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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

On this one hundredth anniversary of the death of our Patron Saint we reflect upon the helpful relationship between members of the Mystical Body of Christ. We may help or hinder one another in the work of our sanctification, which is subordinated to the greater glory of God. The Saints in the Church Triumphant greatly assist the wayfarer in the Church Militant. We must not merely call upon them to assist us in the struggles of this life – we must also employ the aid of their intercession.

As a wayfarer, Saint Pius X vigorously fought the Church's enemies and denounced their false ideologies – liberalism and modernism – which we too face today. For this reason Archbishop Lefebvre wisely chose him as the heavenly patron of our Priestly Society: "...we place our teaching, like our Society, under the protection of... [Saint Pius X] ...who is the greatest pope of

our time, the only pope canonised since Saint Pius VI?" (*Against the Heresies*, Introduction).



Combat is not without dangers and adversities. Saint Pius X is a great example in the fight against the modern errors because of his profound spirituality and high degree of holiness which drove him to fight the enemies of God and souls: *...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); and continues: In undertaking this glorious task, We are greatly quickened by the certainty that We shall have all of you... as generous co-operators [St. Pius X, E Supremi, para. 2].*

*Newly Ordained Subdeacons and Tonsured Clerics on 15 August 2014*



*Three offer themselves at the Altar*

We are called by this holy Pope to cooperate in his fight by desiring and employing the virtues of patience, zeal, fortitude and gentleness exemplified in the Saint, whereby the Church is fortified, sinners that reconciled and God's enemies vanquished.

Saint Pius' holiness deserves our veneration because we see the work of God in his generous soul, which endured many sufferings consequent upon his supreme responsibilities as a believer, a priest and a pope. The believer is assailed by enemies and the priest is ferociously attacked too; how much more the Pope, who leads the Church Militant subject to evil harassment – especially a pope who actually opposes the world, the flesh and the devil and draws souls to Christ?

Because Saint Pius X strove to give glory to God in all things and endeavoured to lead others to do the same, he would suffer much at the hands of God's enemies. But as long as the saintly soldier of Christ remained generous to and dependent upon God's goodness, his cooperation would lead him and others to the triumph of Heaven, vanquishing sin and the modern errors, which enslave and lead many to perdition.



*The Lord is my inheritance*

To not be led astray, we call upon Saint Pius X to intercede on our behalf so that we too may faithfully cooperate with God's grace, vanquish the spiritual enemies, grow in holiness, give God glory and save souls in this spiritual warfare. We can and should study the virtues and teachings of our heavenly patron, which assure us of victory and abiding peace found in fidelity to Christ in all things, as exemplified in Saint Pius X: *For it continues to be true that "piety is useful for all things" (I Timothy 4:8) – when this is strong and flourishing "the people will" truly "sit in the fullness of peace" (Isaias 32:18) [ibid., para. 14].* We ask Saint Pius X to obtain for us the courage to follow his venerable example of dutiful generosity which secured his eternal peace and happiness.

The intercession and ministry of holy priests is God's plan to aid us in our spiritual combat. We are comforted and fortified by the Sacraments and counsel given by well trained and holy priests. For this reason, Saint Pius X frequently treated of the priest and the requisite qualities of a good priest. Hence, his patronage is most fitting in this time of doctrinal and moral crises, which have greatly subverted the Priesthood of Christ and the ministry of Christ's priests.



*The new Porter opens the chapel door*

We at the Seminary are especially gladdened by the recent ordinations that were conferred upon several of our seminarians as they advance towards the Priesthood. The peace and contemplation of the retreats that preceded the ordinations prevailed over the Seminary and was joyfully resplendent in the solemnity of the two Pontifical Masses in which our Superior General, His Lordship, Bishop Bernard Fellay, ordained Subdeacons, Acolytes, Exorcists, Lectors and Porters. The Clerical Tonsure was also conferred upon three seminarians.

On August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> we witnessed the nearly full spectrum of the seminarian's advance in Orders to the Priesthood. We begin to look forward with eager anticipation of the ordination of Deacons, please God, in December, and the ordination of Priests the following year. May God bless this work, may the Mother of the Eternal High Priest aid us by her intercession and may our Holy Patron, Saint Pius X, be our model and intercessor.

The long and demanding process of priestly formation was a special concern of Saint Pius X:

Let your first care be to form Christ in those who are destined from the duty of their vocation to form Him in others. We speak of the priests, Venerable Brethren. For all who bear the seal of the Priesthood must know that they have the same mission to the people in the midst of whom they live as that which Saint Paul proclaimed that he received in these tender words: “My little children, of whom I am in labour again until Christ be formed in you” (Galatians 4:19). But how will they be able to perform this duty if they be not first clothed with Christ themselves? and so clothed with Christ as to be able to say with the Apostle: “I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me” (Ibid. 2:20). “For me to live is Christ” (Philippians 1:21). Hence although all are included in the exhortation “to advance towards the perfect man, in the measure of the age of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:3), it is addressed before all others to those who exercise the sacerdotal ministry; thus these are called another Christ, not merely by the communication of power but by reason of the imitation of His works, and they should therefore bear stamped upon themselves the image of Christ [E Supremi, paragraph 10].



*Subdeacon ordinands prostrate during the Litany of the Saints*  
grapple with the thought of their being called to serve God in the Religious Life or in the Priesthood. *Every vocation is a miracle* and so every vocation requires God’s grace to bring it to fruition.

