also, in the middle of Łódź (Poland), where we have a very small chapel, there is a small church which has been offered to us. It was built about 100 years ago by the Protestants and is now privately owned. For the last 20 years it has been used as an antique furniture store. Since it has been appraised as worthy of historical preservation, it can not be demolished and therefore is not of interest to real estate investors. Still, unfortunately, our faithful simply do not have the funds to purchase and renovate such a church, and therefore had to decline this rare opportunity.

There is good news, however, from our apostolate in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. Our new house

there, which includes a small chapel with living rooms above, has been completely finished. It was solemnly blessed on the feast of the Epiphany this year. What a joy for our community there! They finally have their own Catholic chapel dedicated to God's glory in this country scarred by both Protestantism and atheism!

Dear Friends and Benefactors of the Society, I think that you can read between my lines: our priests are developing an important apostolate in these countries which have suffered severely under the influence of the godless Russian regime during the 20th century and which still suffers today from those errors. You must also understand that in the future incomparably more will need to be done.

We eagerly await the priestly ordinations of our Polish (five young men), Lithuanian (two young men) and Russian (three young men) candidates in the seminary, as well as our pre-seminarians (three young men) that they may come and help us in the vineyard. However, we will have to wait at least two long years for another first Mass to be celebrated by one of our own priests.

I humbly ask all of you: please do not leave us in need! Please, with a generous heart, help us to continue to expand and develop this apostolate in Eastern Europe for the glory of God and the Immaculata as well as for the salvation of souls. In gratitude and with my priestly blessing,

Rev. Fr. Lukas Weber +

New chapel in St. Petersburg

We have finally finished all of the major remodeling work for our new chapel in St. Petersburg. However, we still have much to do. We have dedicated the chapel to Our Lady of Fatima. The beginning of every new mission has its share of difficulties and crosses, but our community in St. Petersburg is fighting hard to bring the traditional Mass and Faith to people of this great city. Unfortunately, we had no heat and very little available electricity for the first 6 months, so it was a very cold winter in the chapel! We could only use space heaters powered by propane gas. It was rough, but we survived. We have now installed improved electricity as well as radiators for heating. We humbly beg you for your continued prayers and support in order to make a fitting chapel for Our Lord in St. Petersburg.







Mary, Queen of Poland

In the year 966 AD, Polish duke Mieszko I was solemnly baptized a Catholic and together with him the Polish nation officially accepted the Catholic religion. In order to commemorate this important anniversary, SSPX priests and brothers, accompanied by numerous faithful, met together on May 3, the feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Poland, at Gniezno, the first capital of Poland, in order to pray and give thanks to God Almighty.

After holy Mass, the priests and faithful made a procession to the cathedral of Gniezno chanting traditional hymns in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Adalbert – the primary patron saint of Poland.

New chapel in Moscow

In October of 2015, we happily offered our last holy Mass in the hotel conference rooms of Moscow. After many years of trials and difficulties in the former Soviet capital, Divine Providence found us our own little chapel. Close to the center of the city there is an old Cemetery (Vvedenskoye Cemetery) where many Catholics are buried. We were able to renovate some rooms in the old rectory there and began renting them for our chapel and apostolate. Thanks to your prayers and help, dear benefactors, this SSPX chapel in Moscow will be a great step forward for our apostolate and mission in Russia. The chapel has fittingly been dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please pray for us!

Estonian youth participate in the pilgrimage in Lithuania

Our Estonian youth are robust! For their first pilgrimage in Chartres in 2013, they had to travel by bus for almost 24 hours. Then, during the pilgrimage, it poured rain for 3 days! They courageously offered it all up to Our Lord and at the end, covered in mud, got back on the bus to return to Tallinn. Amazing! They came to Lithuania to join our pilgrimage and brought, as always, a joyful and lighthearted spirit. Please pray for Estonia!

