

Conclusion of Seminary Training and First Fifteen Years of Our Founder’s Priesthood

Our founder in the French Seminary in Rome would drink from the founts of Holy Mother the Church all of her doctrines. It would play an important role how he would live his priesthood and episcopacy. He tells us that the Seminary superior, “made us enter into and live the history of the Church, this fight that the perverse powers take to our Lord. We, were mobilized against this dreadful liberalism, against the Revolution and against the forces of evil which were trying to overcome the Church, the reign of our Lord, the Catholic States, and the whole of Christianity.” He continues, “but taking up the fight meant taking it up for one’s whole life: I think that our whole life as priests - or as bishops - has been marked by this fight of Liberalism.” He says, “that was it, we’re on a crusade, in a state of continue struggle.” In conclusion, he added,” we learned the full meaning of “thy kingdom come,” i.e., that Our Lord’s kingdom must come not only in individual souls and in heaven, but also on earth by the submission of States and nations to His rule. The dethroning of God on earth is a crime to which we must never resign ourselves.” He would eventually receive doctorates in philosophy and theology.

Marcel would receive the three major orders in 1929, the Subdeaconate in the Lateran Seminary on March 30th, the Deaconate on May 25th in the Church of St. John Lateran and finally the Holy priesthood on September 21st in his diocese of Lille, France. The joy of the ordination day in the Lefebvre family had to be great, especially as he would celebrate two of his “first Masses” in the convents of his two sisters, who already were in the Religious Life. However, Marcel as he was concluding his seminary life, was also contemplating joining a religious order (his brother Rene was encouraging him to do so). But his first assignment in the priesthood would be in Lomme, France as a curate for the pastor of a parish there where he would serve from September of 1930 until July 1931. Marcel loved the brief time he worked in the humble parish, but the call to be a missionary continued to beckon and in July of 1931 he received permission to join the missionary Order of the Holy Ghost Fathers. Obviously, it would be a little exceptional for a priest to begin as a novice in the religious life. Therefore, he would not have to go through any priestly training during the novitiate, but more to learn the spirit of the Order. He would remain in a house for a year for that purpose and by September of 1932 he would take the religious vows of poverty, chastity (already done in the Subdeaconate) and obedience for the three years. He would leave for his first missionary assignment in November of that year departing on a steam ship from France for his first mission.

Marcel’s first assignment would be to the congregation’s major/minor seminary in Libreville in Gabon, a country on the west coast of Africa. Within two years he would become the rector of the seminary which had 57 seminarians at that time. Eventually from these seminarians would come three Bishops for Africa. The missions in the bush of Africa were not easy. At one point, Marcel caught malaria, which would necessitate a change of scenery - but not to an easier life! He would become interim superior in Ndjole situated more in the interior of Gabon with missions all around the region. For some of these places it would take eight days by river or rough paths to get to them, which were very primitive in comparison to what we are used to today. During this time in August of 1938, Marcel received news that his mother had passed away on July 12th. Her death would be very edifying to all who knew her, even giving these last words of advice to the three youngest in the family who could be there, “Put the good Lord above everything on earth.” With complete resignation and trust she told her brother on her last day of this “valley of tears”, “You know, I’m going to heaven. I am called to Paradise.” The death of the saints!!

For the next seven years, our founder would be the superior of various places in that region, building up and stabilizing the work of the Church in these areas whether it was with the catechists, solidifying the boarding schools for both boys and girls, improving living conditions in some areas in a place that was affected in many ways by the World War. But most importantly, he helped to spread the Faith in these places. The number of Gabonese Catholics from 1932 until Marcel would leave in 1945 the number increased from 33,880 to 85,471. The work of our founder along with many other holy priests and religious help to spread the Faith in the bush of Africa. In those difficult years from 1935 – 45 for the world, our founder was building foundations for future generations to flourish. Let us do the same by supporting the work of the Order founded by him as we try to establish foundations for which future generations can profit. But our founder’s time in Africa for the time being was to come to an end as he would be called back to France to one of the houses of the Holy Ghost Fathers. Thus, he would start the next stage in his priestly vocation.



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+ Mass Schedule for NOVEMBER 15th thru NOVEMBER 22nd 2020 +			
SUN	15	24 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	7:30 am / 9:00 am / 11:00 am 5:00 pm Vespers & Holy Hour
MON	16	St. Gertrude, <i>Virgin</i>	7:15 am / 11:15 am
TUE	17	St. Gregory the Wonderworker, <i>Bishop/Conf</i>	7:15 am / 11:15am
WED	18	Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul	7:15 am / 11:15 am
THU	19	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, <i>Widow</i>	7:15 am / 11:15 am
FRI	20	St. Felix of Valois, <i>Confessor</i>	7:15 am
SAT	21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:00 am
SUN	22	LAST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST	TBD – Times will be announced 5:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

MONTH OF ALL SOULS

The month of November is devoted to the poor souls in Purgatory. Let us pray for those souls who although they have merited Heaven, must first pass through the purifying flames of Purgatory where they suffer greatly

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Today’s second collection will be for our building fund .

MASS SCHEDULE

Since our governor has restricted the numbers in churches to 25 for the next two Sundays, we will send out a text/email message in the middle of the week for the Mass times and sign-up for next Sunday. Please do not contact Mr. Hand until after the message has gone out.