Similarly, good Catholic homes are “miraculous” – they too require God’s grace if Christ is to truly reign in the home and over the family. From Catholic homes sound and strong vocations are born as well as the continued development of new and more numerous holy families. All that is contrary to Christ and His Life must be kept away in order for all that is conducive to the life of grace be promoted, embraced and diffused into society at large.

The spiritual combat is not easy. We must ask God for those choice graces of fidelity, generosity and perseverance. In this manner, God’s Holy Will is fulfilled and our hearts are enflamed with a profound love of God, sinners are extricated from the grip of sin, the mediocre are raised to fervour and the weak to fortified sanctity. Our Lord promises to help – our hope is sure: *Amen, amen I say to you: if you ask the Father any thing in my name, he will give it you* (John 16:23).

Christ’s promise urges us to desire an advance in holiness. In light of God’s plan to use men to bring forth our sanctification and salvation, we must pray that God sends us priests, many holy priests. Christ and His Saints diligently accomplished the work of demonstrating the process of sanctification, which all believers must assimilate in their lives. The holy priest exemplifies Christ, becomes a “living saint” to whom the faithful appeal for the life-giving Sacraments, the pure and sacred truth and who provides a living pattern of a truly Christian life.



*Exorcist and Acolyte ordinands kneel before the Bishop*

In this wise, the priest is a benevolent and holy patron who bestows the good treasures of heaven upon all in need who call upon him for assistance. Consequently, we rightly honour and respect the priest who spends himself for God and souls. We should be able to imitate such a priest with the assurance that, because of his fidelity to the life of Christ, we too will be faithful to Our Lord. For this reason Saint Pius X strongly exhorted priests to live up to the standard of Christ.

But priests, seminarians and the young men out in the world are also weak and wounded sinners, who need the help of their fellow soldiers in the church Militant. Hence, we plead your generosity, once again. Appealing to your holy desire to have many holy Religious and Priests, we announce the 2014 Vocations Crusade and ask that all pray more fervently, strive to practice greater virtue and offer special acts of penance during the time of the Crusade in order to ask God for many more many holy vocations.



*After the Pontifical Mass conferring the Minor Orders*  
spiritual lives by greater attention to prayer, the practice of virtue and some special acts of mortification in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who gave us Christ, who gives us Christ and through whom all graces come to us – that we may live as Christ.

You may send your spiritual bouquets to the Seminary so that they may be presented to Our Queen following the procession in her honour following Vespers on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Any who can attend, are welcome to join the Seminary in the procession in Our Lady's honour following the Solemn High Mass at 10:00am.

Thank you for your generous support of the Seminary in its many spiritual and material needs. As we look forward to the Ordination of Deacons on December 18<sup>th</sup> of this year, we trust in God's Providence and your special help so that we can continue to maintain and to repair the buildings and grounds of the Seminary, the arena in which our seminarians are formed into other-Christ. We still have some major repairs and renovations to attend to in our chapel, as well as many other smaller improvements planned for the next year. Thank you for your material support, which will fund these opportune projects.

Dear friends, you are assured the prayers of the Seminary each day and God's blessings for your generosity, which assists in the formation of future Priests and Religious. May God bless you and may the Immaculate Heart of Mary watch over you.

In Christ the King,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vicente A. Griego'.

Rev. Fr. Vicente A. Griego  
Rector, Holy Cross Seminary

**Announcements:**

- **Ordinations to the Diaconate** will be on 18 December 2014, with His Lordship, Bishop Alfonso de Galarreta, celebrating the Pontifical Mass of Ordination at Holy Cross Seminary at 9:00 am. All are invited to attend the Mass and give thanks to God for these Ordinations and to pray for the young deacons.
- **Retreats at Holy Cross Seminary.** Email us at [retreats@holycrossseminary.com](mailto:retreats@holycrossseminary.com) or write to above listed address.
  - ◻ Ladies' Ignatian Retreat – 5 to 10 January 2015
  - ◻ Men's Ignatian Retreat – 12 to 17 January 2015



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## *Crusade for Vocations*

September 8 to December 8, 2014

*Please send your Spiritual Bouquets to the Seminary in time for the presentation of our offerings on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

O Lord, grant us priests!

O Lord, grant us holy priests!

O Lord, grant us many holy priests!

O Lord, grant us many holy religious vocations!



Let us ask Christ our King and the Immaculate Virgin, Our Queen, to send us many, holy priestly and religious vocations through our prayers, practices of virtue and penances, which will lead us to greater holiness. This Crusade will urge God's blessings upon us and bring forth vocations by our:

- 1) greater attention at prayer,
- 2) greater generosity in the practice of virtue,
- 3) and (significantly important) acts of penance.

**Offer one or some of the following each day  
for the Spiritual Bouquet to Our Lady!**

Holy Mass	_____
Holy Communion	_____
Spiritual Communion	_____
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	_____
Mortification	_____
Mental Prayer	_____
Penances	_____
Rosaries	_____
Spiritual Reading	_____
Sacrifices	_____
Spiritual Reading	_____
Stations of the Cross	_____
Other: _____	_____

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*Crusade for Vocations ~ Eighth of September to Eighth of December 2014*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>SEPTEMBER 8</b> Nativity of the BVM	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	<b>OCTOBER 1</b>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	<b>NOVEMBER 1</b>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	<b>DECEMBER 1</b>	2	3	4	5	6
7	<b>Immaculate Conception 8</b>					

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