New chapel in Tallinn, Estonia

Thanks to Divine Providence, the Immaculata, and the extreme generosity of our benefactors, we have finally finished the first stage of our construction project in Tallinn. Deo gratias! It has a basement, first floor, and an upper level. The first floor will serve as our temporary chapel, while the upstairs will accommodate visiting priests and guests. The basement will be used for a sacristy and for storage. The blessing of the house and chapel was performed on the feast of the Epiphany by the Superior of the autonomous House of Eastern Europe, Fr. Lukas Weber. Other clergy and religious from Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania also came for the ceremony. Estonia has very few Catholics, and so this building project is one of only a handful of Catholic construction projects in this region over the last 100 years.

Bp. de Galarreta visits Minsk

In April of this year, Bp. de Galaretta visited our SSPX mission chapel in Minsk, Belarus. It is not easy for foreign priests and bishops to receive a visa to enter formerly communist Belarus. However, by the grace of God, Bishop de Galaretta was able to come and confirm 7 children and 1 adult. He also met with the faithful and encouraged them to keep the traditional Catholic Faith. He was especially appreciative of the Minsk chapel choir.



A group photo with Bishop de Galaretta, Fr. Weber, Fr. Boesiger, and those who received Confirmation

The new chapel in Tallinn, Estonia



The mission in Vilnius

Throughout the years, the SSPX has struggled to keep alive a small mission in the city of Vilnius. Due to serious difficulties, we were forced to close this mission twice. However, Divine Providence and the Mother of Mercy continue to call the SSPX back to this historical Catholic city. We have consecrated this work to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and have redoubled our efforts. We have begun to visit the city once again and now offer holy Mass there monthly. We beg your prayers for our mission and all the precious souls in Vilnius!

Confraternity of Saint Stephen begins to grow in Poland

The SSPX's main priority is the priesthood. Fostering vocations is therefore very important to us. Many young men find their vocation through their

dedication to serving the holy sacrifice of the Mass. On Sunday, January 10, 2016 Fr. Szymon Banka, pastor of our chapel in Poznan and the Director of the Archconfraternity of Saint Stephen there, celebrated a special high Mass during which 3 young men joined the Archconfraternity and one member became a senior acolyte. Currently, the Poznan-based chapter of the Archconfraternity consists of 11 altar boys, while another 5 boys, aged 6–9, are preparing to join.

On the same day, a solemn high Mass was celebrated in our priory's church in Warsaw in order to solemnly inaugurate a chapter of the Archconfraternity there. Fr. Banka was also appointed director of this chapter. During the Mass, which was celebrated by the prior, Fr. Dawid Wierzyncki, and assisted by Rev. Fr. Lucas Weber and Fr. Konstantyn Najmowicz, a total of 11 men and boys joined the Archconfraternity. Many of these members are also students from our schools. The ladies' choir sang the Messe Breve by Léo Delibes beautifully for this solemn occasion.



Guests from France together with the local clergy and religious of both the Latin and Byzantine rites. Shrine of Our Lady of Aglona, Latvia



A recent wedding in Latvia

Good Friday in the Byzantine Rite in Riga



The SSPX's publishing house

The SSPX's Publishing House in Poland is named "Te Deum". It has existed for about 20 years, and currently is experiencing rapid development and changes. A new and significantly more spacious facility will soon be acquired for its work. A new online book store will also be operating shortly. However, our bimonthly journal, *Zawsze Wiern* (Always Faithful), published by Te Deum is undergoing the most significant changes. Its newest May/June 2016 issue features a totally new and considerably more attractive layout. It was prepared by a new editorial board composed of experienced columnists, translators and editors. In order to commemorate the 125th anniversary of pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum novarum* and the 85th anniversary of Pope Pius XI's encyclical *Quadragesimo anno*, this latest issue's theme is the traditional Catholic teaching on labor and society.

