



SSPX



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A New Priory for the Twin Cities

July 2, 1979, is the “birthday” of the Society of Saint Pius X’s (SSPX) mission in the Twin Cities. Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre had visited the area a few years earlier and at that time, priests only offered the traditional Mass in the area on occasion. That July marked the first of the many Masses to be offered on a regular basis. The chapel took its first name from the heavenly patrons of that day, Sts. Processus and Martinian, the one-time jailers of St. Paul.

Growth came quickly as word spread of the presence of the SSPX in Minnesota. Soon, rented hotel ballrooms were insufficient for the number of people who desired the traditional Latin Mass. A Lutheran church on the edge of St. Paul was purchased and transformed into a beautiful chapel worthy of the Catholic liturgy.

The St. Paul mission was not immune to the turbulence that struck the Society’s U.S. District in the early 1980s. Only two years after its purchase and renovation, the new church fell into the hands of those who made their disagreements with the SSPX public. This relegated the Society’s work back to hotel ballrooms, then to Sunday rentals of the military base chapel at Fort Snelling, near the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport. Some measure of consistency came with the use of a community room in a Northeast Minneapolis high rise. During this time, to distinguish this community from those occupying the church building from which it had been evicted, the mission was renamed Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM).

In 1988, due especially to the efforts of Gordon and

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Letter from the District Superior



Dear Friends,

Archbishop Lefebvre founded the Society of Saint Pius X (SSPX) for the formation of good and holy priests. He understood that a priest today faces many difficulties, especially secularization or the removal of God from the public sphere, and the loss of faith in the Church itself. He realized that any priest hoping to accomplish his mission of saving souls in the modern world would have to possess both doctrinal purity and missionary charity.

In addition, the priest today needs to be provided a life in which he can sustain his priestly identity. The Archbishop had first-hand contact with the loneliness and isolation that priests were experiencing in Europe even before the Second Vatican Council. Priests felt like an island because they were living a consecrated life in a deconsecrated, revolutionary world.

This situation motivated the Archbishop, when it came time to form his own priestly order in 1970, to provide his priests the necessary support to sustain their priesthood. The primary means for doing this was to have priests live together in community, have their meals together, pray together, and recreate together. SSPX priests would not be religious but would observe some of the practices of the religious life—practices that would assist them to be constantly connected with their priestly vocation.

There was another reason why His Excellency decided on the model of priories and missions for the SSPX. The priories would be places where traditional Catholic communities could be formed, where families would be provided all the resources necessary to save their souls in a time of spiritual crisis, something made possible by the daily presence of multiple priests. Meanwhile, by the priests going out on the weekends to service mission chapels, the Society could reach more souls in chapels that are within a reasonable distance of the priories.

It is for this reason that I am pleased to announce the opening of a new priory this past August, in a suburb of the Twin Cities—Oak Grove, Minnesota. Three SSPX priests have now taken up residence there, to the great joy of the faithful. Every opening of a priory is a special grace from God.

Would that we could open up a new priory every year in this District—there are certainly many mission chapels that are asking for and deserving that this happen! We must ask Our Lord to grant us many more holy priests, that the number of our ordinations increases. Our priory in Oak Grove is the first one that we have opened in the U.S. District since the priories in Nicholville, New York and Chicago, Illinois in 2012, and the Oak Grove chapel was first opened in 1979!

Persevere in praying for your priests, for vocations, and that our communities in the United States and throughout the world may continue to grow, for the glory of God.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John P. Fullerton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. John Fullerton
US District Superior

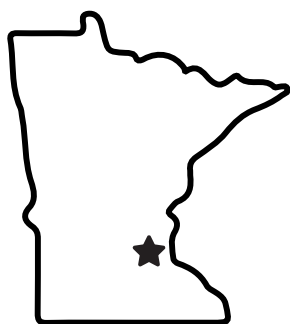


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Catherine Schierman, ownership of the previously purchased church building was legally restored to the SSPX. This happened around the same time as the move of St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary from Ridgefield, CT, to Winona, two hours southeast of St. Paul. Priests came from the seminary location to serve as pastors for the mission, beginning with Fr. Wolfgang Goettler. He was replaced in 1989 by Fr. Dominique Bourmaud. Fr. Bourmaud established

a school in the basement of the church for the increasing number of parish children whose parents sought a solid Catholic education for them. Soon after, in part because she enrolled the first few of her young children in the newly formed Academy, Mrs. Mary Bourbeau assumed the role of vice-principal, a position she has held for more than 30 years, for which the chapel and school are extremely grateful.

