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Letter to Friends and Benefactors

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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Our story, the story of our sanctification, the story of our soul, is certainly the story of the Sacred Heart's love for us. Indeed, the Church teaches that all the graces we have received come to us from His opened heart whence flowed water and blood. And if there is one thing in our life which we have to thank God for, it is to have received the graces which have issued from the Heart of Jesus and come to us through the sacrament of baptism. We will never sufficiently thank our parents and those who carried us to the baptismal font to receive this signal grace which comes from our Lord's Heart. It is through His mercy, His love and His Passion that we have been saved and have received this signal grace of baptism which, moreover, is nothing other than the effusion of the Holy Ghost. It is our Lord Himself who said this. This fountain from which streams of grace gush forth is nothing other than the Holy Ghost Himself, the effusion of the Holy Ghost in our hearts, in our souls. This is exactly what the priest said to us on the day of our baptism, "Give place to the Holy Ghost," and he also baptized us in the name of the Blessed Trinity and of the Holy Ghost.



This grace went on developing through the other sacraments, all these sacraments we received in our youth. We then discovered, slowly, with the help of grace and under God's influence, under the Holy Ghost's influence, we discovered what our Lord Jesus Christ's Heart was, His immense love for us, His immense mercy for our souls. As we received the sacraments, made our first Communion, followed by numerous other Communion, as we likewise assisted at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the true Sacrifice of the Mass, the reenactment of Jesus Christ's Cross, His Calvary, and also, consequently, our Lord's transfixion,



Family photo after the Low Sunday ceremony at Saint John Vianney Church



120 Sisters were present for the Low Sunday ceremonies celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Fellay at our Novitiate in France.

we came to realize more all that our Lord suffered for us, and in that same degree, our love for the Heart of Jesus also grew.

If we try to peer a little into—as much as God allows us, as much as the Church teaches us—if we try to penetrate a little into the Heart of Jesus, into this extraordinary temple, filled with the Holy Ghost, we will therein find the Blessed Trinity. We will find God the Father. As our Lord Himself said: “He that seeth Me seeth the Father also; I and the Father are one.” There is, therefore, perfect unity in the Blessed Trinity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and this is found in the Heart of Jesus. If Jesus became man, if Jesus accomplished the Redemption, it was for the Father’s glory, for the Blessed Trinity’s glory. It could not have been otherwise, since this is the end of all things: everything ends in the glory of the Blessed Trinity, in eternity.

So let us try throughout our life, during these years which are passing, to penetrate ever more deeply into this great mystery of the Heart of Jesus, this great mystery of the love of Christ who wills and desires to have all the spiritual creatures that He made penetrate and participate in His eternal life in the Blessed Trinity. This is our destiny, the reason for which God created us. And He wanted this to be accomplished through His adorable Heart, through His merciful Heart. So let us thank God today for having enabled us to share, in a special way, the love and graces of His Sacred Heart.

To help us penetrate a little into this mystery of God’s mercy for us, let us ask Mary, our mother, who understood it so well, who had very special graces which brought her into contact with the Blessed Trinity right from the beginning of her existence, and particularly, obviously, at the moment of her maternity. How could she, who was the Mother of God, not have been very united to the Father? How could she, whose son was the Word of God, not have been united to the Son of the Eternal Father? How could she,

who was filled with the Holy Ghost, not likewise have been united to the Spirit of God? If there is a creature that has been united to the Blessed Trinity right from the first moment of its existence on earth, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us ask her to help us penetrate ever more into this mystery in order to give our lives the true orientation they should have, to fulfil the purpose for which God has created them, and to let us not be distracted from this final end by all the circumstances in which we live and which could distract us and somewhat disorient our life. May our life always be directed to the end for which God willed to create our souls so that we may one day share God’s glory forever in the Blessed Trinity, in union with the Blessed Virgin Mary, through the Heart of Jesus. (Sermon of Archbishop Lefebvre for the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 2, 1989 at the Motherhouse in France)

