

Liguori had placed his Congregation under the protection of the Saviour.”

Conclusion

Therefore, as we are able to notice from the reading of this article, Eugene de Mazenod did not take the attitude of an advocate of one school, on the contrary! History seems to have placed him deliberately at the crossroads of several great spiritual movements. Finally, what place will he occupy in the world of spirituality? Will future generations hail him as the leader who borrows from his predecessors what doesn't be-

long to him? Or will they simply affiliate him to one of the great spiritual families of whom we have just recalled the influence? To study the Founder from the cradle, to lift the veil that covers the innermost work of his soul, to witness the re-awakening of his psychology, to observe the assimilation or the elimination of outlying elements, in a word, to follow the evolution of his mentality until the day of the bursting of the envelope in which the education had been reserved, reveals a mighty personality. That is an indispensable, preliminary task! Then, and only then, the synthesis will be possible and the affiliation, if it will take place, will be legitimate.

Coast to Coast

News and photos from the canadian district activities !!!



The Priests' meeting at St. Thomas Aquinas seminary in Winona

By Rev. Fr. Dominic Boulet

In Canada, there are some things that we are so used to seeing that it is part of our life, like snow in winter and geese coming back in the spring. Similarly, what is the typical activity of SSPX priests during the month of February? It is the priests' meeting, of course! Once again, I was able to attend it: let me give you a report on that special event.

Yes, indeed, this past priests' meeting was quite eventful for yours truly. Let me pass on the hassle of international air travel, something that seems to be increasingly challenging. In our crazy times, we are told that man is "free" to do whatever he wants, and that it is ok to kill a baby in the womb of his mother or to get rid of an elderly person, as long as it is done "out of compassion"

and "safely". But when an honest citizen wants to board the plane and cross the border, he has the impression of being summoned by officers to prove that he is not a terrorist. Anyway, after going through that hassle, I was quite relieved upon arriving at the seminary of Winona, just on time for a conference of Fr. Yves Leroux.



By the way, you may wonder how St. Thomas Aquinas seminary is able to accommodate extra guests for a whole week, knowing that during normal times, the house is already filled to capacity. It is true that the North American seminary of the Society of St. Pius X, unlike those of the Novus Ordo, is bursting at the seams. So, in order to accommodate the visiting priests, the majority of seminarians have

no choice but to give them their rooms. The priests deeply appreciate the sacrifices of these seminarians who have to suffer this "Babylon exile" and use every basement or storage room to bunk with sleeping bags and air mattresses. Not only did the seminarians give up their rooms, but also they kindly entertained the visiting priests with a concert. This time, the special feature of the concert was an operetta composed and sung in Latin by the seminarians!



Having expressed such a sense of hospitality and self-denial towards the priests, the seminarians took their revenge during the hockey game, another tradition of the priests' meeting. Such occasion was given to them with the game of the "Flying Fathers" against the seminarians, held for the 19th time at the local arena: as usual the seminarians won 6 to 3. I wish that Sidney Crosby would be a Society priest!

Father Leroux gave a series of masterful conferences on



the question of the origin of civil authority and the evil of the so-called sovereignty of man. In particular, Father explained how the so-called division between the executive, legislative and judicial powers is false and that it is the "original sin" of our modern society.

Now the key features of the priests' meeting were the conferences given by Bishop Fellay to both priests and seminarians. The superior general of the SSPX spoke in a fatherly manner to his sons in the priesthood, and gave an overview on the situation of the Church and of our Society. His general impression is that there is almost no change in the situation of the Church: at the level of the local bishops, there is still a very strong opposition to Tradition, while there are some mixed signals coming from Rome. On one hand, there are some clear signs that the Pope favours a return to more order in the liturgy; but also, he is doing his best to save the Council, telling us that "whatever the Church does is in continuity with the past; therefore Vatican II is in continuity with Tradition". Bishop Fellay told us that more pressure is put on the Ecclesia Dei communities so that they must also say the New Mass. However, at the same time there are some religious communities that voted to come back to the Old Mass. This is the case of the Franciscans of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a religious order with 140 priests, founded



in Italy about at the same time as our Society. Of course, Bishop Fellay had something to say about the doctrinal talks between the Society and the Holy-See. We are not going to Rome in order to "negotiate" a deal, but with the hope that these Romans will open their eyes to what is happening in the Church, and understand that the real cause of the disastrous situation of the Church is the Council and its reforms. With the doctrinal talks, Divine Providence is giving us the occasion to show publically and officially the opposition that lies between the modernist thinking and the doctrine of all time. Humanly speaking, it is not going to work, but we should remember that the Church is not just a human reality.

Last, but not least, the priests' meeting was also a very unique occasion to share with fellow priests who are also labouring in the mission field of Tradition, a source of mutual enrichment for everyone. Such occasion makes us deeply understand that the Society of St. Pius X is a true brotherhood.