In the mid-1990s, Fr. Michael Harber made his way



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The IHM mission chapel was originally named after Sts. Processus and Martinian before the church was taken by “The Nine.”



St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary visited IHM in 2007 (left).



IHM celebrates its 25th anniversary with then-pastor, Fr. Beck.

to IHM from the Sisters' Novitiate in Browerville, two and a half hours northwest of St. Paul, The next pastor, Fr. James Haynos, directed the purchase of a five-acre parcel containing a Protestant church and Sunday school in Oak Grove, 40 miles north of St. Paul. The property had been providentially discovered during a bike ride on the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by another significant contributor to the chapel and school, John Stafki. A short time later, Fr. Thomas Scott took over as pastor for a year, flying each weekend from St. Louis, MO.

Due to slow but steady growth, the footprint of the new school building was doubled in 2002, providing much needed classroom space for the Academy. Fr. Gerard Beck flew from Kansas City to serve as pastor for five and a half years, beginning in 2004. His dedication to the Academy laid the foundation for its growth and the quality of education and formation it continues to provide.

Upon his ordination in 2009, IHM became Fr. Patrick Rutledge's first mission assignment, flying each weekend from Denver. Frs. Steven Webber and Richard Boyle took their turns as pastor, before Fr. Daniel Dailey arrived in 2015. Under his guidance, the square footage of the Academy building was again doubled, adding a real chapel so that school Masses no longer had to be offered in a room that also served as library, classroom, lunchroom, and occasional theater!



Top right and center: IHM Academy and the IHM Academy chapel.

2022-2023 IHM School photo.



Next, Fr. John Graziano arrived at IHM and admirably led the parish through the COVID-19 pandemic, hearing confessions and providing the sacraments in spite of the difficulties. Due to regulations which mandated a site for outdoor services, and since the St. Paul church has no parking lot, the Academy in Oak Grove became the new location for Sunday Masses, which brought more people to the constantly expanding mission.

With growing numbers of faithful throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin, U.S. District Superior Fr. Jürgen Wegner began to explore the possibility of opening another priory in Minnesota. Shortly after Fr. Michael Brown arrived at IHM in 2020, a house suitably sized and in a proper location for a priory



12 Priests and 4 SSPX Sisters joined the faithful of Oak Grove in the inauguration Mass and festivities. (above right)

Clergy after the Solemn High Mass on August 22, 2023.

Solemn High Mass to open the priory: August 22, 2023



Fr. John Fullerton (2nd from left) with the priests of the new priory (L-R) Frs. Michael Brown, Isaac Delmanowski, and Christopher Feeney



A custom image of Our Lady was drawn by an IHM parishioner for the occasion of the priory inauguration.

IHM Coordinator Mike Burns gave a witty speech during the formal dinner to kick off the inauguration festivities.



became available near the school. Fr. John Fullerton, having recently taken over as District Superior, authorized its purchase and decided that the new priory would be located in Oak Grove.

Beginning on January 1, 2021, IHM began to have two Masses offered in Oak Grove and one in St. Paul each Sunday. IHM continued its growth in two locations as one mission under a single name and pastor.

The Academy continues to grow rapidly as well. Enrollment this fall is 130 students, up 43% from the 91 students enrolled in 2020. Currently, the school offers classes for girls K-12, and boys K-8. A boys' high school will be opened, beginning with 9th grade, in 2024. The purchase of land near to the school is under way to allow further expansion for the school in years to come.

On August 22, 2023, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Fr. Fullerton, twelve priests (some former pastors and vocations from IHM), and six SSPX Sisters from Browerville joined the faithful in celebrating the next significant step in the history of Immaculate Heart of Mary: the establishment of the Society's newest U.S. priory in Oak Grove, MN.

The two-day event began with I Vespers of the Immaculate Heart. A dinner at The Refuge Golf Club nearby featured speeches, a poem written for the occasion by an Academy teacher, a choral performance of Biebl's *Ave Maria* and Grieg's *Ave*



Bishop Fellay was presented with a birthday card and spiritual bouquet by the students during his visit to IHM Academy in 2021.

Maris Stella, and a skit, "The Absentminded Waiter."

