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News and photos from the canadian district activities !!!



St. Joseph Pilgrimage 2010

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A pilgrimage is a journey to a destination with our focus being on Christ. It is how we should live our lives daily. But with many distractions of the world we tend to forget what truly is important. By going on a pilgrimage we become in a sense like a child. We leave behind our daily worries of work and what needs to be done and focus on our basic needs: food, sleep, and giving praise to Our Father. It is a spiritual high being able to walk on a journey and leave your daily tasks behind to focus on your heavenly goal.



supper for the pilgrims. The men volunteered for the transportation of the pilgrim's vehicles as well as tired pilgrims who needed rest, as well as many others behind the scene jobs to ease the journey. They are truly a gift to have along the way to the shrine.

The conclusion of the pilgrimage was on Sunday, beginning with a small procession of the statues of Our Lady and St. Joseph to the shrine followed by a Solemn High Mass. Each year dedicated and patient men spend the previous night roasting a pig for the Sunday afternoon picnic. The women from Calgary contribute the salads and desserts and the celebration begins! Dark clouds loomed over the picnic, threatening to ruin it, but the only thing that broke out was an organized soccer game. Even tired pilgrims enjoyed running around after a joyous journey.

The St. Joseph pilgrimage starts in Rocky Mountain House every May long weekend. Beginning Thursday after mass with a hearty breakfast, provided by the parish ladies. The pilgrims set out carrying St. Joseph in procession for their 96 km journey through the streets of town. This year the high school boys and girls of St. John Bosco School were given Thursday and Friday off, in order to come out for the pilgrimage. It's always encouraging to see the youth of our parish participate with such good spirit.

The walking was eased by meditation, prayer and singing as well as occasional conversations among pilgrims. The Rosary was recited regularly and sung in different languages, to take away from monotonous vocal prayer. Learning the songs took practice and patience, but thankfully there was plenty of both.

Throughout the pilgrimage the Rocky Mountain House ladies worked hard and set up snacks for mid-morning and afternoon breaks and also prepare lunch and

The 11th year pilgrimage intention was for an increase of vocations within our parish. May Our Lady give this precious gift and inspire generous souls.



News from New Hamburg, ON

By Father Peter Scott

A competitive spirit reigned in preparation for the school's first Jog-a-thon, to be held on the afternoon of Corpus Christi, June 3. Although the fifth and sixth grade class already had victory clearly in the bag, there was still competi-



tion to see who could raise the most, and of course who could run the most laps of 1/8 of a mile. After the morning's High Mass, the students were scheduled to run at two different times, the grade school students first, and then the boys in grades 7 - 12 afterwards. However, as the grade school students set out it started to rain, then to rain more heavily, until the thunder and lightning and torrential downpour entirely saturated everybody. The rain had, however, stopped by the time that the older boys set out to make their run, and so they were able to clock up a higher number of laps, as many as 55 for the leader. We thank God for the success of this fundraiser, and for the efforts that many of our students put into finding sponsors.

Just the day before the novena in preparation for the consecration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy had begun. Students and faculty recited this novena, that the graces of the consecration might abound in the school, especially

the practical commitment to the Kingship of Christ by the practice of the virtues of truthfulness, patience, kindness, thoughtfulness and charity - virtues that do not come naturally to youth. Meanwhile the school prepared to attend the solemn procession for the Sunday after Corpus Christi, which was celebrated by Father Wegner at Holy Face of Jesus chapel in St. Catharines, followed by a long public procession through the streets of the city, including three Benedictions of the Blessed Sacrament. The boys had the honour of serving this ceremony.

