

Coast to Coast

News and photos from the canadian district activities !!!



Fr. Niklaus Pfluger's Conference at the University of Manitoba

Mr. Craig MacFarlane



On Tuesday March 30, 2010, Fr. Niklaus Pfluger, the First Assistant to Bishop Bernard Fellay, gave an informative and enlightening conference at the University of Manitoba, in Winnipeg. The conference went successfully and smoothly. About seventy people attended the event, including about ten University students who weren't connected to the SSPX. There were about eight non-SSPX priests at the conference; most of them were Jesuits from the University.

The building on the University grounds where Fr. Pfluger's talk took place is called St. Paul's College. It is run by the Jesuits and overseen by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. It is largely thanks to one of the Jesuits at St. Paul's, who knew the University student organizing the event, that we were able to get the necessary approval to go ahead with the conference. His interest about the SSPX comes from an ecumenical view point,

nevertheless, he thought that since the Vatican is interested in the SSPX, with the doctrinal discussions taking place in Rome, he too should have an interest in the Society also. He knew that Fr. Pfluger is a distinguished and important priest, and he realized the importance of having him speak at the University. He assured the Archdiocese officials and also the Rector at the St. Paul's (who is a layman), that everything would be okay with having a high-ranking priest from the SSPX come to speak at St. Paul's. We were able to make a press release for this conference and St. Paul's communications office formatted it and sent it through their email and fax system to various Catholic agencies in and around Winnipeg, and also to the media, and even to Protestant and Eastern Orthodox groups. Also posters were hung up all around the University. One of our priests sent an email message to all the priests in Winnipeg informing them to come and hear Fr. Pfluger speak.

Fr. Pfluger's conference itself was incredibly convincing and informative. His topic was on the Second Vatican Council and how it is responsible for the terrible collapse of the Catholic Church in the past 45 years. The talk was about one and a-half hour long in length, with about thirty minutes of questions after. All the attendees listened attentively to what Fr. Pfluger had to say throughout his whole talk.

Most importantly all of the University students showed interest in what Fr. Pfluger said. Six of them stayed and talked at length after the conference with either Fr. Pfluger or one of our four SSPX priests that were there (including our District Superior). One young man especially, about 24 years old, and a graduate of University, was so happy to be able to hear for once the other side of the story about Vatican II, and showed great enthusiasm in what he learned. Also our Jesuit friend requested the text of Fr. Pfluger's conference because he said that he learned things about Vatican II he never knew before.

Our Lady was gave us her powerful protection and intercession for this conference. It was learned the next day that some of the professors at St. Paul's college had pressured the Rector to forbid Fr. Pfluger to come and speak at the University. Fortunately the Rector held his ground, and credit must be given to him for that.

Seeds were definitely sown at this event, especially among the young students. The fruits that are borne from this thought-provoking evening we confidently leave to the hands of Jesus and Mary, who always lead to the truth those souls who are trying to find the answers to today's terrible crisis in the Church.

News from Toronto - Church of the Transfiguration

Sr. Mary Raphael

Landscaping on church grounds

From May 10th to May 18th there has been some new noises coming from



outside the church building. Mr. Jovian Miller, a parishioner, and his fellow workers, have come to help us make changes in the church gardens. Unfortunately, our gardener, Helen Nightingale, after 15 years of volunteer labor, because of her health, is now no longer able to continue. Helen has worked long hours in our gardens, and consequently they have won first or second place in garden contests in our neighborhood for several years. But now, as we do not have anyone who is capable of replacing her, we have made a few changes in the landscaping. One significant change is in the outdoor shrine of Our Lady. There is interlocking brick around it, and in front of the shrine has been placed some very large stones, with a stone pathway leading



up to it. Shrubs were transplanted, and new bushes were added. The garden in front, by the church sign, has been enlarged, too, and flowers planted. It is a very beautiful work, especially the shrine, for which we thank Almighty God, and we pray that it will remain there for many years.

May crowning

On May 15th, we had our May crowning. First there was a High Mass, celebrated by Fr. Jürgen Wegner. He gave us a sermon about devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and how a true devotion is not just singing, lighting a candle or bringing flowers, but we give ourselves as slaves to Our Lady, and consequently it must reflect in our lives, in our sanctification. Father also spoke about the changes in our outdoor grotto, and encouraged us to bring flowers to decorate it.