The parish patronal feast day began with a Solemn High Mass, followed by renewal of the parish consecration to the Immaculate Heart. Those attending braved one of the hottest days of the summer at the parish picnic. The festivities ended with II Vespers of the Immaculate Heart and Benediction.

Fr. Brown was assigned as the first prior, remaining also IHM's pastor. Fr. Christopher Feeney will reside at the priory, assuming responsibility as



**IHM
Academy
Children of
Mary**



**The
kindergarten
students on
their new
playground.
(far right)**



**SSPX Sisters
and IHM
parishioners
at the
inauguration
picnic
(above.)**

**IHM Academy
high school girls
on their year-end
trip to Wisconsin.
(above)**



**IHM high
school girls
have attended
the Starkenburg
pilgrimage
since 2004.**



IHM Academy's middle school soccer team—the school's first official sports team—went 4-0 in its inaugural season this fall.

pastor for the mission in St. Paul, which is now under the patronage and title of Our Lady of the Visitation. Fr. Isaac Delmanowski is the third resident of the priory, serving as pastor and principal of St. Robert Bellarmine in St. Cloud, MN.

So many good and generous people, through their contributions and efforts, have played a part in the development of IHM from a small mission chapel more than 44 years ago to the 600+ parishioner congregation and Academy that it is today. Joe Drake served as an early choir director, Dennis Eckman as sacristan, and Larry Dvorak as coordinator early on.

Other parishioners soon stepped forward to fill needed roles. Robert Lynch was often the one to pick up visiting priests from the airport. He and his sister,

Irene Thomas, shared a house and provided lodging for these priests, Archbishop Lefebvre, and, after the 1988 consecrations, other bishops of the Society. Mrs. Thomas even held onto the “relics” of sheets and a pillowcase that the Archbishop used when he stayed at their house.

Marek Kopec served as treasurer and later as choir director, continuing to raise the standard for this well-regarded organization and even arranging the recording of the choir for a Christmas CD.

Peter Buschmann and James Lynch both contributed as coordinators, followed by Michael Burns. All three have contributed magnificently to the development of the chapel and school. Adam Flaherty's expertise as choir director has been the latest foundation of IHM's excellent schola and polyphonic choir.

In 2005, Fr. Mark Stafki became the first parishioner from IHM to be ordained a priest. He was followed by Frs. John Bourbeau, Jonathan Kopec, Thomas Buschmann, and Nicholas Kracht. God willing, in 2024, Rev. Mr. Andrew Simones will become the next from IHM to be promoted from the diaconate to the priesthood.

Much gratitude is due to God, to Our Lady, to St. Joseph, to Archbishop Lefebvre, the Superiors General of the SSPX, the Superiors of the U.S. District, the numerous pastors of Immaculate Heart of Mary and the many faithful who have contributed their time, energy, and funds to the St. Paul mission to bring it to what it is today: a priory, church, and school offering opportunities for grace to so many in the Twin Cities area.

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St. Robert Bellarmine in St. Cloud, MN held a parish picnic and goodbye party for Fr. Haenny.



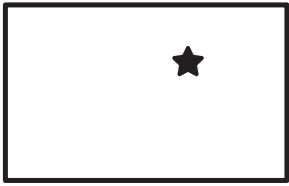


St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel in St. Cloud, MN sponsored the July 28-29th pilgrimage to the Grasshopper Chapel in Cold Spring, MN. (left)

WISCONSIN



St. Michael's Chapel, DePere, WI held their annual Parish Picnic on August 20th. Festivities included a Tug of War, zipline, bounce house, football, volleyball, an ice cream treat, raffles, and more. There was also plenty of time to enjoy good food and conversations with fellow parishioners.



COLORADO

The Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage started 24 years ago to thank Mother Cabrini for her intercession on behalf of St. Isidore's when the church was being built.



Parishioners walk from the church in Watkins, Colorado, to the Shrine in Golden, CO—a distance of 43 miles. This year, the special intention of the pilgrimage was Catholic education and, specifically, the construction of a new school building for Our Lady Help of Christians Academy in Watkins. About 115 people walked in the pilgrimage each day.



International Pilgrimages

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage to Mexico City Nov 27 - Dec 2, 2023

Render homage to Our Lady of Guadalupe by visiting her Basilica on Tepeyac Hill and praying before her miraculous image. Tour Mexico City's historic downtown and the ancient Mesoamerican city of Teotihuacan. Honor the Cristeros by visiting the relics of Blessed Father Miguel Pro and Maria de la Luz Camacho. Accompanied by an SSPX priest and by historian Alexander Gutierrez Becker.

