This past August, Father Regis Barwig conducted the annual retreat for the Canons Regular of St. John Cantius. His meditations were timely and well suited to a greater understanding of the communal life and the special charism of the Canons. During one conference he began by telling us the motto of the Carthusian Order, an order of religious which is very ancient in origin and very strict in observance of the Holy Rule. Their motto is: Stat Crux, dum volvitur orbis, “the Cross stands firm while the world is turning.” This same motto is also on the bottles of Chartreuse, a cordial which the monks have been making since the early 1700’s. What powerful words, and words which should open our eyes to see what is real and what is not real. The world as we know it is spinning, but more and more spinning out of control.

The social order is revolving around agendas and not the stability which religion gives it. Even in the life of the Church we seem to observe this spinning out of control in that so many of the members in the Church are being affected by the whims of the world. Stat crux, the Cross stands firm is what we must remember in our daily life. The vertical bar of the cross is deeply grounded in the very foundations of the world, yet soars to the highest heavens, while the horizontal bar embraces all mankind in an open invitation to embrace Christ and His Cross. This newsletter comes to you, post crucem, after the Feast of the Holy Cross. This newsletter comes to you, post crucem, after the Feast of the Holy Cross. The cross is our key to salvation, so let us embrace it lovingly, carry it boldly, and remain steadfast in our Faith. I hope you find this issue especially interesting for so much has

Fr. Scott Haynes celebrating Mass at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter the Apostle in Jackson, MI.

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happened since our last communication. We adore Thee O Christ and we bless Thee. For by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

**THE CANONS GO TO MISSISSIPPI**

In early September the Canons held a workshop in Mississippi to train priests and laity in the extraordinary form of the Roman Rite. The concluding Mass was on September 5th in the Cathedral Church of St. Peter in Jackson where Father Scott Haynes celebrated the votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Father Haynes, a native of Starkville, along with Tuscaloosa native, Father Anthony Rice, SJC, spent several days prior to the Mass offering training for clergy who would like to learn to celebrate the extraordinary form. The two priests also assisted in training boys and men interested in being altar servers for the extraordinary form.

In an attempt to continue the implementation of Summorum Pontificum, UnaVoce Mississippi, with the permission of Bishop Joseph Kopacz, invited Fathers Haynes and Rice to come to the diocese and put on the workshop. Father Haynes, explained some of the differences between the extraordinary form and the ordinary form. “The priest is facing East, toward the altar, known as *ad orientem* or toward the orient. This is scriptural. We read that in the end time, Christ comes from the East. The point is not that he’s turning his back on the people or that he’s shy, he is together, with the people, in joyful expectation looking forward to the end times – to the coming of Christ. Also, he is looking to the crucifix, a central part of the Mass,” said Father Haynes.

Fr. Joe Dyer sat in choir along with Father Matthew Simmons, director of vocations for the diocese, Fr. Scott Thomas and Fr. Rice. Fathers Simmons and Thomas also participated in the training. Father Rice preached the sermon for the Mass. “When I went into the seminary the Mass was still in Latin,” said Father Dyer. “What is important to me is the music. The rich history of polyphony is worth keeping. I thought the music was just beautiful and I thought the choir did a great job with the music,” he added. Members of UnaVoce provided the servers and schola (choir) for the Mass. There are now plans for some simple diocesan directives for the extraordinary form to be issued by Bishop Kopacz. There are also plans in the near future to celebrate the ordinary form in Latin at the Cathedral as well.

**LITURGICAL CONFERENCE WITH “FR. Z”**

On October 3-5, Father John Zuhlsdorf, “Fr. Z” of the blog “What Does the Prayer Really Say”, came to St. John Cantius Parish to host a Sacred Liturgy Conference. Fr. Zuhlsdorf addressed the audience composed of laity and a handful of seminarians and clergy in the course of three illuminating and inspiring conferences and homilies, unpacking the Second Vatican Council’s teaching on the Sacred Liturgy.

Having had the chance to reflect on the concept of “actuosa participatio” i.e. active participation according to the mind of the Church, explained via lecture, participants were able to put it into practice with three splendorous Solemn High Masses celebrated by Fr. Z himself, assisted by parishioners and Canons.
2014 Annual Benefit Dinner to Support the Work of the Canons Regular...Record Breaking Success!

On Sunday, September 28th, 2014, more than two-hundred friends of the Canons Regular of Saint John Cantius gathered with priests and brothers of the order for an elegant meal, lively entertainment, and one another’s company, all with the cause of supporting the mission of Restoring the Sacred. The event was held at the beautiful English-gothic style Cathedral room at the University Club of Chicago overlooking Chicago’s lakefront. This year’s event marked the record for highest attendance at the Annual Benefit Dinner.

His Excellency, Bishop Joseph N. Perry, auxiliary bishop of Chicago, led the prayer of blessing at the beginning of the dinner. Father C. Frank Phillips, C.R. spoke about the exciting new endeavors and developments for the community. Father Dennis Kolinski, SJC, liturgy professor at Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Connecticut, as well as caretaker of the 4 Canons who are currently in seminary was also able to attend the dinner. At the conclusion of the meal, patrons enjoyed bidding on the auction items to help raise additional funds which cover tuition costs for the seminarians as well as medical and insurance costs for all the members of the Canons Regular.

On behalf of all the members of the Canons Regular of St. John Cantius, we would like to thank all those in attendance for their ongoing support as well as those whose efforts made the evening a success.

Four New Novices Welcomed into the Canons Regular

We are pleased to welcome four new men into the community. After a three month postulancy, the following were formally welcomed as novices in the Canons Regular of St. John Cantius, left to right: Br. Quinn Huston, Br. Daniel Mikołajewski, Br. Joseph Janidlo, and Br. Joseph Brom. The novices were vested in a black Roman cassock and sash (without fringe) during Solemn Vespers in St. John Cantius Church on the vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption, the Canons Regular of St. John Cantius’ Founding Day, August 15. We ask you to keep these men in your prayers as they continue to discern their vocation to the Canons Regular.
Who Are the Canons Regular of Saint John Cantius?

The Canons Regular of St. John Cantius is a Public Association of the Christian Faithful—a new, growing religious community of men, established with the approval of Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., and the Congregation of the Resurrection. Founded in 1998 by Fr. C. Frank Phillips, C.R., their mission is the Restoration of the Sacred—Instaurare Sacra—in the context of parish ministry through solemn liturgies, devotions, sacred music and art, instruction in our Church heritage, Catholic culture, and catechesis.

Help Us Restore the Sacred

Spiritually

More than anything else, we need your prayers. Please keep all the priests, seminarians, and brothers in your prayer intentions, and also pray for future vocations, that more men may devote their lives to Christ and His Church. Know that we are praying for your intentions, as we remember all our benefactors in our daily Rosary.

Financially

We could not exist without the financial support of generous friends who value the importance of preserving and cultivating our sacred traditions. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution or even remembering us in your Estate planning.

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