Additionally, the Te Deum Publishing House wanted to take part this year in an annual Catholic Publishers Book Fair held in Warsaw. Regretfully, the fair's director, as well as the Association of Catholic Publishers in Poland, resolutely rejected our participation in this "Catholic" event. They explained to us that this had been the decision of the Secretariat of the Polish Episcopal Conference. So instead of allowing the SSPX to participate, they allowed a Lutheran publishing house to participate as well as other publishers promoting the alleged Medjugorje apparitions. However, we were not discouraged by this unjust decision, and instead decided to present Te Deum's publications to the thousands of Catholics visiting the Book Fair in another way. On April 9th and 10th a group of our faithful distributed Te Deum's catalogs to Book Fair visitors along with leaflets containing these questions: "Why can't Polish Catholics have access to the teaching of the greatest popes? Why are Catholics being discouraged from participating in the Church's ancient Liturgy, which in fact was never forbidden and was even promoted by pope Benedict XVI? Why can't Catholic truth be presented at a Catholic Book Fair?" We successfully distributed more than 3,000 catalogs and leaflets during the two days of the Fair. Many Catholics actually supported us and even voiced their outrage about the decision of the Association of the Catholic Publishers forbidding our participation, as well as with what they had seen at some of the book stands at this Catholic Book Fair.



New Priory in Cracow, Poland

On October 10, 2015 our faithful from Cracow, along with faithful from our other chapels, came to participate in the solemn blessing of our new priory. The building was blessed by the SSPX superior of Eastern Europe, Rev. Fr. Lucas Weber, who also celebrated the holy Mass. "Why did the Society begin a mission in Cracow?" This interesting rhetorical question was posed by Rev. Fr. Weber at the beginning of his sermon. "Because," he continued, "After many centuries of a flourishing Christianity in Europe, these very same European nations are again becoming areas in need of true missionary activity." Rev. Fr. Weber reminded us that St. Stanislaus of Szczepanów (patron of the new Priory) had been brutally martyred by the Polish king's henchmen for remaining faithful to the law of almighty God instead of yielding to unjust human laws. Throughout his sermon, Fr. Weber compared the striking similarities between St. John the Baptist and St. Stanislaus, who both suffered at the hands of unjust political power. After the Mass, during which polyphonic chant was sung by the chapel's choir, the faithful enjoyed a delicious meal together consisting of stewed cabbage (*bigos*) and cabbage rolls (*gołabki*) prepared by Ms. Szydłowska. At the end of the festivities, the holy Rosary was prayed by all of the priests and faithful.

There are currently two priests permanently residing in the priory: Rev. Łukasz Szydłowski (prior), who is responsible for the chapels located in Cracow, Chorzów and Wrocław, and Rev. Anselm Ettelt, who takes care of the chapels in Tuchów, Rzeszów, and Lubatowa.



Sagrado Corazón de Jesús Mission

Dominican Republic

Founded on the Faith of a Missionary


Our mission in the Dominican Republic, situated in La Gina, province of Yamasá, was born of the untiring work of a missionary: Fr. Roderick MacNeil. In 1969, this young priest of the Congregation of Canadian missionaries of Scarborough received the charge of vicar in the parish of San Jose of Yamasá. Accustomed to mission territory—he had already been in the Philippines, in Japan, and in a parish of the diocese of Santo Domingo—this good shepherd expended himself in order to spread a truly Catholic spirit among the 25,000 souls of his parish. Reticent towards the doctrinal and liturgical novelties begun after the Second Vatican Council, he discovered with enthusiasm the work of Archbishop Lefebvre with whom he met personally in 1983, at the occasion of the priestly ordinations in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This visit confirmed him in his attachment to the Faith of all time and to the traditional rite of the Mass. On returning to Santo Domingo, he engaged himself in communicating to his faithful his adherence to the traditions of the Church.

One year later he was transferred elsewhere, but the seed had already been planted: a young man from the Dominican Republic entered the seminary in La Reja in 1984 and a first group of faithful asked for spiritual help from the Society of Saint Pius X. In 1988, the first visit of a Society priest was realized in Yamasá, placing the foundations of a future priory which was to be established in 1996. The conditions of the new house are very precarious and difficult: no electric lights, no drinkable water...but in the end, the Society has at last been established in the Dominican Republic.