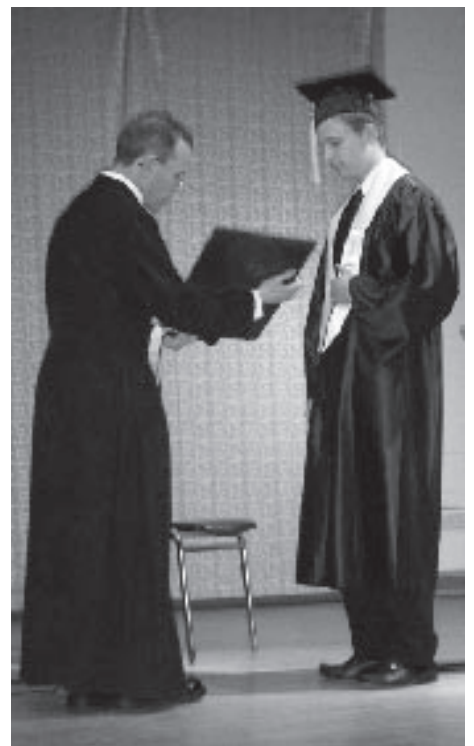
On Friday June 11, feast of the Sacred Heart, a High Mass was celebrated, attended by the entire school. Meanwhile a support for a large statue of the Sacred Heart had been erected in the school's main hallway. After Mass the entire school, including parents and friends, processed from the chapel to the location of the enthronement. The statue was then placed permanent in the place of honour and the school began the recitation of the prayers of consecration to the Sacred Heart. Afterwards, during the singing of hymns to the Sacred Heart, all students, faculty, parents and friends signed the certificate of enthronement, then framed and placed it on the wall as a perpetual reminder of the consecration. Hereafter the students will recite every day the brief formulary renewing the consecration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

It was just a few days later, on Tuesday June 15, that the first graduation ceremony took place. The faculty was busy at the last moment obtaining the graduation gowns and certificates, the honour roll and excellence pins, the t-shirts and sweat shirts with the school's name and emblem especially designed for the occasion.

The evening ceremony began with the singing of the Votive Mass of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in thanksgiving for all the graces of the past year. After brief refresh-

ments, everybody headed for the gymnasium for the commencement ceremonies. After the Principal's address, came the awarding of the certificates of graduation. The first was given to the one 12th grader, who after two years spent at Our Lady of Mount Carmel has now completed his 12th grade studies. Next came the presentation of the certificates of graduation from eighth grade for our four students who completed their grade school. The two boys will continue on into the high school next year. Then finally came the awarding of the five certificates of graduation from Kindergarten.

The chief amongst the prizes was the 2009-2010 Honour Roll. Only three students qualified for this, and were presented with their certificates and excellence pins. In addition, special awards were given for exceptional performance in History and in Athletics, and for Consistency in all studies. Finally the three students who had perfect attendance were honored also for their efforts. The spirit of celebration was also encouraged by the availability of the 2009-2010 Year Book for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy, available for \$20, having a photographic record of the major events in the school year.



A Henry IV Play at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy

By Thomas R. Moynihan, student and actor

Who would ever think that a school just in the making would be able to pull off such a masterpiece? Under the direction of Miss Jane Stannus and flight captain Mr. Marcel Stannus, the boys in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Drama Club did just that. The boys have been working on this production since the beginning of 2010, making sure they had it set in store before presenting it. Then, on May 24, 2010, with about 200 people in attendance including some from St. Catharines and our very own superior, Fr. Wegner from Toronto, the play premiered.

The play starts with the king seeing a rebellion in England, turns from the Holy Land to encounter it, while his son Prince Hal is gallivanting around the country side robbing people with his „trustworthy“ friend, Fallstaff. The king, furious about the complaints against his son, calls upon him to stand before him so he can rebuke him. But during all this you observe the rebels led by Hotspur plotting to overthrow

the king and divide England among themselves. When the action starts you

watch, holding on the edge of your seat, as the Earl of Douglas confronts and slays, Sir Walter Blunt, then afterwards attacking the king, he being about to kill the king, Prince Hal steps in saving his life by challenging Douglas to fight. You finally see Hotspur partake in the action by challenging Prince Hal, but Hotspur being prideful is cut down by Prince Hal thus ending the rebellion. The play ends with King Henry's court rejoicing at their success and that they have brought peace to England.

