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Passing On What We Have Received

On September 24, 2020, the Saint Pius X Seminary created by Archbishop Lefebvre at Écône, Switzerland, celebrated its 50th anniversary. Yes, there was a seminary which was active and running even prior to the formal foundation of his congregation. It may be interesting to note that the formation of good and virtuous priests was foremost in the mind of our founder. His original idea was that these good priests would go back to their respective dioceses and be the leaven to help souls and priests around them.

But, soon enough, the Archbishop realized that it would be best to preserve them by giving them a community life and, by the same token, protecting them from the progressive clergy. That is when he decided to pursue the foundation, not only of a

seminary, but specifically a congregation which he named the Society of Saint Pius X. It was on November 1, 1970 that he received the approval from the local bishop of Fribourg, Switzerland, where the original house was located. The Society of Saint Pius X was born to the Church.

On the occasion of the golden jubilee commemorating the founding of the Écône seminary, the clergy went in procession to the seminary's cemetery vault nearby, where the founder of the Society of Saint Pius X had been laid to rest for nearly 30 years. From there, the coffin was solemnly transported to the crypt of the seminary church which the Archbishop never saw but had wished that it be dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Letter from the District Superior



Dear Friends,

In our lovely mid-West, the autumn season strikes wonderful colors and moods in nature as the thermometer plunges steadily. Meanwhile, human life goes on and knows to adapt to the change of scenery. The turmoil of daily occupations, ante or post-Covid, is not slowing down in our plugged-in world, with its barrage of endless superficial information. Evolution, perpetual movement of images and emotions give people the sense of “living the dream.”

Is this the matrix of our existence or, rather, a gutless mannequin, a mindless body reacting to the latest brute force? In the age of social media, the key principle is: “I click, therefore, I am.” But, realistically, am I more human by keeping a finger on the pulse of the world so as to catch the latest and brightest news item? Few people dare to raise such questions. And yet, the stakes may very well be human existence itself.

These issues bring us back to the dawn of human thought when Greek philosophers were enquiring whether the essence of life consisted of rest or of motion. Indeed, which is the first principle—“being is,” or “everything is in flux”? Is change more than rest, action greater than contemplation? What is more important in life, the evolving material element or the spiritual stable element, the body or the soul, matter or spirit, the universe or the unchanging Being that supports it?

May I be pardoned to quote again the Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn who gave this stern warning to the West in his 1978 Harvard address: “Only by the voluntary nurturing in ourselves of freely accepted and serene self-restraint can mankind rise above the world stream of materialism. All your elites have lost the sense of the superior values. They have forgotten that the first right of man is the right to not let his soul be encumbered with futility.”

Stat crux dum volvitur orbis—The Cross is steady while the world is turning. The Carthusian motto, that of the most contemplative religious order, evokes the image of the cross anchored deeply in the unchangeable God while the world spins aimlessly. Yes, this is a recurrent idea of the liturgy: “Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini, Qui fecit caelum et terram—Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.”

