

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

The Restoration continues on our Buildings...

Looking forward to conditions more conducive to the order and quiet of study and prayer, the noise, dust and physical obstacles of construction projects continue side by side with the training of the seminarians.

We have exhausted our financial resources in stabilizing the foundations and repairing the broken sewer lines (over \$100,000!) and lack the funds to address the repairs on cracked walls (\$8,000) and insulate the ceilings and floors (\$10,000). Your generosity is greatly appreciated – may God bless you.

Using materials purchased quite some time ago, we have repaired one area of the many cracked walls of the Seminary. Clouds of fine white masonry dust fill the corridors once again as the repairs of the cracked walls commence. Drilling,

sawing, concretizing, and finishing... the work is messy and time consuming. Please help us finish the repairs so that we can focus on preparing the seminarians in a quiet, clean and efficient environment. Thank you and God bless you.



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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

The objective of the Rosary Crusade announced last month by our Superior General has identified a particular enemy in the campaign – Russia. Why Russia? It is because of the anti-God ideologies of Communism, which have been spread across the globe primarily by Russia. As Our Lady of Fatima warned, nearly every nation in the world has been affected by this satanic creed of total independence from God, either succumbing to the violent enslavement of people under Communist rule or to the equally pernicious antithesis of Communism, the brutal enslavement of the concupiscence in the system of earthly avarice, materialistic capitalism. Both revel in contentment with the natural order alone – both have banefully affected civil and ecclesiastical society primarily because men have not heeded Heaven's warnings and applied God's solutions to this error.

Naturalism, apparently acknowledging human nature and the order of creation, denies the supernatural and therefore revelation, the Church and, of course, God. Whether God is denied by forceful extraction from public and private domains or if God is simply forgotten as men "freely" chase after material contentment, the effect is the same – a Godless state and Godless citizens, a principal tenet of Communism.

This principle widely subscribed to by the vast majority of men today, originates from the sect of Freemasonry, who desire a world without the true God. Communistic revolutions have their origin in the Freemasonic ideals of a "new world order" as Archbishop Lefebvre explains: *"The Freemasons are the originators of the ideas that are killing us: Rationalism, Naturalism, which destroys the supernatural and hence all that Our Lord Jesus Christ came to bring us."* (Against the Heresies, p. 59). The Archbishop adds: "...the goal of the



Freemasons is to destroy all Christian institutions, to bring to an end to all that was built up by the Church over ten or twelve centuries. They intend to annihilate it all from top to bottom." (ibid. p. 66)

How did the enemies of God succeed in misleading people across the world? The technique of erasing every vestige of Christ and His civilization has succeeded by a programme of indoctrination, most effectively by means of secularized education as Pope Leo XIII indicates in his Encyclical, *Humanum Genus*:

The Freemasons... ultimate purpose forces itself into view – namely, the utter overthrow of that whole religious and political order of the world which the Christian teaching has produced, and the substitution of a new state of things in accordance with their ideas, of which the foundations and laws shall be drawn from mere naturalism. (§ 10)

By a long and persevering labour, they endeavour to bring about this result – namely, that the teaching office and authority of the Church may become of no account in the civil State; and for this same reason they declare to the people and contend that Church and State ought to be altogether disunited. By this means they reject from the laws and from the commonwealth the wholesome influence of the Catholic religion... (§ 13)

The secularization of the state, via public education inspired with the Masonic objectives and pedagogy, has effectively relegated the Church to a "convenient corner" in the familial home, or even only in the "personal opinions" of the individual. This effectively removes the Church's influence upon society, which gives free licence to God's enemies to persecute the families' and the individual's fidelity to the Faith.

Desiring the return, the restoration, of the authoritative rule of Our Lord's comprehensive Doctrine and His ever solicitous Church, we look to what Our Lord has revealed for the sanctification and salvation of souls. Our Lord did not novelize or modernize; He simply radicalized and from this return to religion in its purity, instructed men on the perfection of God's Covenant, that is, revealed the ideal of Christian perfection. Christ preached and lived this ideal the reason of man's very existence: *Man was made to praise, reverence, and serve God, and thereby save his soul.* (St. Ignatius' *Principle and Foundation*)

Whole and uncompromised, ignoring the whims, novelties and approval of the world and its minions, Our Lord offered the Sacrifice, at great cost and with overwhelming opposition. This was the means to repair the compromise of Adam and re-admit sinful man to the life of grace, thereby enabling him to humbly re-trace the Saviour's footprints and make his way heavenward.