Holy Land Retreat and Pilgrimage March 11 - 22, 2024

Travel to the Holy Land for an unprecedented opportunity to make a spiritual retreat while following in the footsteps of Our Lord! On the retreat days, make morning visits to the sites where Our Lord lived, taught, and suffered, and in the afternoon listen to spiritual talks and have time for meditation. Enjoy the following days visiting the remaining religious sites in the Holy Land. Do not miss this unique opportunity!

Marian Shrines of Western Europe April 15 - 26, 2024

Join us on this breathtaking journey through Portugal, Spain, and France. Visit the main shrines of Our Lady: Fatima, Lourdes, Zaragoza, and Montserrat. Also visit sites related to St. Teresa of Avila and St. Ignatius of Loyola, the magnificent cathedrals of Salamanca and Burgos, and much more.

Youth Pilgrimage to France, including the 3-Day Walk from Chartres to Paris May 9 - 20, 2024

Tour the beautiful province of Normandy and render homage to St. Joan of Arc, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, and more. Discover sites related to WWII and visit Mont-Saint-Michel, a favorite tourist attraction in France. Spend two days in Paris and visit the main Catholic sites of the city. In Chartres, admire its magnificent cathedral and begin the 3-day walking pilgrimage to Paris, joining thousands of SSPX pilgrims from around the world. For youth between 18 and 35 years old.

Youth Pilgrimage to Portugal & Spain, including a 3-Day Walk to St. James Compostela June 17 - 28, 2024

Travel to Portugal and Spain, visiting Fatima (where Our Lady appeared in 1917), Coimbra (St. Elizabeth), Braga (Bom Jesu Shrine), Pontevedra (Apparitions to Sister Lucy), Padron (St. James the Apostle), Compostela (St. James), and Finisterre (End of the World). From Pontevedra to Compostela there will be a 3-day walk following the Compostela Portuguese Way. For youth between 18 and 35 years old.

Shrines of Italy, Austria, and Germany Sept. 9 - 20, 2024

A wonderful opportunity to visit northern Italy, eastern Austria, and Bavaria. Visit Venice, Padua (St. Anthony), Verona, the city of Romeo & Juliet (St. Peter of Verona), Trento (Council), Seefeld (Eucharistic Miracle), Innsbruck, Salzburg (Mozart), Lakes Wolfgang & Hallstatt (St. Wolfgang), Passau, Regensburg, Eichstatt (St. Walburga), Munich, and Altotting (Our Lady's Shrine). Enjoy spectacular scenery while visiting magnificent historic churches of Christendom.

Shrines of France October 14 - 25, 2024

A classical pilgrimage to France including Lourdes, Aix-en-Provence, Carcassonne, La Salette, Ars, Paray-le-Monial, and Nevers. Render homage to Our Lady of La Salette, St. Mary Magdalene, St. John Vianney, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Bernadette Soubirous, and many more. End the trip in Paris, where we will visit the main Catholic sites of this beautiful city.

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"How to Resist Temptation"

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Mass Stipends

The U.S. District is unable to accept any Mass stipends at this time. If you wish to have a Mass offered, we ask that you contact your local pastor or individual priest to arrange it. An announcement will be published at a future time when we have caught up sufficiently on our waiting list and are able to again receive Mass requests. Thank you for your understanding.

Upcoming Retreats

Men:

Oct 2-7	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Dec 11-16	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Dec 11-16	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
Dec 13-16	3-day Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA

Women:

October 9-14	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
Oct 16-21	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Oct 23-28	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Nov 29-Dec. 2	3-day Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA

Mixed:

Oct 25-28	Matrimony	Phoenix, AZ
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Dates subject to change. For more information please contact:
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Eucharistic Crusade

Monthly Intentions

October: To obtain the grace of a good death

At the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of Angels, may God vouchsafe to grant that the Holy Angels may protect us during life, and after death may lead us into the everlasting glory of heaven. Amen.

November: For the deceased of our families

Pater, Ave. We therefore beseech Thee, help thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood. Eternal Father, by the Precious Blood of Jesus, Mercy!

December: For all our benefactors

Reward, O Lord, with eternal life all those who do us good for thy name's sake. Amen.



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