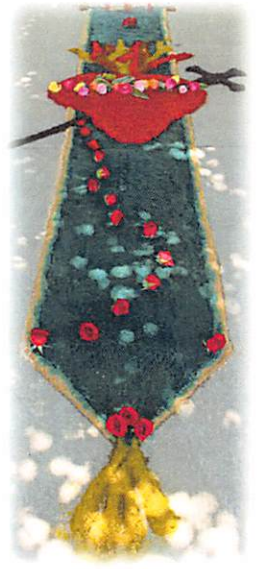


1st Communion day at Saint Robert Bellarmine Church in Saint Cloud, Minnesota

News from the Novitiate

On Low Sunday in America, four postulants joyfully made the first offering of themselves to God, receiving the religious habit during the Solemn High Mass celebrated by Fr. Michael Goldade. During the same ceremony, four novices pronounced their first vows, giving themselves to the service of Jesus Christ in His priests, while four Sisters pronounced their perpetual vows, binding themselves to our Lord Jesus Christ forever. In our other novitiates, there were six new novices, four new professed and two Sisters pronounced their perpetual vows.

This year we welcomed fifteen young ladies for our annual Holy Week Recollection. They were able to benefit from special instructions which helped them to better understand and follow the beautiful Holy Week ceremonies, including the Office of Tenebrae. They were also able to help our Sisters in the sacristy, notably in preparing the altar of repose for Holy Thursday.



Sawdust decoration for the Corpus Christi procession



The past three months were very rich in liturgical feasts and apostolic activities. Children from four Society chapels in Minnesota benefitted from First Communion recollections given by the Sisters. Confirmations and Eucharistic Crusade promotions also took place before the end of the school year. On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we rendered, together with a large number of faithful, a solemn homage of worship to our Eucharistic King by our 30th annual Corpus Christi procession in the streets of Browerville.

Through our summer apostolates, we are able to perceive the grace of God working and growing in souls. The Saint Maria Goretti Camp took place during the month of June in Indiana and invited the campers to look at the Sacred Heart of Jesus and see how He loves us and cares for us at every moment and how each one of us can respond to this love and love Him in return.

Dear Friends and Benefactors, thank you for all your generous support. Please be assured of our prayers for all your intentions; may the Sacred Heart of Jesus bless and reward you abundantly.

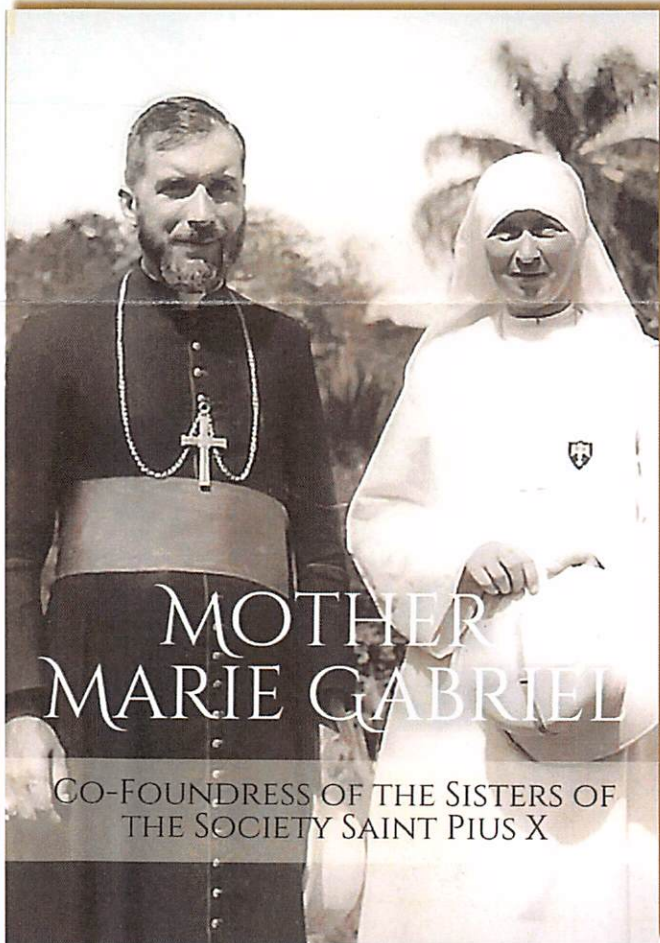
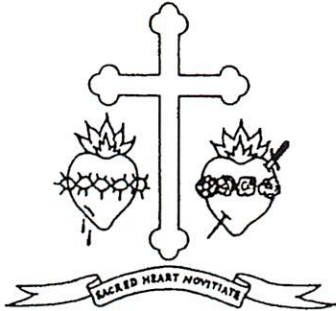


Seventy-two girls participated in the Saint Maria Goretti girls' camp.

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