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Fr. John Fullerton

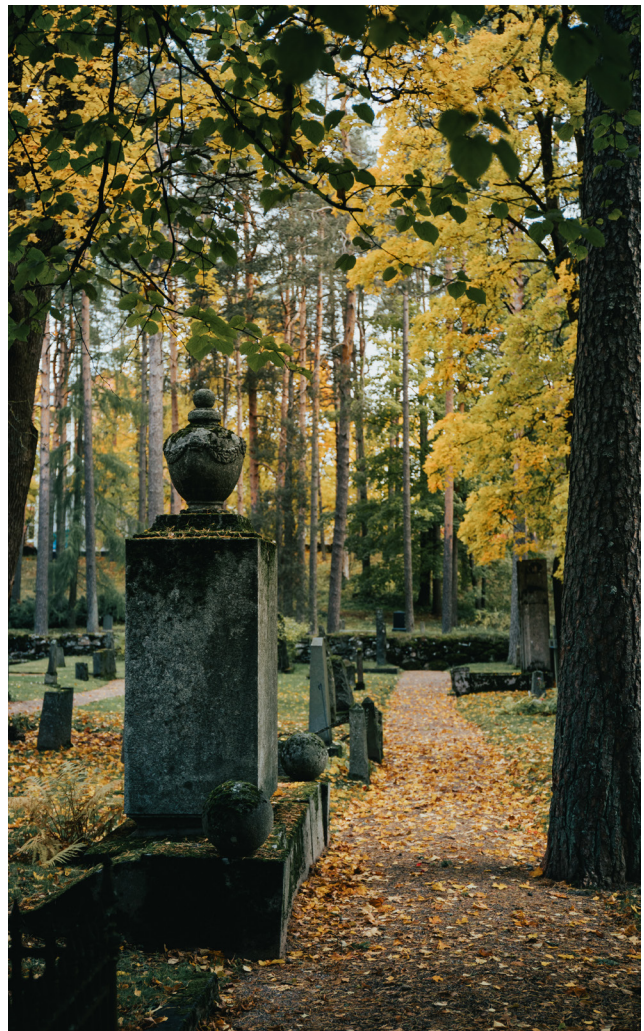


Memento Mori

Two cultures are struggling for power: the culture of death with sterilized food and clean avenues where death is an unwelcome visitor; the culture of life with underfed munchkins in rags, yet smiling, with the invalid begging at street corners, where sick as well as healthy children are welcomed as God's undisputable gift. It comes as no surprise that the same groups which promote sterilization and abortion are also pushing to get rid of the elderly. Death, occurring in God's good time, reminds each one of us of our total dependence on our Creator, whereas suicide and euthanasia, which haunt our Western horizons, mark another act of defiance against God. The revolution is raising its ugly head.

"Memento mori"—Remember death. Death, like all essential moments of one's life, has always been surrounded with religious ceremonies and rituals. In the old Catholic countries, death is treated with a realism and matter-of-factness which shocks the "sterilized" and puritanical cultures. The veneration of St. Anthony of Padua's tongue, the sitting skeleton of St. Catherine of Siena, the display of the body of incorrupt saints: all these seem out of place in our 21st century America.

The Protestant revolution has a horror of anything related to the matter of death and funerals. On the other hand, the Catholic Church honors its faithful departed and gives their body a fitting burial, which we know will rise on the last day to live forever in the glory of heaven. That is the main reason why the Church had always condemned (until only recently)



the burning of corpses, which contained an implicit rejection of the dogma of the resurrection of the body. That is why the Church accompanies the dying with the richest prayers of the deathbed and the sacrament of Extreme Unction. Protestantism, and especially Puritan Calvinism, shuns such treatment and tries to hide it under cover of a “rosy smelly sleeping body,” mummified and embalmed for the circumstance before it is surreptitiously shoved off to a dead end street and a place of oblivion.

No wonder also why Protestants declaimed against the indulgences offered for the remission of sins and for poor souls left in purgatory. If it is true that “nothing impure may appear before God,” then, how can the just make it to heaven, laden as they are with much baggage. On the one hand, they deserve to make it to heaven but, on the other hand, they are not ready for Him and are still unworthy to wear the “wedding garment.” God’s answer to the dilemma is purgatory, the anti-chamber of heaven where the souls of the just who died in God’s grace still purge their least imperfection, their attraction to venial sins, and the backlog of satisfaction due to past sins.

The good news about the poor souls is that they are sure of heading to heaven. The bad news is that they have to wait and cannot do anything for their prompt deliverance except through what we could all *satispassion*—suffer enough. Yet, if they can’t help themselves, we can help them, through the common works of mercy: prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving. In particular, we have on hand the infinite merits of Christ and Mary and the saints, the treasure of the Church which we can use. How? By gaining a plenary indulgence—whereby God is found indulgent and pardons altogether the soul and grants it immediate access to heaven.

Most readers are familiar with those indulgences we may gain for the poor souls, a visit to a church on the first two days of November and a visit to a cemetery on the first eight days. What they will be happy to know also is that they can gain daily several



indulgences: the devout recitation of the Rosary in a group at home or privately in church; visiting for 30 minutes the Blessed Sacrament; reading for 30 minutes the Sacred Scriptures; doing the Stations of the Cross in church. Is there a string attached to these easy tasks? Well, yes! God demands nothing but perfection from us, total detachment from any sin, mortal or venial. And, while we are doing this work of spiritual mercy of succoring the suffering souls, we are urged to grow in perfection. So, they win and we win too, and this is the beauty of the bargain dealt between the Church militant and the Church suffering.





Before it is too late...

Interview with Steve Nienaber (St. Vincent de Paul's Accountant, Kansas City, MO)

What does growing old mean?

This means that one is physically and intellectually declining, and this is shown in various ways: normal tasks left undone, mail not opened, anxiety over figures, bills unpaid, forgetfulness, depression. On the part of the family, it also means that the children of the elderly have to contend with an emotional burden, embracing elder care and learning financial benefits such as social security and medicare.

How does one react before this new situation?

Family members may feel inadequate with the new task, or simply fear meddling in their parents' privacy, like opening mail and paying bills. They will need to sit down with their elderly parents. It may be uncomfortable but it is best to address it before death, and keep in mind the option of appointing a third party and close friend of the parents. The consequences could be serious. We have seen cases where parents do not receive the Last Rites and proper funerals. There could be much sweat and dollars spent to sort out troubled situations. Poor communication will lead to unnecessary burdens, last minute decisions, undiscovered assets, and last wishes being ignored.