HOLY HOUR & 2020 ELECTIONS

Today we will have a Holy Hour at 5:30 pm for the intentions of successful and just ending of the 2020 Presidential Elections. Let us hope that by our prayers true peace and justice will come to our country.



*Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
November 2nd*

ROSARY CRUSADE

Fr. Davide Pagliarani, Superior General of the Society of St. Pius X, has asked members of the SSPX, as well as faithful and friends to embark on a rosary crusade with the special intentions of freeing the Mass and gaining Vocations: November 21 (Feast of the Presentation) thru April 1st (Holy Thursday).

NEWS AND UPDATES

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The First Communion and Confirmation classes take place approximately 10 minutes after the 9:00am Mass on the first three Sundays of each month. The scheduled date for First Communion will be Sunday, May 30th. The Confirmation date is yet to be determined by the District, but probably will be decided by the end of 2020.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Please continue to social distance inside and outside of the church especially for the sake of the elderly and vulnerable. We continue to ask those who are sick to refrain, in charity, from coming to Mass until they are better. Thank you for patience and cooperation during this difficult time. Please refer to the front of the bulletin for the announcement regarding the Mass schedule for next Sunday.

ACADEMY NEWS

As Lane County is averaging more than 30 cases a day, there continue to be more limitations imposed on all schools. The doors continue to be locked during the day to keep “outsiders” out according to state guidelines. Thank you for your cooperation.

ADULT CATECHISM

With the continued extra Masses because of the COVID-19 virus restrictions we will continue to delay the restarting of the adult catechism classes. Sorry for the inconvenience.

EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE TREASURE SHEET
OCTOBER 2020



Offerings	580
Masses	295
Communions	280
Spiritual	533
Sacrifices	1,425
Decades	1,877
Visits	311
Silence	178
Examples	1,135

MORE NEWS AND UPDATES

HIGH SCHOOL CATECHISM

As Father Portugal is out of town, Father Stanich will be giving the 7:30 pm High School Catechism classes for those high-school students who do not attend a traditional Catholic school.



The Prayer of St. Gertrude, below, is one of the most famous of the prayers for souls in purgatory. St. Gertrude the Great was a Benedictine nun and mystic who lived in the 13th century. According to tradition, our Lord promised her that 1000 souls would be released from purgatory each time it is said devoutly.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Day	Collection	
NOVEMBER 1	\$2,717.00	
NOVEMBER 8	\$3,459.00	
NOVEMBER 15		
NOVEMBER 22		
NOVEMBER 29		
TOTAL	\$6,116.00	

GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION – *Check inside bulletin for any changes.*

DAILY ROSARY 6:00pm

Tuesdays - 7:00pm followed by
Devotions for Priests

BENEDICTION

Thursdays - 6:00pm
Sundays - See Front Page

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS

Tuesday – 7:30pm
Saturdays – 8:30am
Sundays – 7:00 am / 8:30 am / 10:15 am

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Mass – 7:15am & 7:00pm
Holy Hour at 6:00pm
the 7:00pm Mass

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Mass – 8:00am Sung Mass

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES:

Blessing of religious articles will be on the
3rd Sunday of the Month after the Mass.

CLEANING ROSTER

Nov 21st - St. Mary Magdalen
Nov 28th - St. Zita

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Meeting 3rd Tuesday of month at 7:00pm

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

2nd Sunday of the month

ADULT CATECHISM CLASS

Class starts about 10 minutes after Mass

HIGH SCHOOL CATECHISM

Class are each Wednesday at 7:30pm

EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE &
CHILDREN OF MARY MEETING

Mondays - 3:15pm to 4:00pm

BAPTISMS: To arrange a Baptism please contact
the prior to set up a date and time.

MARRIAGES: Couples considering Marriage must contact
the prior six months before the wedding ‘*according to church law*’. Details will then be worked out.

EMERGENCY SICK CALLS: Contact: 832-545-4302

	NOVEMBER 15 th	NOVEMBER 22 nd	NOVEMBER 29 th	DECEMBER 6 th
MC	Joseph Bruhn	Gerard Fawver	Max Saucedo	Joseph Bruhn
TH	Thomas Bruhn	Joshua Saucedo	Chris Saucedo	Tyler McCoy
AC	Chris Saucedo	Ambrose Demers	Anthony McCoy	Jerome Fawver
AC	Thomas Zach	Dominic Bruhn	Samuel Green	Weston Zach
CB	Sebastian McCoy	Wes Zach	William McCoy	Alexander McCoy
TB	Benjamin Saucedo	Gilchrist Zach	Isaac Solonika	Augustine Sullivan
TB	Robert Solonika	Ryan Zach	Damien Zach	Damien Zach

“I do not think that apart from the felicity of Heaven, there can be a joy comparable to that experienced by the souls in Purgatory. An incessant communication from God renders their joy more vivid from day to day: and this communication becomes more and more intimate, to the extent that it consumes the obstacles still existing in the soul... On the other hand, they endure pain so intense, that no tongue is able to describe it. Nor is any mind capable of comprehending the smallest spark of that consuming fire, unless God should show it to him by a special grace.” – **St. Catherine of Siena**