Growth Tested by a Hurricane


Little by little, thanks to the successive efforts of various priests and the untiring generosity of foreign benefactors, our work grows. The first great test arrived two years after its foundation: hurricane “George” devastated the islands of Puerto Rico, of the Dominican Republic and Haiti, and of Cuba. The economic situation of the inhabitants—including our faithful—turned calamitous, especially for those who

Facts







The mission in figures

- 4 priests
- 5 sisters
- 6 mass centers
- 450 devotees



The missionaries

- Father Porfirio Martínez
- Father Leandro Blanco
- Father Santiago De Jesús
- Father Marcelo Veler



depend on farm lands which were destroyed by the catastrophe. But as the saying goes: the only real evil is the loss of God. With new help from outside, the mission is enabled to materially assist many of the region’s inhabitants in the crisis, permitting them to slowly reestablish themselves after the hurricane.

As the years have gone by, after this first challenge, the foundation consolidated itself and was made secure. The parochial church, begun in 1991, raised its walls and roof. Later, a bell tower was added. Since 2002, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius have been preached with a certain regularity, generating much spiritual good among the faithful. A great step in the right direction took place in 2003 when a primary school was opened. This development allowed for the opening of a high school in 2013, thus completing the basic study cycle for our students. In 2009, Divine Providence permitted the Society Sisters to install themselves in the mission, giving much needed assistance to the missionaries, just as Archbishop Lefebvre intended.

To God For Teaching

Today, our four priests and five sisters give spiritual attention to more than 450 faithful, dispersed among six Mass centers. The school, Nino Jesús, has 20 teachers who, along with our missionaries, dedicate themselves in passing them a truly



Catholic education to 180 students. Catechesis and frequent reception of the sacraments allow these children to prepare themselves for the future, whether that be responding to God's call to the religious life or in forming a truly Christian home. Thanks be to God, four of the mission's sons have already given their lives to God: three priests and one brother, all members of the Society of St. Pius X. May many more imitate their example! "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few" (Matthew 9:37).

In our school, each year revolves around a certain theme under the patronage of a particular saint. The recent school year of 2014-2015 was dedicated to the natural sciences: chemistry, physics, and biology. The patron saint was St. Albert the Great and we held two science fairs with the slogan "To God by Science." The science fairs consisted of experiments: especially the production of chemical reactions on a large scale with sodium, carbon, etc. The more explosive, the better! In addition, the students constructed helicopters, planes, and boats with motors adapted to them. As the grand prize, we selected one student to participate in the Latin-American Physical Science Competition, as a representative of the Dominican Republic. That same student then went on to participate with merit in the national competition after having passed the provincial biology exam with flying colors.

The school year 2015-2016, whose protector was St. Jerome, was dedicated to the Holy Scriptures and the study and knowledge of the Holy Books. It included



the representation of biblical themes in theater, music, and the visual arts. It boasted two biblical fairs, one of which included a dynamic model of the universal flood and ark of Noah made by the students of the high school. The first fair dealt with themes from the Old Testament while that which followed had the New Testament as its subject, above all the parables of Christ. Coincidentally, the same day that the model of the universal flood was shown, there was a real-life flood! It was such that not only the student-constructed device flooded the large container which held the model of the ancient world and the ark, but water from heaven helped as well!

Why We Need Your Help

Our missionary work in the Dominican Republic only exists and survives thanks to the help of generous souls. In the last 25 years, this miracle of Christian charity permitted the administration of approximately 2,000 baptisms, 500 confirmations, 100 marriages, and innumerable confessions. Ecclesiastical burial was given to the remains of 120 dearly departed. With the help of Providence—and our benefactors—we hope to be able to continue developing our apostolic charge more and more.

Over and above the typical costs of maintenance, we have a few extra projects at present: the school chapel needs to be improved and decorated; a soccer field as well as basketball and volleyball courts must be made for the children; and some classrooms must be fixed before the walls cave in. Also, we hope to open a new Mass center in the capital, Santo Domingo, where the faithful are inviting us after having been forced to emigrate to the city for jobs. This requires the purchase of land and the building of an adequate structure. In addition, in the long run we have an ambitious goal: to found the first Dominican school specializing in the production and elaboration of chocolate, since we are located in one of the most important areas of the world for the production of high quality cocoa. Our students are sons and daughters of cocoa producers and at the school we have a fairly important cocoa plantation. The children would be technicians in the production of cocoa and chocolate. This will allow them to establish their homes alongside the mission and make La Gina a small Christendom.

