



S S P X

preserving
Catholic Tradition



*A Life of Service and
Sacrifice*

Dear Friend,

Here, in the opening months of 2018, we find Lent approaching quickly. As a season of preparation for the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Catholic Church calls upon us to examine our lives, commit ourselves more fervently to the practice of virtue, and detach ourselves from the world through fasting and abstinence. For many traditional Catholics, this means following the Church's historic prescriptions regarding the consumption of food while being mindful to attend special devotions such as the Stations of the Cross.

In this time of grave crisis in the world and the Church, it behooves us to be especially mindful of Pope St. Pius X's papal motto, "To restore all things

in Christ.” That restoration, as the Society of Saint Pius X’s dear founder Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre well knew, would not come without sacrifice. That is why he instilled in the SSPX a spirit of sacrifice, one that is seldom found in Catholicism today. Our priests, as you well know, travel throughout the country weekly offering Christ’s salvific sacraments, particularly the grace of absolution from sin and the traditional Latin Mass. This holy work often means for our clergy long hours on the road and in the air with little time for the rest and reflection to “recharge the batteries” that many of us take for granted.

Just last week one of our priests drove four hours to give Last Rites to a man afflicted with a terminal illness. Doctors told him he had only weeks to live. This man did not attend one of our chapels. Indeed, he had been away from the Church and the sacraments for over 30 years. Yet, at the request of the man’s nephew, one of our faithful, this priest attempted to bring a soul back to Christ. Father drove without knowing how he would be received. Thankfully, the man was so grateful. He made a good confession and asked to receive Extreme Unction and the Eucharist.

That is the life God has called the Society’s priests to—a life in service of the salvation of souls and the restoration of Catholic Tradition.

In fact, it is a life that God has called us all to. The clerical and religious life carries special obligations to our Lord and His Holy Church, but that reality does not exclude the laity from actively participating in the Great Commission. Through prayer, repentance, and fasting, all of the faithful can work in spiritually strengthening the Church and stemming the tides of liberalism which, for more than half-a-century, have swallowed the last remnants of Christendom. But there is more that you, my friend, can do to assist in this momentous effort.

The SSPX’s apostolic work carries substantial material costs: health insurance, travel expenses for Mass circuits, district meetings and retreats for priests and brothers, seminary subsidies, and the myriad other administrative details that take place behind the scenes place a great financial weight upon the Society.

Health insurance alone is a great burden. This year we have had significant expenses as three of our priests have had serious health issues. One needed two separate major heart surgeries, another has cancer, and a third needed to have a toe amputated.

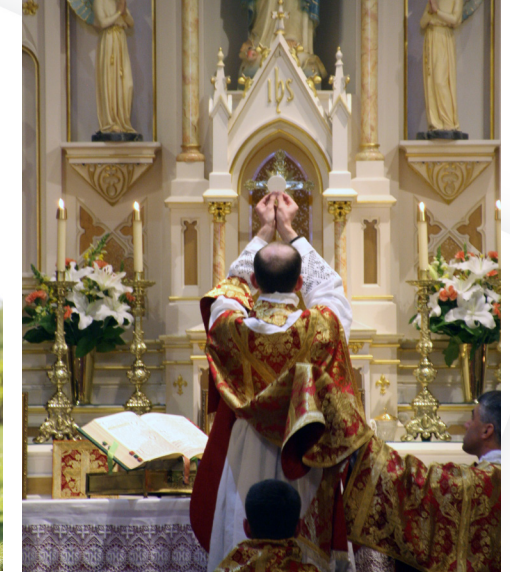
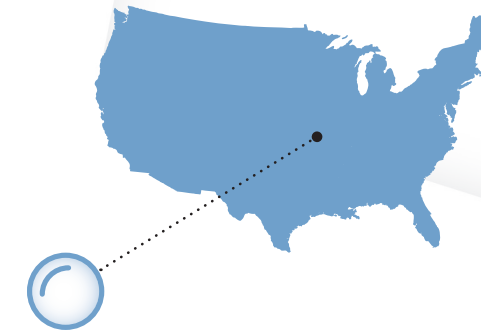
Additionally, the Society’s other apostolates, including our schools, Angelus Press, digital media, and lay retreats intensify our financial strain. While we are deeply indebted to the faithful for making these indispensable works possible, fluctuations in donor money and our other modest revenue streams present formidable challenges to planning for the future. Largesse today can quickly turn into serious need tomorrow.

