

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

The Newsletter and Bulletin of the Oratory of Saint Francis of Assisi

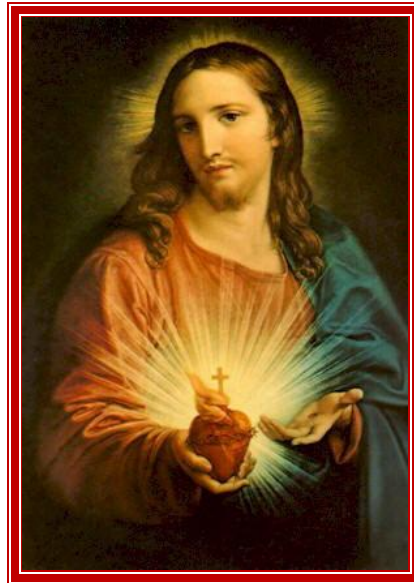
JUNE 2022 – MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

It is altogether impossible to enumerate the heavenly gifts which devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus has poured out on the souls of the faithful, purifying them, offering them heavenly strength, rousing them to the attainment of all virtues. Therefore, recalling those wise words of the Apostle S. James, *Every best gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Lights* (S. James 1:17), We are perfectly justified in seeing in this same devotion, which flourishes with increasing fervor throughout the world, a gift without price which our divine Savior the Incarnate Word, as the one Mediator of grace and truth between the heavenly Father and the human race imparted to the Church, His mystical Spouse, in recent centuries when she had to endure such trials and surmount so many difficulties. – *Saurietas Aquas*, Pius XII, 15 May 1956, no.2)

BELOVED FAITHFUL, please allow me to put forward to all you kind readers some hard truths and painful facts: young men who hunger for sanctification must be prayed for and encouraged to *leave all behind and follow the Lord* (cf. S. Luke 18:22); parents, family and friends must generously proffer them up to Christ as an oblation for Him and His service in the

Church. We cannot allow young men to be deceived by the pseudo-traditionalist compromisers, where they will receive doubtful training and assuredly doubtful “ordination” – NewBishops do not have the power to make Catholic Priests, no matter what rite they use; and the NewReligion of Vatican II simply is NOT the Catholic Faith. Good intentions do not make true and proper priests, and more and more of these NewPriests are realising that their membership in the “approved” groups of NewRome are being extinguished and forced into offering the services of the Modernist NewChurch.



This grafted Franken-Church simply is NOT the Catholic Church. While proper and true seminaries are few and far between (alas, the SSPX may be valid...for now... but they are less and less the Catholic organisation founded by Archbishop Lefebvre) the best situation is the pre-Trent

practice of a young man being attached to a trusted Priest or Bishop who will, with the help of other proper Catholic Clergy, form the young man into *Another Christ*, fit for service at the Holy Altar. These young men and their chosen priest-mentors must be generously supported and encouraged, and it requires tremendous and painful self-expenditure by both, but the reward in heaven will be great. The priest must *spend* his priestly life, pouring himself completely out for God, *vacari Deo*, for the benefit of others: just as Christ the King emptied Himself upon the Cross, the priest must also do so.

Lastly, I again I ask all who read this little newsletter to continue to keep in your prayers our need for a permanent home for our little Oratory Chapel; fancy is not needed, just sturdy and welcoming, where Our Lord and King may dwell and His servants can adore Him with reverence and devotion. May He reign in our hearts, minds and souls forever!

As always, I am most grateful for your prayers and support. Be assured of my paternal benediction and prayers, especially at Holy Mass.

I remain, in Christ the King,

Monsignor ✠ Thomas JF Sebastian



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: My Lord Bishop Sebastian:

I am worried about the future; where is the next generation of balanced traditional priests going to come from? I receive the newsletters from several seminaries and year after year they seem to get more and more caught up in traditional politics rather than forming men to be zealous missionary priests who will offer the Sacraments and teach the True Faith without compromise. Please consider taking young men in who sincerely want to become holy priests.

In Christ the King,

Anonymous

A: My good and dear soul: your inquiry inspired the theme of this month's newsletter: *vocations* dedicated to the service of Christ the King and His Most Sacred Heart.

Indeed, I have seen the same *spirit* developing in the few faithful seminaries, and with the recent passing of the Monsignor Daniel Dolan† I fear even more *balance*, as you say, may be lost. I do keep my door open, even to those young men who wish to leave those seminaries, but, alas, the control and manipulation is so overwhelming that they leave the seminary altogether or stay for fear of not being able to be ordained and "accepted" as legitimate.

Please keep vocations in your prayers and feel free to pass along this newsletter to any that may benefit from knowing

there is an alternative for them. Pursuing a vocation is not easy, I know from personal experience; and it is difficult even in the best seminary, because the devil does not want good priests; men who are physically, emotionally and spiritually fit, as my dearest Spiritual Director of almost forty years always says: priests must be whole *and* holy. Also, as my good friend Canon Gregory Hesse† used to say: *if we never ordained another sick priest we would still have too many!*

We must pray very intensely for good and strong young men to take up the *Work of God* without delay: for *the harvest indeed is great, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth labourers into His harvest* (S. Matthew 9:37–38). I have included some pictures of my own vocation journey for the faithful.