We confide these projects to St. Joseph and to the generosity of all those who can help us. Every day, our priests, sisters, and students pray for our benefactors. May God give back to you in abundance for your generous aid!



Corpus Christi



The Feast of Corpus Christi (Latin for “Body of Christ”) is the liturgical solemnity celebrating the reality of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in the Eucharist—known as transubstantiation. Two months earlier, the Eucharist is observed on Holy Thursday in a somber atmosphere leading to Good Friday. Corpus Christi emphasizes the joy of the Eucharist being the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

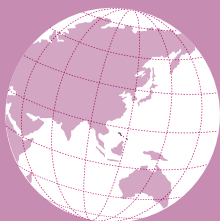
At the end of Holy Mass, there is often a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The procession is followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A notable Eucharistic procession is that presided over by the Pope each year in Rome, where it begins at the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran and passes to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, where it concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



The St. Bernard Novitiate

Philippines

The Philippines



Facts

- The Philippines is a Southeast Asian country in the Western Pacific, comprising more than 7,000 islands. It is the second-largest archipelago in the world.
- Population: 103.3 million
- Capital: Manila. Metro Manila, comprising several other conjoined cities, stands at more than 12,877,000 people, making it one of the most populated metropolitan areas in the world.

In the heart of the Philippine islands, there is an island called Panay. It is here, in the province of Iloilo, close to the city of Iloilo, among the rice fields, that the St. Bernard Novitiate was founded in 1999.

“Novitiate” comes from the Latin word *Novus* and refers to men who newly embrace the religious life. Once these men become religious, we call them “Brothers”. Wishing to follow Our Lord Jesus Christ, imitating Him as well as any man can, they take those counsels given by Our Lord in the Gospels and make them their own. Thus they vow adherence to the evangelical counsels of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience.

The St. Bernard Novitiate is therefore truly a religious house. One may even call it a monastery. This Novitiate belongs to the Society of St. Pius X, and the Brothers are truly members of the Society. Here the true and holy Catholic Doctrine is taught and practiced. The splendor of the Catholic liturgy, which was practiced by monks and saints for two thousand years, is the daily life of the Religious Brother.

Daily prayers, particularly the recital or singing of the Roman Breviary around the altar, which is the heart of the Novitiate, is offered to God for His glory, for the glory of the Church, and for the salvation of souls. Manual labor also forms an important part of their life, following the principle of St. Benedict; *Ora et Labora* (Pray and work).

Throughout the world and all throughout history monks have sought to build magnificent churches and monasteries. They did this firstly to show the glory of God and secondarily to keep the hearts of the monks living in such an environment con-



tinuously turned to their Creator. Every picture, every statue, every piece of art or architecture reminds them of God and what we ourselves have been made for: heaven. True munificence led them to give what they could—to keep nothing for themselves—so that, like the Blessed Virgin Mary, they could say, “My soul doth magnify the Lord...”

A House for God, Built by St. Joseph...

It is for this same purpose that the Brothers of the St. Bernard Novitiate are striving to build a beautiful church. For 16 years they have been obliged to celebrate the splendor of the Liturgy in a humble garage.

Three years ago, the construction of a modest church was begun. Having no means of their own to finance such a construction, the community of St. Bernard threw themselves with confidence into the hands of St. Joseph. The wonderful assistance of this saint has helped can be seen by the following figures: At first, the estimated cost was 20 million pesos, or \$434,000 US. Soon, however, this figure

was discovered to be too low and a new estimation of \$717,000 was settled on. We began with zero. But now with the help of St. Joseph and so many generous benefactors all over the world, we have reached the stunning amount of \$586,000. These funds have already been received and are being used for the construction. We owe nothing. We have not made use of bank loans at all. All is in the hands of St. Joseph. Yet in order to complete the construction, we need another \$130,000.