After the Holy Mass, some little girls processed into the church and brought roses to place at Our Lady's feet, while the congregation sang "Bring Flowers of the Fairest". Then Julia Leonczuk had the honor of crowning Our Lady, while Nicole Suszycki assisted. We then processed outside for a short distance, and the heavy statue of Our Lady was placed again in her niche in the garden, while we sang more Marian hymns.

Following a short break, Fr. Wegner, Fr. Webber, and the faithful walked about 15 minutes in procession, reciting the Holy Rosary, Fr. Webber leading us with the megaphone, while four of the men carried our bier, with another statue, one of Our Lady of Fatima, adorned with flowers and ribbons. It has been a

custom for many years in our parish to process outside with this statue on the 13th of each month between May and October, and, as it had rained on May 13th, we all were glad to have the procession, but this time a longer one, to a nearby park.

Parish picnic

Upon arrival at the park, for the first time, our parish held this year a parish picnic. There was a barbecue and potluck lunch, followed by games for the children, which included various relay races, such as walking fast while holding an egg on a spoon, running backwards, hopping, the three-legged race (with two children at a time, and one foot of the one tied to one foot of the other), and more. Later there was a tug-of-war, and after the children tried it, the men had a turn. The games brought lots of laughter and fun.

The weather was perfect, thanks be to God; there were clouds, but it didn't rain. We had an opportunity to chat with one another, many of whom we don't usually have a chance to speak with. It was truly an enjoyable day! Deo gratias!



News from New Hamburg, Ontario - Special events at our school

Countdown for Easter break By Father Peter Scott

The countdown for the Easter break was an exciting one, for Holy Wednesday was also the end of the Third Quarter. Report cards were finalized and individually handed out to the students by Father Scott; some students receive

ing merited praise after the return from break, but others constructive criticism. Back at school, work advanced on several projects; the staining and lacquering of the new bookshelves and the building of a new shower stalls in particular.



However, the biggest event of the month of April was the school's first Science fair on Sunday April 18. After High Mass all of the students from grade three and up demonstrated to parishioners science projects that they had been working on for weeks, ranging from criminology to the generation of CO₂ and a vehicle that runs on water. Three scientists from the parish formed the tribunal of judges, awarding first, second and third prizes in each of the divisions, one for high-school, one for grades 7 and 8 and one for grades 3 to 6, as well as for the best experiment,



best innovation and best study. For a couple of hours on Sunday afternoon the gymnasium was full of parishioners and students discussing their projects with enthusiasm.

A class trip to Browerville, MN By Miss Claire Hartman

This Easter break at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy, the grade seven and eight girls, along with their teacher, Miss Hartman, and her sister, Miss Julianne Hartman, set out on a class trip to Sacred Heart Novitiate in Browerville, MN. This exciting five days adventure was for the purpose of

acquainting the girls with the religious life. The girls were able to participate at Compline and witness the taking of the habit and religious professions at the Novitiate of the Sisters of the Society of Saint Pius X on April 11, Low Sunday. These ceremonies were presided over by H.E. Bishop Tissier de Mallerais.



The girls learned about some of the daily duties and activities of the nuns. They go about their tasks with the primary aim of extending the love of God in souls. They are postulants for six months, after which they spend two years in the novitiate preparing to take the three vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. After making their profession, the Sisters assist the priests in their apostolate. They help with schools, teach catechism, visit the sick, and look after sacristies, among other tasks they may be called upon to perform.

The Sisters' peaceful and cheerful ways were certainly noticed and admired by the girls as they spent the afternoon visiting and playing volleyball together. The girls were able to appreciate the spirit that Mother Mary Gabriel, co-foundress of the Sisters of the Society, instilled in her novices: the love of humble, daily tasks, the love of simplicity, and the love of duty.

British Columbia

By Fr. Patrick Girouard

A Flashback and a celebration

On May 19th, 1985, four younger men were ordained by Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre in the "cardboard ca-



thedral" in Ridgefield CT. This was the new church being built on the Seminary property. Although now completed and magnificent, it was then in the earlier stages of construction and had to be used to accommodate the hundreds of faithful wishing to assist at the cer-

emony. The four young men were Fr. John Rizzo, Fr. Gregory Foley, Fr. Christopher Brandler and Fr. Loren Gerspacher. Wishing to celebrate Fr. Gerspacher's

25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination, the faithful of Langley organized a brunch after Sunday Mass on May 16th. Father received a spiritual bouquet as well as many cards and gifts. He also shared his memories with the faithful by projecting pictures on a

wall of the basement. Let us thank God for our priests and pray for them.

