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CHRISTMAS

FALL-WINTER 2014



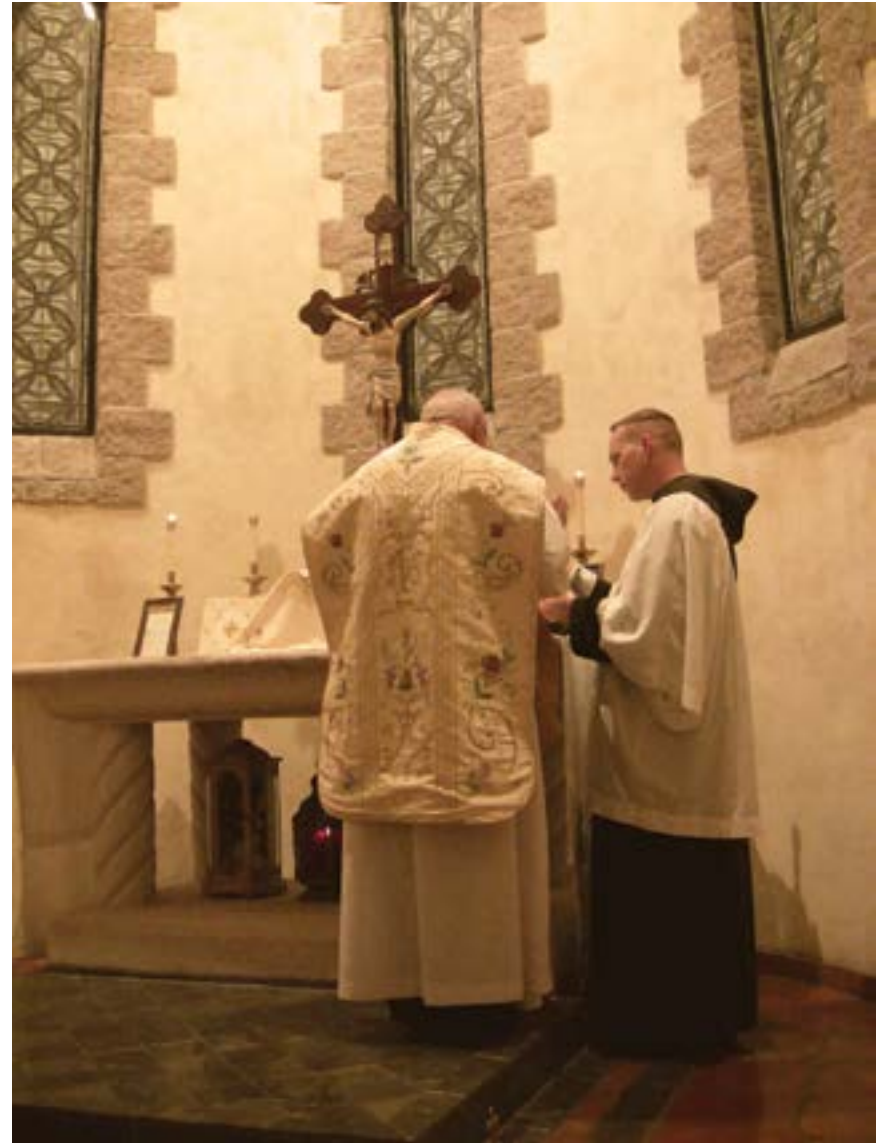
Fr. Thomas Duncan celebrates a first Solemn High Mass at the Monastery

OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO GROW by the grace of God and your generosity. Our ambitious expansion project to allow the growth of our numbers, with a capacity of up to 60 monks, has made great progress. Foundations for several large additions have been successfully finished and now we await good weather for the raising of the walls. A progress report in pictures is included in this newsletter.

We have passed the final inspection of our coffee roasting facility and look forward to a much greater distribution of our Abbey Roast Coffee. Each bag of coffee represents a brick in our new buildings, your frequent purchases will ensure our continued progress. Thank you for helping us to keep up with our growth, as it is clearly the will of God, who blesses through increase !

THERE WILL BE SIGNS *in the sun, the moon and the stars ... and distress of nations.* The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, is indeed the woman clothed with the sun, the woman of the Apocalypse. She proclaimed at Fatima, *Only I can help you !* We turn to this sure refuge and protection established by the Divine Will in these turbulent and perilous times, having confident recourse to Our Heavenly Mother. Although we are witnessing many of these signs already, Our Lord promises that his Words will never pass away. These are the infallible and immutable Words of Catholic doctrine, of the true Faith, of Tradition, of the Perennial Liturgy and true devotion to Our Lady. In these eternal Words of Our Savior, will be found the unfailing means of perseverance. Let us be found faithful in our response to this heavenly promise.

With our renewed and heartfelt gratitude to you,
Fr. Cyprian and Community



Two first Masses celebrated at the Monastery: above left, our long time parishioner, newly ordained Fr. Thomas Duncan, now a priest of the Society of St. Pius X, offers one of his first Masses for our community.

While above, Fr. Bernard Francis makes a retreat at the monastery and returns to the Mass of his ordination. Fr. Andrew guides him through the rubrics and refreshes his memory, going back nearly 50 years. Delighted with his return to Tradition, Father Francis stated with gratitude, "I will celebrate this Mass from now on !"

CHRONICLE



Br. Stephen, Solemn Profession, Feast of the Assumption.

The Novitiate... Putting on the clothes of the New Man.
Our newest novices received the Benedictine habit according to ceremonies dating back to the 5th century.



Br. Bruno, June 24th, Feast of St. John the Baptist.

Br. Alexander, June 27th, Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Br. Peter, August 15th, the Assumption of Our Lady.



Sept. 14th, The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross opens our annual retreat, preached by Rev. Fr. Gerard Hogan.



Aug. 22nd, Br. Columba renews his vows under the patronage of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



With a crowd of pilgrims numbering nearly 12,000, representing countries of every continent, Christ the King was specially honored in Lourdes throughout three days of fervent pilgrimage, the likes of which has not been seen since before the Council. The processions of Clergy, Religious and Faithful, both within the shrine and throughout the city stretched over one mile, by candle-lit night as well as by day. The traditional solemn blessing of the sick brought by the hospital Religious and families was a moving spectacle.



November 5th, A truckload of coffee roasting equipment arrives, donated by benefactors.



Our orchard is prepared for selected fruit trees which can survive at high altitude.



November 16th begins a week of conferences on apologetics by Fr. Brandler.



November 25th, District Superior Rev. Fr. Wegner arrives for a first visit and retreat.

PROGRESS REPORT



As more trucks arrive, monks and volunteers work together to finish pouring the concrete foundations for several new buildings.



VISIT TO A SCHOOL

ON the way to the Lourdes Pilgrimage, our fathers visited a school of the Society of St. Pius X, in the city of Tours, where the children were eager to learn the monastic sign language used in our monastery. They later organized a skit performed entirely in signs!



The monastic sign for God.



Lots more ... but you can't talk!



... the monastic sign for Thank You!



A Most Blessed Christmas to You !

How to Help the Monastery

The growth of our monastic community, the construction work required for our present expansion and our ongoing apostolates depend entirely on charitable and goodwill donations.

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