Steve Nienaber

What can I do now to avoid future trauma for myself and my children?

You should approach trusted persons and ask if they could be an executive agent for you, giving them power to carry your decisions while alive by signing three legal documents. First, the Power of Attorney gives the trustee power to manage your assets should you no longer have that desire or ability (you need to keep an up-to-date financial file for them). Next, the Health Care Power of Attorney gives the trustee the power to manage your health care decisions, prescriptions, medical records, doctor appointments (remember that, without this power, children will have no say on an aged par-

ent's condition before the medical profession. Also, the Living Will addresses your wishes regarding your last hours (questions like organ donation, endless life support procedures, or "mercy killing" issues). After your passing, another document will ensure your wishes are carried out, called Living Trust, which directs assets to select beneficiaries and appoints guardians for minor children. The Living Trust, better than the Last Will, ensures privacy and avoids legal disputes.

Beyond these documents, are there other issues I can address now?

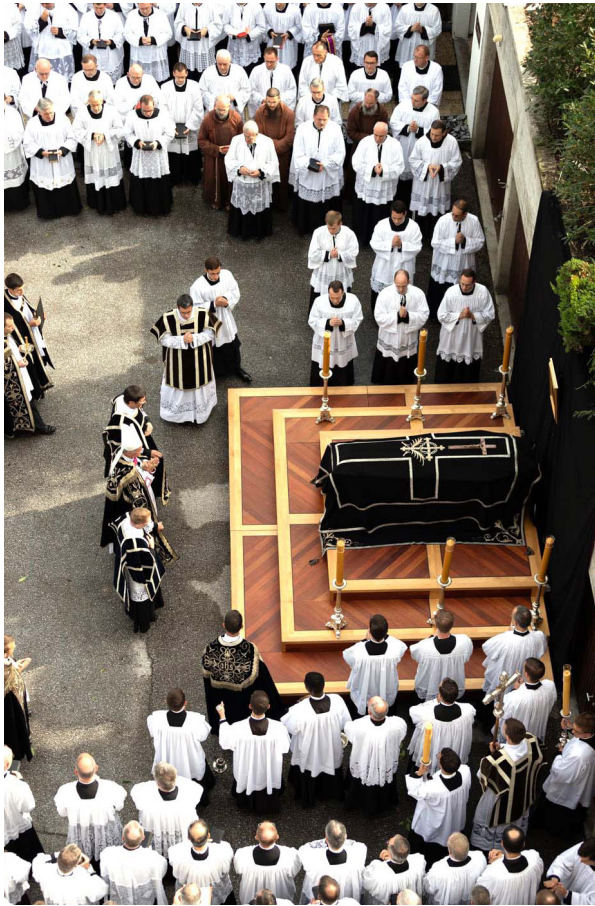
You may consider downsizing your estate, as the children are leaving the nest, to eliminate expenses and mobility issues like staircases; this allows you to "clean the attic" and learn detachment. Also, as we all need a proper burial, make funeral arrangements, and the funeral home near your church will offer a contract including payment arrangement that fits your budget helping you lock in current rates.

Are there care facilities available for me?

This is a good question, and each person has varied needs as old age creeps in. Most elderly prefer staying home or be with a loved one, but at some point, it may become too burdensome. Check your long-term facility options and what insurance you may purchase to mitigate burdens later. Keep in mind that resources are available through social security and Medicare, Medicaid programs, and Veterans' benefits. Whether you have medical coverage as a retiree or not, it may be worth checking with a benefits professional to review the public programs available.

I wonder whether such care about my future needs does not go against the spirit of abandonment to divine Providence?

Catholics should be diligent and good stewards of their possessions to contribute to the support of themselves, their family and their parish according to their means. I hope that reviewing these basic items will help you secure not only your end of life preferences but also prolong your financial resources and lessen the burden for your loved ones and your parish.



On September 24, 2020, the International Seminary of Saint Pius X celebrated the Golden Jubilee of its opening in Écône. After the Thanksgiving Mass for these 50 years, the body of H.E. Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre was transferred from the seminary vault to the crypt of the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.





Fiat, the young adult group in Nicholville, NY, hosted a small Oktoberfest event on October 4th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the SSPX and the Feast of our parish patron, St. Therese.



Prayers and Litany of Our Lady were said at the grotto in the woods in Nicholville, NY.





Fr. Joseph Dreher, a Colorado native, celebrated his 25th Anniversary as an SSPX priest, during a Solemn High Mass on September 20, 2020, at St. Isidore the Farmer Catholic Church in Watkins, CO.



