



A root-filled clay pipe. These pipes are actually in daily use.



Bro. Joseph smiles over the new sewage lines before they are buried.



Work men repairing sewage lines underneath the Mater Dei Wing.

EVENTS:

- Bishop Bernard Fellay will confer the Minor Orders, tonsure & receiving of cassock on 15 August 2009.
- Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais will confer the Priestly Ordinations on 19 December 2009.
- Ignatian Exercises:
 - Men's Retreat: 4 to 9 January 2010
 - Ladies' Retreat: 18 to 23 January 2010

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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Filled with the profound lessons of Holy Week as these words are written, yet knowing that all will read these words only after Easter, please allow me to propose a relation between Christ's beautiful mission culminating (shall I say commencing?) in Holy Week, which brings us the joy of Easter, and the Seminary curriculum as preparing priests to lead the faithful to the eternal joy of the Resurrection in Heaven.

Considering that Christ came to live as a man in order to reconcile man with God, and that His priests are meant to carry on this mission throughout time, priests must be inspired with the same vision. To a great extent, this is accomplished by the study of the timeless Tradition of Holy Mother Church as taught by the successive Vicars of Christ, from St. Peter to our own time – this is God's plan, not man's: *thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* (Matthew 16:18)

The Popes have the grave responsibility of preserving and handing down, unmarred, the Sacred Deposit of Faith. We can confidently turn to the harmonious Magisterium of the Church to know what precisely is the Faith, what constitutes a danger to the Faith, and what best will promote the Faith. For this reason, Archbishop Lefebvre insisted upon a preliminary course in our Seminary curriculum which treats of the key Papal Encyclicals addressing the modern errors – to instil in the priests of



The Priests, Brothers and Seminarians of Holy Cross Seminary

the Society of St. Pius X the rock-solid confidence that the goal and means of the Society are nothing other than those of Holy Mother Church as unanimously taught throughout the centuries; namely to give glory to God, on God's terms.

The voice of the Popes of Tradition, who have opposed the erroneous novelties that have removed God from the minds and hearts of man, ring infallibly in condemnation of the liberal principles that have ransacked the Church in our day. Alas, the whole of society is gravely oppressed with evils that bespeak of the most tragic events in the history – a world-wide Godlessness. Man is found empty and oppressed. He searches for happiness but cannot find it. He looks for solutions to the evils that befall him across the world and all attempts fail or bring at best a temporary distraction. Man has tried everything and continues to look for new solutions.

The success of the revolution has essentially made God an outlaw in His own creation. God is forgotten. The pathetic “god” proposed by the sentimentality of materialistic man is only an idol, distracting man from the True God, Who demands conformity to His Will. It is God's Will that can bring peace and joy; the idol – the absence of God – brings only misery.

The true God, Our Saviour Jesus Christ and His Church (the Magisterium) are, if not forgotten, ridiculed as inept, out of date, or one-sided. Imagine the audacity of weak man attempting to propose a “better” solution to life's problems than the Creator! What folly! What pride.

This is why the Society holds to the unanimous Teaching of the Magisterium of the Church, the light dispelling the darkness of confusion, wrought by the drunkenness of men, who have imbibed from the bottle of human novelty.

To assure us of God's Providential care for men of good will, God sent His Son to restore the sinner to justice, to give health to the infirm, to encourage the weak and fearful to be strong and courageous – this, by confidence in Christ, and His faithful Vicars. Today man need only consult the timeless voice of the Magisterium to discover solutions to the current evils afflicting the world. Essentially, the evils we face are simply an absence of God in the world. “Bring” God back into the world – i.e. into the minds and hearts of men – and the evils will be properly dealt with, and will diminish as God is once again enthroned in His rightful place of honour in society, in the family, and in the hearts of individuals. *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, do I give unto you.* (John 14:27)

This peace comes at a great price... the Most Precious Blood of Christ. And this is what we meditated upon on Good Friday as we looked at our Lord's Dead and Sacred Body on the Cross. Good, because that pierced Heart is the open Door to Heaven. We need only enter.

Now for the difficulty. When the world, the flesh and the devil have all but conquered the world with materialism, liberalism and agnosticism, daring souls are called to rally for Christ the King: mother, students, construction workers, office clerks, physicians, religious, priests, bishops, even the Pope, must fight against all odds and opposition for the glory of God. The Enemy does not like to loose – and he lost on Good Friday. Are we dependent enough upon God's infinite love to *expect the Lord, do manfully, and let thy heart take courage, and wait thou for the Lord* (Isaias 6:14)?

Our great Patron, St. Pius X, certainly realized the difficulty of this fight, the difficulty of his grave responsibility. St. Pius X even recoils from the ferocious burden of his responsibility incumbent upon his accession to the Throne of St. Peter, where he must rule as the representative of the immaculate Christ. The opening words of his first Encyclical, *E Supremi Apostolatus* give witness:

We saw therefore that, in virtue of the ministry of the Pontificate, which was to be entrusted to Us, We must hasten to find a remedy for this great evil, considering as addressed to Us that Divine command: “Lo, I have set thee this day over the nations and over kingdoms, to root up, and to pull down, and to waste, and to destroy, and to build, and to plant” (Jeremias 1:10). But, cognizant of Our weakness, We recoiled in terror from a task as urgent as it is arduous.

These words are given to our seminarians in order to prepare them for the battle of serving God in a world opposed to His rule. Under the patronage of St. Pius X, we hope to resist the errors that have devastated the Church in these recent decades and to restore – not merely by an external face-lift, an appearance of “restoration” – a principled and radical (i.e. return to the *Root*, Who is Christ) restoration. Half measures have been the ploy of the destroyers dragging Catholics step by step away from the integrity of the Faith. It is time to “bring” God back! This will result in a fight.

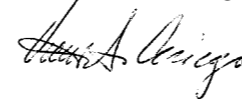
Pray that the Holy Father will go *all the way* in his good efforts to begin this restoration, convinced that Christ and Christ alone can save men. Many will complain and, even worse, may violently fight this restoration of proclaiming the truth. But there is only *One lord, one faith one baptism* (Ephesians 4:5). The good-willed man will surrender to the loving Father both in encouragement and in correction, because he wishes to restore the due honour of God and His Christ in the world.

...it remains to restore to their ancient place of honour the most holy laws and counsels of the gospel; to proclaim aloud the truths taught by the Church, and her teachings on the sanctity of marriage, on the education and discipline of youth, on the possession and use of property, the duties that men owe to those who rule the State; and lastly to restore equilibrium between the different classes of society according to Christian precept and custom.

From Our Lord's Passion to His Resurrection, we begin our passion and hope for our resurrection as we fight for the inevitable restoration... *Deus lo vult!* to use the words of the Crusaders, God wills it! Then let us fight and be victors with Christ our King and thus share in His glory. To the fight! May the heavenly Queen smile upon us as we advance into the battle for the glory of God and salvation of souls. We fight for peace... not of the world but of God. The verse continues: *Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid.* (John 14:27)

Asking for your prayers and kind help, I especially ask you to pray that God grant us many more priestly vocations to fill our little seminary so that priests raised faithfully to Tradition will be the faithful sons of Holy Mother Church, the Bride of Our glorious Christ, for Whom we live and die!

In Christ the King,



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Please Help Us Repair Our Buildings

The preliminary work to repair the foundations and address “some” plumbing problems has unearthed more unplanned but necessary replacement of a great number of the sixty-year-old clay sewage pipes, which were filled with tree roots! The process of mud-jacking continues and we have yet to begin repairing the cracked walls of the Seminary buildings. We count on your generosity to help us attend to these most necessary repairs.