Our effort in the restoration demands that we not only avoid evil, but that we oppose it. We must engage the enemy, as Leo XIII illustrates in his Encyclical, *Exeunte Iam Anno*:

Now the whole essence of a Christian life is to reject the corruption of the world and to oppose constantly any indulgence in it; this is taught in the words and deeds, the laws and institutions, the life and death of Jesus Christ, "the author and finisher of faith." (Heb 12:2) Hence, however strongly we are deterred by the evil disposition of nature and character, it is our duty to run to the "fight proposed to Us," (Heb 12:1) fortified and armed with the same desire and the same arms as He who, "having joy set before him, endured the cross." (Heb 12:2) Wherefore let men understand this specially, that it is most contrary to Christian duty to follow, in worldly fashion, pleasures of every kind, to be afraid of the hardships attending a virtuous life, and to deny nothing to self that soothes and delights the senses. (§ 10)

The life given each of us is meant to be employed in the spiritual combat. We cannot sit idle and only wish for the reign of Christ. The Catholic must fight for Christ's reign. Yet, fearful at the prospect of battle, or of failure, we are

often daunted by the perceptible weakness of the small remnant of those zealous for the reign of God, who oppose the great numbers of compromisers and proponents of Godlessness, well equipped with a vast array of resources to eliminate, were it possible, God and His Church.

Take courage and recall the bravery of Judas Machabeus, who lead his men to offer tenacious and victorious resistance to an overwhelmingly powerful enemy:

...the words of Judas, which were very good, and proper to stir up the courage, and strengthen the hearts of the young men, they resolved to fight, and to set upon them manfully: that valour might decide the matter, because the holy city and the temple were in danger. For their concern was less for their wives, and children, and for their brethren, and kinsfolks: but their greatest and principal fear was for the holiness of the temple. (Machabees 15:16-17)

Where there is valour there are Crusaders for Christ the King! The Apostles, who contemplated Our Saviour Dead on the Cross overcame the "scandal" of apparent weakness by God's bountiful grace. Confidence, more in God than in man, drove them on to go, *teach and baptise* for the glory of God. It seemed hopeless, but confidence in God and His grace overcame all obstacles. By virtue of their confidence, dependence and grace, the legacy of the Faith has been bequeathed to us. We too must do similarly – preserve and pass on the Sacred Traditions. In order to carry on this fight, we are in need of Christ's priests to guide and strengthen us.


The men called to the Priesthood cannot give what they do not have; hence, they must renounce the world and offer their lives entirely to God in order to fittingly be other Christs, dispensers of the grace of God. Naturally, this seems too difficult or maybe unappealing. Supernaturally, if one is called, a young man will find his happiness therein.

In the training camp for Christ's elite cadre of soldiers, the Seminary, weak and sinful men are fortified and sanctified, taught sound doctrine, and practice virtue. Over the course of time and the rigors of training, a "Machabean" soldier in the very image and power of Christ steps onto the battle-field of life, to lead the charge to heaven, against all opposition. Pray, dear friends, that many zealous, young men desiring to serve Christ in this sacred life of sacrifice will heed Our Lord's call. *Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth.* (I Kings 3:10)

Young men, consider that you have only one life to live. How best will you serve the noble and divine Master teaching from the Crucifix? To the King, brave men, to the King!

As we continue the training of those God has already entrusted to our care at Holy Cross Seminary, I beg your prayers for their sanctification and perseverance. I also wish to thank all who have generously contributed to the material needs of our little seminary. We are certainly feeling the cold of winter and paying for it with the added costs of heating. Hoping to better insulate the buildings, we confide our need to you and assure you of our prayers as we offer our daily Rosary for the intentions of our benefactors. May God bless you for your generosity, both material and spiritual. Please continue to pray for priestly vocations, and for those who are yet meant to come to Holy Cross. May the Mother of God watch over you.

In Christ the King,


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