The Priestly Ordination of the Reverend Thomas JF Sebastian, Ember Saturday in September 1997

If you have a question, please feel free to e-mail:

info@stfrancisoratory.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR prayers are requested for the sick, especially Mr. Vern Fenimore, Miss Erica Chapman, Mr. Charles E. McClusky, Mrs. Denise

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Huizenga, Mr. M. Gary Starr, Mrs. Diane Powers, Mr. Paul Howard, Mr. Jeff Michaels and Mrs. Maria Gomez. Please also remember in your prayers the souls of those who have died, especially Monsignor Daniel Dolan† and Mrs. Patricia Hundt-West†. *If you know of someone unable to attend Holy Mass due to sickness please be sure to let one of the priests know so they can arrange for a sick call.*



Real Men Kneel at Holy Mass!

HOW TO DONATE AND SEND MASS STIPENDS

DONATIONS and Mass Stipends can be sent online (be sure to select *donation* and not *payment*) or you can always be sent to our Post Office Box:

St. Francis of Assisi

PO Box 8469

Van Nuys, CA 91409-8469



The normal stipend for a Mass Intention is \$20.00. Please be sure to include the person's name (w/Mr., Mrs. or Miss) and if they are living or deceased. Also, be sure to indicate if you wish a **Mass Card** to be sent to that person or their family.

Your continued support is appreciated and quite needed to continue our mission of offer the true and traditional Latin Mass of the Holy Catholic Church. The true Mass and Faith are ours to protect, defend and support!

**HOLY DAYS OF
OBLIGATION FOR 2022**

15 August 2022 (Monday)
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 November 2022 (Tuesday)
Feast of All Saints

8 December 2022 (Thursday)
Feast of the Immaculate Conception

25 December 2022 (Saturday)
Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

**SUNDAYS OF JUNE:
THE CATHOLIC
HAND MISSAL**

In order to assist the faithful following Holy Mass with their hand missals here are the Sunday Masses for June:

5 June 2022:

Pentecost Sunday:
No Commemorations.

12 June 2022:

Trinity Sunday:
Commemoration of the *First Sunday after Pentecost* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion: *Last Gospel of the Sunday.*

19 June 2022:

Sunday after Corpus Christi:
Commemoration of *S. Fuliana Falconieri* and *Ss. Gervase & Protase* at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

26 June 2022:

Sunday after the Sacred Heart:
Commemoration of *Ss. John & Paul, of the Octave of the Sacred Heart* and *the Octave of the*

Nativity of S. John the Baptist at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion.

To correctly participate at Holy Mass one *silently* unites his prayers with those of the Church through pious and attentive meditation of the prayers and reading of Holy Mass.

If you are unsure how to correctly set your hand missal arrive early for Holy Mass and ask the Monsignor to assist you. It is also important to become familiar with the *Ordinary of the Mass*, those parts that never change, i.e.: Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Sanctus, Benedictus, and the Agnus Dei. And of course the Canon of the Mass, and the *Propers of the Mass*, those which vary according to the feasts of the day, i.e., Introit, Collect(s) (after the Gloria or Dominus Vobiscum), Epistle, Gradual, Alleluia, Tract or Sequence, Gospel, Secret, Communion Verse and Post Communion. On many feasts or days there are *Commemorations* (additional prayers) at the Collect, Secret and Postcommunion. The careful attention to these prayers and readings will help one enter into a deeper spiritual relationship with the Holy Liturgy, the Saints and Mysteries of God.



The Hiding Mass in Van Nuys

Sunday Mass Time:
(please call or email for current Mass time and location)

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(818) 786-2540

e-mail: info@stfrancisatoratory.org

Be sure to visit our web site at:

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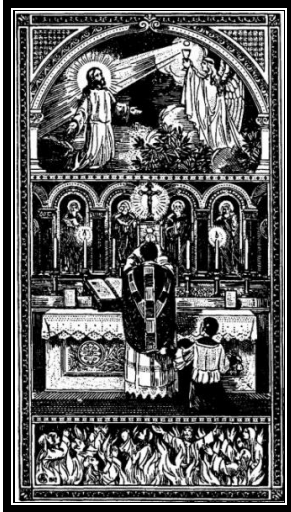
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MASS GUILD

HOLY MASS is offered on the First Saturday of every month for all Friends and benefactors of SAINT FRANCIS ORATORY CHAPEL. Your generous donation (one time *or* monthly) enables you to be remembered upon the Altars of the Society, where *only* the traditional Latin Mass is offered, as codified and canonized by His Holiness, Saint Pope Pius V, *perpetually* approved of.

We would like to remind those who send Mass requests to PLEASE include the name of the person and/or intention with your stipend. Mass Cards will be sent to concerned parties upon request. Thank you and God bless you!

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

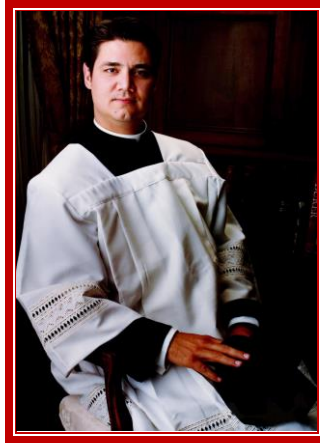
www.traditio.com

www.traditioninaction.com

www.remnantnewspaper.com

www.traditionalmass.org

N.B.: Recommendation of a website is for information, and does not constitute association with or full agreement of opinions or positions.



Seminarian Thomas JF Sebastian



Bishop Sebastian after his first public Pontifical Mass in October 1997 with his brothers Charles Edward Patrick and Derrick Lynn William.