At the end the actors came out and collected a silver collection. The audience congratulated them, told them how good they did, and said that they hope they will do another one next year. Let me conclude by saying thank you to all who participated in making this happen especially the actors, as without them we would have never had a great production as this.



Ordinations Winona

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The Priestly Society of St. Pius X has 20 new priests since the end of June.



On the 18th, at the seminary in Winona (USA), Bishop Alfonso de Galaretta ordained 8 priests: 7 Americans and 1 Swiss. On June 26, at the seminary of Zaitzkofen (Germany), Bishop Bernard Fellay ordained 3 priests: a Czech, an Italian and a Swede, Fr. Sten Sandmark, formerly a Lutheran pastor who solemnly abjured his errors on July 30, 2006 at Saint-Nicolas-du-Chardonnet (Paris), in which church he will celebrate one of his first solemn masses on August 15 at 10:30 a.m. (the sermon will be preached by Rev. Fr. Jean-Dominique, O.P.). Lastly, on June 29 at Ecône (Switzerland), Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais ordained 9 priests: 8 French and 1 Swiss.

These 20 priests will be joined by 5 others who will be ordained in December at the seminary of La Reja (Argentina), where the end of the academic year corresponds with the end of the civil year.

From wild nature to supernatural!

Mr. Marcus Tonogai

Have you ever been pushed to the edge of your limits and found it exhilarating? The SSPX Canoe Camp was a trip that did just that. From Restoule Lake to the Georgian Bay a small band of canoers braved the labyrinth-like waterways of Northern Ontario. It was an experience none would ever want to forget.



Two priests, three seminarians, two ladies, and eight boys all came together to make the canoeing trip a reality. These people came from all over, including Canada, the USA, and even Germany. The thirteen men and boys set out in six canoes from the shores of Lake Restoule on a journey that would take them to places most had never heard of or seen before. On this trip they encountered thundering rapids and waterfalls, swarms of blood-sucking monsters known as mosquitoes, pouring rain, burning sunlight, delicious fish, starving foxes, and so many other things found only in the mostly untamed wilderness surrounding the mighty French River. This trip made the boys into men. They had to paddle constantly in all sorts of weather, sleep in tents for ten days without respite, eat food cooked over an open fire, and yet they loved it. The camp was hard work and, at the same time, great fun. They got to go swimming, jump off cliffs into the water, and ride down rapids in canoes as well as out of them, go fishing, and feast on the blueberries and raspberries growing all over the shores and islands. When the camp was over, everyone was exhausted, some could not even drive home without falling asleep, but they also had a great feeling of accomplishment.

One of the reasons for choosing the French River as the location for the canoe camp, besides the fact that it is a well-traveled route with many campsites along its bank, was that the Jesuit missionaries of old traveled the very same route to and from their missions. Thanks to the leader and navigator, Fa-



ther May, they were able to traverse through the maze of rivers and lakes to their destination without ever losing their way. They visited some of the sites where those brave priests walked and were buried, such as Cross Island and Recollet Falls. Traveling through these places gave them the chance to meditate on the lives of these courageous men. This, coupled with frequent mass, catechism, and devotions, gave a simple canoe trip a spiritual side which made it into a semi-retreat bringing everyone closer to God as they came closer to nature. It also helped them survive the sunburns, bugs, and hunger in the Catholic spirit, offering these hardships to God. The priests' sermons on the Mass and the Mystical Body gave the rest of the camp a greater understanding of these subjects and a desire to apply what they had learned in their daily lives. When the exciting adventure came to a close the participants had not only matured in mind and body but in soul as well.

The Canoe Camp was a great and memorable experience for all the boys, cooks, seminarians, and priests. Fr. May and Fr. Wegner along with their right hand men and women, the seminarians, Mark Potvin, Christopher Polley,



Lawrence Barrett, and the cooks, Claire Hartman, and Teresa Herrmann, all contributed to making the trip a thoroughly delightful and exciting adventure. Everyone returned home morally, spiritually, and physically stronger with a firm resolve to use what virtues they had learned in the wilderness out in the world. This Canoe Camp was truly an experience no one of its participants would ever forget!