Two years ago I reached out to you about a new program to assist the Society’s apostolate, “In Partnership with Priests.” Through this effort, we are humbly asking you to commit to a fixed donation to the SSPX each month. Just like you, I receive bills that arrive every day, month after month, year after year. They are always there, like an unwelcome shadow, reminding me of their ever-increasing demands on our limited funds. Because the needs of our priests are a constant and growing reality, I need a reliable source of funds to assure that these obligations are met.

That is why I am issuing a call to action to you to help our priests and religious by making a monthly commitment to support their hard work and sacrifice for your soul. We currently have about 200 supporters in this program. My goal is to find 1,000 generous souls to join in partnership with our apostolate. It would be such a comfort to know that I can care for the basic needs of our priests and religious without worrying each month where the money will come from. Can you help me?

Will you please join the supporters who have already committed to a monthly gift in support of the SSPX? A recurring donation of \$30, \$60, or \$75 is no more than the cost of a daily cup of coffee or of lunch or dinner out a few times a month, yet it will enable us to perform our work of “restoring all things in Christ” for the glory of God. **Would you commit to sacrificing one cup of coffee per day for the priests who sacrifice so much every week to bring you the Blessed Sacrament?**

Regina Coeli House Platte City, MO



To show my appreciation for your generosity in making a monthly commitment, I have established a special set of benefits for those who commit to “In Partnership With Priests”:

- A Mass said on the 1st Friday of each month for their intentions by the priests of the Regina Coeli House.
- A beautiful and unique medal/keychain inscribed with the twin hearts of the Society of Saint Pius X and the episcopal motto of our beloved founder, Archbishop Lefebvre: *Et nos credidimus caritati* (We have believed in charity) (I John 4:16). This keychain can be carried with you as a reminder of your membership and your commitment to the care of those who do so much to nourish your soul.
- Members at the \$75 per month level also receive a signed copy of the hardbound edition of Bishop Tissier de Mallerais’ monumental biography of Archbishop Lefebvre.

In this new year, please make a resolution that will help bring the light of Christ to a darkened world by making a gift of just a dollar or two each day—adding up to a monthly partnership that will make a real difference in the life of the SSPX. Our Lord and His mother will surely bless your generosity made in support of the Great Commission.

With profound gratitude for your past generosity, and appealing to your continued support, I remain,



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Jürgen Wegner
United States District Superior



Locations in 38 of 50 States:

20 priories (where priests reside)
103 chapels
3 retreat centers

Clergy:

1 bishop
85 priests
5 deacons
71 seminarians

Religious:

15 brothers
25 sisters

Priestly training / religious formation:

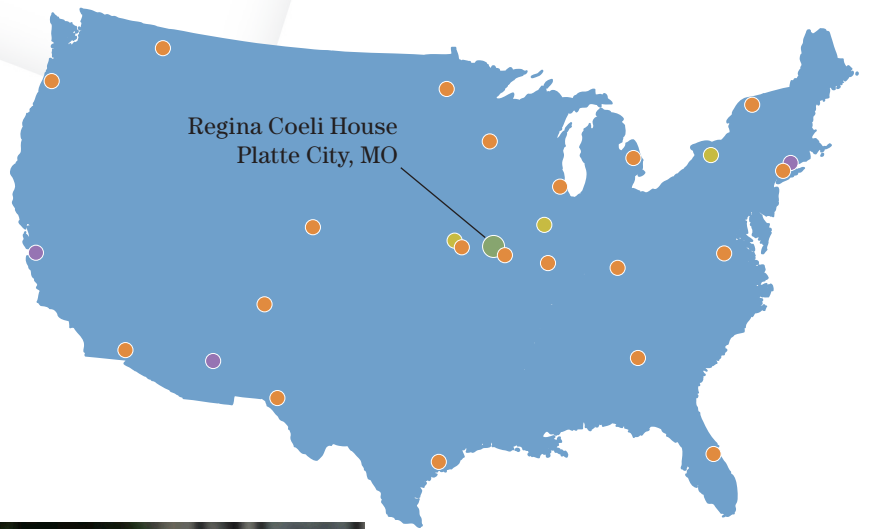
1 seminary
1 priests' house of studies
1 brothers' novitiate
1 sisters' novitiate
3 sisters' convents
Publishing house: Angelus Press

Educational facilities:

1 college
26 schools

Laitly associated in USA:

~25,000 attending chapels
+1000 Third Order members



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