Nanaimo

On April 11th, Larry and Carole Donnelly celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. On April 18th & 19th,

Fr. Alphonsus Maria C.S.S.R. gave a Mission Renewal, the follow up to his Mission of last year, and did the same in Langley on the 20th & 21st. May many graces continue to follow from this.

Vacations.

Fr. Gerspacher has been travelling to the Benedictine Monastery of Silver City, New Mexico for a retreat and a couple of weeks of vacations, and he was away from May 19th to June 9th. He also has had the joy to spend a few days in Veneta, Oregon and visit with Fr. Christopher Brandler with whom he has been ordained 25 years ago. Fr. Steven Weber, from Toronto Priory, has been in Langley for the 23rd and 30th of May to replace Fr. Gerspacher. Fr. Girouard will begin his vacation on June 22 until July 14, and this will include 15 days in his beloved Alaska. Fr. Emanuel Herkel will come from Calgary to replace him on two Sundays (July 4th and 11th).

Langley: Two Thousand Rosaries

By Mrs. Wilmy Suzuki

The parishioners of Christ the King parish worked hard during Lent and made over 2000 rosaries! This was double the hoped for target of 1000 rosaries. Being a Mission Priest, it was fitting that Fr Alphonsus Marie did the honours of blessing the mission rosaries during his recent visit here. Thank

you to those who sent in donations to help with the cost of supplies and postage. More is still needed and would be much appreciated. If you would like to help put rosaries into the hands of adults and children who would otherwise never get one, please send donations made out to 'SSPX' to the Langley

address on page (27). There is a great need for rosaries in the poorer countries

Little Helpers for the Rosary Crusade

By the Mailloux family in Welwyn, SK

Here is a picture we took of the little girls holding the project they had related to the Rosary Crusade. To help the children visualize what a Rosary Crusade was and how many rosaries were being said, the kids put one star sticker for every rosary said by our family on this bristle board. The girls on the picture are Andree-Anne, Selina and Honora Mailloux.



of the world. We would like to continue making rosaries throughout the year, but the cost really adds up. You will doubtless receive many graces for helping in whatever way you can.

Prairie report April - May

By Miss Randi Gage

Attention Everyone! Spring is here! Oh Joy! Finally we can attend Mass without a ton of jackets and boots crunching our lovely dresses. The men all look so slim, here we thought they had put on weight over the winter and it was just sweaters. As for the kids, well every step or bush or sidewalk is filled with squeals and giggles as they rip around outside. Awe, yes, Spring!

With spring comes the arrival Mr. Michael Drohomereski who joined us on April 29, to the delight of Mother Angelika & Kevin. Michael had a bit of a rough start but I can report he is doing just fine and getting more handsome by the day. We have a few more new arrivals expected over the next few months, so watch for updates.

Father Rusak gave a lecture at the University of Manitoba on April 28 on the subject of the Holy Angels. The lecture was well attended and most informative. Some of our older



parishioners were in attendance and were treated to Father Rusak's humor. One will not soon forget how "Angels use Email". Father's May 18th lecture about the other side of the story, News From Hell was well attended with quite a few probing questions.



Requiescant In Pace

Mr. Rink

Father Lillis anointed Mr. Rink in October and last gave him Holy Communion in February; afterwards he was no longer able to receive (or speak for that matter.) He had cancer of the esophagus which was surgically removed. He was well conscious until the end. The funeral was held in his hometown parish Church in Kendal SK. The funeral was well attended by his family that came from all over Canada and some from the US. Our choir came out from Welwyn and the Slivas from Yorkton to serve. Requiescant in Pace.

May has been a bit busy with Father Alphonsus presenting his three day mission. Mr. MacFarlaine will tell you more about the events in his report in this issue. Anyone who has the chance to take part in one of these Missions should do it, as it was most interesting. Father Alphonsus has a way of stating things that hold your attention and makes the time fly. Not to mention his excellent use of facial expression to make a point. I for one will not look at a Tonka Truck the same way again!



For those that may be wondering, both our priests are happy and well. Father Lillis is off on his western missions

with a short vacation along the way. Father Rusak is busy with First Communions and kayaks. I am not sure how they fit together, but they do. Here at the Priory we busy ourselves cooking, fixing the garden for planting, packaging books to



ship and the weekly chores.

As always Love and Blessings from the sunny Prairies.