The process of digging the foundation and basement for the new Immaculata project in St. Marys, KS was a monumental task.



A aerial view of the ground breaking ceremony for the new Immaculata project in St. Marys, KS.





The Knights Basketball team from Our Lady Help of Christians Academy in Watkins, CO poses with their coaches.



One can never predict the weather conditions for football games in Central New York! Yet students from Mater Dei Academy are always up for a game.

Steve Patterson works on repairing the altar for the Tracy Avenue chapel at St. Vincent de Paul in Kansas City.





The Chaplain of the Acies young adult group in St. Marys, KS addressed over 100 attendees at the September kick-off event at St. Marys Riverside Park. It was a beautiful day for a BBQ, volleyball, spike ball, corn hole, and more!



Fr. Samuel Fabula blesses the faithful of St. Thomas More with a Relic of St. Philomena.



Priests, seminarians and faithful from Miami, Jacksonville and Sanford celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas More at the Florida Priory.



St. Vincent de Paul Academy (Kansas City) ended its Christmas break with an ice skating party on the Feast of the Epiphany.

Grades 7-12 from St. Vincent de Paul Academy in Kansas City enjoyed a ski trip to Snow Creek Ski Resort on the bluffs above the Missouri River northwest of Kansas City, MO.



A Solemn High Mass was celebrated at the Sanford, FL Priory to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Fr. Mark Vernoy's priestly ordination.

International Pilgrimages

The Way of St. James Walking Pilgrimage (last 70 miles) April 20-29, 2021

The year 2021 is a Jubilee Year in Santiago de Compostela in Spain, which means that visiting pilgrims can gain a plenary indulgence! Don't miss this opportunity to walk the Camino de Santiago with fellow traditional Catholics. Walk 70 miles in six days, passing through charming villages that have seen Camino pilgrims since the 10th century. Have your Camino passport stamped along the way, earn your "Compostela" certificate, and gain countless graces. Begin the trip in Sarria, then walk to Portomarín, Palas de Rei, Melide, Arzúa, Pedrouzo, and finish in Santiago de Compostela. Accompanied by Fr. Patrick Summers. Space is limited to 30 pilgrims.

Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – Walking from Nazareth to Galilee Rescheduled for June 17-28, 2021

Walk in the footsteps of Our Lord as you visit the places where He lived, taught, and suffered. Visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Magdala, Ein Karem, Bethany, and much more. Walk for three days along the path that Our Lord would have walked from Nazareth to Galilee. For youth between 18 and 35 years of age. Accompanied by Fr. Patrick Rutledge.

Holy Relics of Aachen (Germany) June, 2021

Every 7 years in the cathedral of Aachen in Germany, four precious relics are exposed for public veneration: the cloak of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the swaddling clothes the Baby Jesus wore in the manger, the loin cloth Our Lord Jesus Christ wore on the Cross, and the cloth on which the head of St. John the Baptist was placed after his beheading. Don't miss this opportunity to venerate these priceless relics! Also, pray before the relics of the Three Magi in Cologne and enjoy a river cruise along the most beautiful section of the Rhine. Visit the Basilica of the Fourteen Holy Helpers near Bamberg, render homage to Our Lady of Altotting, St. Conrad, St. Henry II, St. Cunegunda, St. Killian, and much more! Accompanied by an SSPX priest.

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Eucharistic Crusade

Monthly Intentions



October: In reparation for blasphemies against the Blessed Virgin Mary

Most glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our mother, look with pity upon us poor sinners, who, afflicted with so many miseries surrounding us in this life, feel ourselves cut to the heart by the many horrible insults and blasphemies which we are often constrained to hear uttered against thee, O Immaculate Virgin. If the sacrifice of our lives could avail against such outrages and blasphemies, very willingly would we make it. Do thou, Mother of pity, accept this act of reparation offered to thee, in our name and in the name of all those who impiously blaspheme thee, that so they too may join with us in proclaiming thee blessed amongst women. Amen.

November: For the Society of Saint Pius X

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary, my beloved Patron, that never has it been heard that anyone invoked your patronage or sought your aid without being comforted. Inspired by this confidence, I come to you and fervently commend myself to you. Despise not my petition, dear foster father of our Redeemer, but accept it graciously. Amen.

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Upcoming Retreats

Men:

Oct 19-24	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Nov 9-14	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Nov 16-21	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Dec 9-12	3-Day Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Dec 14-19	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ

Women:

Oct 12-17	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Dec 2-5	3-Day Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA

Mixed:

Oct 21-24	Matrimony	Phoenix, AZ
Dec 5-8	Weekend Retreat	Soldotna, AK

Men:

July 5-10	Ignatian	Sanford, FL
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Women:

June 21-26	Ignatian	Sanford, FL
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