...And Given to Our Lady

The Church will be dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The date for the consecration was set for the 13th of May 2017. Yes, it was the centenary of Fatima. What a wonderful day! Everyone was invited. Far in the east, from the rising of the sun, the first day of Fatima was recalled. We hope that Our Lord and His Holy Mother will receive our humble gift and will soon bring the world back to Her Immaculate Heart.

In the End, My Immaculate Heart will Triumph!



30 Years of Gratitude

India

Once upon a time, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a smallish dwarf of a man who kept a record of how much money each person owed the Federal Government.

To make matters worse, he had a reputation of dishonestly targeting groups he did not like. He routinely penalized these groups with higher taxes.

Zacchaeus' reputation was a terrible one. In fact, some claimed he was the most unpopular man in the entire village of Jericho.

The townsfolk avoided him, his family disowned him, and his own clients placed "Don't Tread on Me" signs in his yard.

It was on one such idle workday that Zacchaeus overheard a group of his ex-friends speaking in the courtyard. "Jesus is coming to Jericho!" they cried. "He'll be here within the hour!"

Zacchaeus eye's widened. Could it really be true? The famous Jesus of Nazareth is coming to our town?

Zacchaeus had heard many rumors about Jesus. Many people said he was a miracle worker sent from Heaven. "I have to see Jesus with my own eyes..." he

said within himself. "If He can heal others, perhaps He can also forgive me for my dishonest business practices."

As the crowds assembled near the gates of Jericho to greet the Savior, Zacchaeus found himself stuck a long distance away. Since Zacchaeus was small in stature, he could see nothing! He was a full head and shoulders shorter than the people around him. How awful, he thought. From this distance, I might never lay eyes on Him!

In desperation, Zacchaeus sprung into the nearest sycamore tree and climbed with all his might to get a better view.

Jesus immediately approached the large tree. He stopped before the sycamore and stared up into its branches. Much to the surprise of the people standing nearby, Jesus said: "Good morning, Zacchaeus...come down from that tree, for today I must dine in your home." The people were shocked. Why would Jesus dine with Zacchaeus? Does he not know who he is? The people began to mutter, "Jesus is going to be the guest of a sinner..."



Zacchaeus knew full well that he had cheated the people of Jericho, so when Jesus arrived at his doorstep, he confessed everything to Our Lord. He declared aloud: “I am heartily sorry for the sins of my past life.” With a firm purpose of amendment, little Zacchaeus declared to Jesus: “I will distribute half my wealth to the poor. And to those I have cheated, I will repay them four-fold!”

Jesus could read Zacchaeus’ heart and He knew that meant what he said. Jesus knew he was sorry for his actions. “Today,” Jesus said with a blessing, “...salvation has come to this house.”

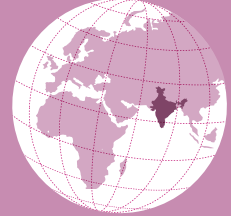
This famous story, related in the Book of St. Luke, serves as an allegory for an event that occurred very recently in the 20th century.

In the same way Jesus entered the home of Zacchaeus 2,000 years ago, so the Society of St. Pius X graced the doorstep of India 30 years ago. Unlike many countries after Vatican II, the fight for Catholic Tradition was low-profile and of little consequence in India. Since the majority of India was pagan, there were very few Catholics willing to take a stand against the novelties within the Church. There was only a tiny remnant of Traditional Catholics who were desirous of a Latin Mass in India. These small groups of earnest Catholics climbed into the sycamore tree and cried aloud to the great Monsignor.

Archbishop Lefebvre heard cries coming from the sycamore tree. He approached and said to the people of India: “Tonight, I must abide in thy house.” And the people began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a pagan country...”

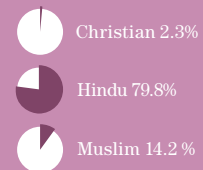
Archbishop Lefebvre sent Fr. Laroche and Fr. Fellay (today’s Bishop Fellay) to investigate the possibility of setting up a priory in India. On September 3rd, 1986, the first priory in India was officially inaugurated. It was on this day we heard the words: “Today, salvation has come to India.”