Winter activities at Holy Ghost Church

Father Dominic Boulet

On a crisp day, in the cold of winter, what else can you do when you live by the Rideau Canal? Skating of course! This year, we were specially blessed with few but very nice days with excellent skating conditions. It happened that one of our skating parties coincided with the first meeting of the newly established youth group of Holy Ghost parish. On Sunday February 7, after Mass, Father Boulet gave a talk on his experience within a Catholic youth movement in France, inviting our youth to reflect on that example and to see what could be done for them in our parish. Our youth were amazed to find out about other young people who are not afraid to live

their faith very strongly and are quite happy. Among the people attending Fr. Boulet's talk, there was some that came from as far away as Montreal. Father had to juggle between the French and the English languages, something very typical in Ottawa, to give an opportunity for everyone to understand his talk in their native language. We were hoping to meet once again on the ice in early March, but Mother Nature would not allow us to get back on the ice until next year. Anyway, we are



sure that Father will always find something to do for us! Meanwhile, our parish is getting ready for the Holy Week: this year, the key function will be an adult baptism during the Easter Vigil.

The Prairie Report

By Ms. Randi Gage

During the past year I have watched as the door open on Sunday and a flood of people walk through. Giggling kids, grouchy teens, bleary eyed men and women who all come to enjoy the sung mass our men's choir provides us weekly. They come to listen and learn. They come to feel a part of something greater than themselves. They come to find that moment of peace and safety in this loud and dangerous world. They come for the great coffee that Diana makes, the sandwiches that abound, and the short time they can spend talking with others that understand and practice their faith daily in the oldest fashion of ways among the most modern of a world. One big, very big, family reunion held weekly, in a very small basement in the middle of the north end of Winnipeg.

I must report that we have once again lost one of the jewels of our Parish. Mr. René André passed away with his funeral held on March 6th. Mr. André was one of our many Special Grandfathers who was always kind and caring about everyone in the Parish. He will be missed.

It is now March and so we are well into Lent and Easter preparations. Dust is flying, brass is being shined and the sewing machine is once again busy making altar cloths, frontals and many other items to dress the many changes to come in a few weeks. We are also preparing for the arrival of Father Pfluger, the 1st Assistant to Bishop Fellay who will be giving a conference at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg on March 30 at 7:30 pm.

So I will leave you now as I need to get back to the work at hand. Spring is on the way so, from the muddy middle of Winnipeg, I send you Blessings and Love until next time.

Pacific News

By Rev. Fr. Patrick Girouard

Enthronement

The Richard Moore family (plus a neighbour) hosted Fr. Gerspacher for the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in their home. The ceremony took place on Sunday February 14th in the town of Chilliwack, which is about an hour East from Langley. Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in Thee!

Langley: A roof over our heads

Last November, the strong winds at the coast tore off not a few shingles from the roof of the rectory in Langley, necessitating a few months of tarps draped over most of the roof. But tarps are not a very strong protection against so many rainy winter days, and we had water leaks at a couple of places. It took some time for the insurance company to complete the necessary procedures, but it was finally all done. Therefore, on February 16th, a crew arrived with the necessary materials to renew the entire roof, covered by our insurance company. Instead of spending the nearly \$20000 on roof and water damage repair we are able to spend a little on the sac-



risties long in need of a facelift. Indeed, the renovation of



the sacristy has begun with the help of Mrs. Chris Goody and Adam Blokzyl. At present the plastering is being done by Mr. Mike Tracy.

A new parishioner in Langley

After Mass, on Sunday February 28th, Rev. Fr. Girouard conferred the sacrament of Holy Baptism on the third child of Jonathan and Cecilia Leung from Surrey, BC. It is a beautiful little girl named Bernadette Hin-Kit, and she was born on February 25th. She had been very quiet during the whole ceremony, until the baptism itself, when Father almost drowned her with baptismal water (which he does for all the kids by the way). Maybe Father has the nostalgia of baptisms by immersion? Anyway, there can be no doubt she was baptized, and afterwards the parents consecrated the child to



Our Lady, and a group picture was taken (see page 28), that included the whole family, the godparents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Suzuki, and the Altar Boys, Marcel Damgaard (left), and Declan Farquhar (right). Deo Gratias!

World War III in Langley

For two Sundays in a row, Father Girouard has gathered some of the boys around him for two intensive sessions of Axis & Allies, the popular WWII strategy game. The first time was on February 28th. Six boys attended. We started with lunch together at the local McDonald's, where we have been able to see Team Canada win the Gold Medal at the Olympics. We then proceeded to the church basement and we started to play on two boards around 3pm. We later on had supper together while watching a WWII documentary with real footage on the Battle of Britain. We then resumed our games, and we stopped later that evening. The second session was March 7th, and 5 boys were present. We started earlier, and were able to finish around six pm. All the kids enjoyed the game and the opportunity to a closer contact with a priest. Father is planning to spend an afternoon with the girls, but the theme will likely not be as warlike as for the boys. Father asked the girls to give him suggestions...

Some distinguished visitors in Langley

We had the honor to have among us for a few days the First Assistant of the SSPX, Rev. Fr. Nicholas Pfluger, accompanied with our District Superior, Rev. Fr. Juer-gen Wegner, from March 20th to March 24th. On Sunday March 21st, we had a delicious parish breakfast in the church basement, and then an interesting Conference.



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