Facts



- Capital: New Delhi
- Population: 1.2 billion
- India is the second most populous country after China
- Languages: Hindi is most widely spoken of the official languages
- Currency: Indian rupee
- Himalayas run along the northern border of India
- India has the fourth largest reserve of coal in the world
- Home of the Taj Mahal
- Water is non-potable throughout the country
- India won the World Cup cricket championship in 2011
- The Royal Calcutta Golf Club is the oldest golf club in India and the first outside Great Britain.
- The patron saints of India are St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Francis Xavier

Religions in India





Yes, Zacchaeus received forgiveness. But he received something else, something greater. Our Lord himself!! Our Lord will stay with him. What else he can ask for? He, the Emmanuel, will be with Zacchaeus.

And our country of India has received a similar blessing. The past three decades have been an era of great grace in our poor country. The Society of St. Pius X has labored tirelessly in the vineyard of India. The priests of the SSPX have established God's kingdom on our soil. They represent God's highest blessings on our country.

Thanks to the presence of the SSPX and her priests, how many sacrifices have been offered since 1986? How many priests have discovered the Mass of All Time? How many souls are now fed with true doctrine & piety? How many sinners have been absolved of their sins? How many souls now have access to the sacraments?

What would have been the case if SSPX had not been here? Will people speak of tradition in our country? How about the Latin Mass? And how about the very many souls under our care, especially the little ones? Will they have access to the throne of grace? To the heart of Jesus, so tenderly burning with love?

Let us proclaim with conviction the sentiments of Zacchaeus: "Thank you, dear SSPX! Thank you, Mgr. Lefebvre! Thank you, Bishop Fellay! Deo gratias et Mariae!"

An Anniversary Visit

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of FSSPX in India, His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay came to India and offered Mass in gratitude for all the graces we received from the good God through the hands of the Immaculata. Here are some of the pictures for the ceremony for you to enjoy.

Allow me to thank you once again for your continual support. The priests, sisters, faithful and children are truly grateful for your kindness.

May God bless you all,
In Christo,
Fr. Therasian Xavier





Sri Lanka

The Society of St. Pius X has been established in Sri Lanka (Ceylon) for over twenty years, but the Saint Francis Xavier priory has never had a real chapel. The house garage was converted into a sanctuary to which was attached a kind of shed that made a nave for the faithful. There, about 6 years ago, a bell tower was added to the whole; but the “Kingdom Hall” (Jehovah’s Witnesses) look of our chapel has remained. This is why we have decided to build a real church. It will be a modest one (100 seats) but will be worthy of the glory of God and his Blessed Mother to whom it will be dedicated.

On April 21, Bishop Bernard Fellay came to bless the cornerstone of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. The ceremony began with the blessing of a wooden cross placed at the spot of the future altar. Then the prelate blessed the first stone. All the saints in heaven were invoked as in the great liturgical occasions. The certificate of the ceremony was then signed by the clergy and some lay people (including the builder). It was then lodged into the stone with a few coins (recently issued) and the newspaper of the day. The stone was then sealed and set in its place. It is also customary to affix a relic. In our case, the relic was of St. Philomena: hence the phrase *Pax tecum* engraved on the stone with the date. His excellency ended the ceremony with the blessing of the church’s foundations.

The church, which will feature a magnificent façade of Portuguese tiles, will be completed by the new year. Its budget amounts to over \$110,000.



Bishop Bernard Fellay places the cornerstone containing a relic of St. Philomena.

Society of Saint Pius X



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The Society of St. Pius X is an international priestly society of common life without vows, whose purpose is the priesthood and that which pertains to it.

The main goal of the Priestly Society of St. Pius X is to preserve the Catholic Faith in its fullness and purity, to teach its truths, and to diffuse its virtues. Authentic spiritual life, the sacraments, and the traditional liturgy are its primary means of bringing this life of grace to souls.

Faithful to the words of Our Lord—“Going therefore, teach ye all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost”—the Society of St. Pius X strives to bring the Gospel and Tradition to souls around the world. As a lifelong missionary, Archbishop Lefebvre passed on this charism to the Society. This magazine aims to both inform souls about the work of the missions and how they can be helped.