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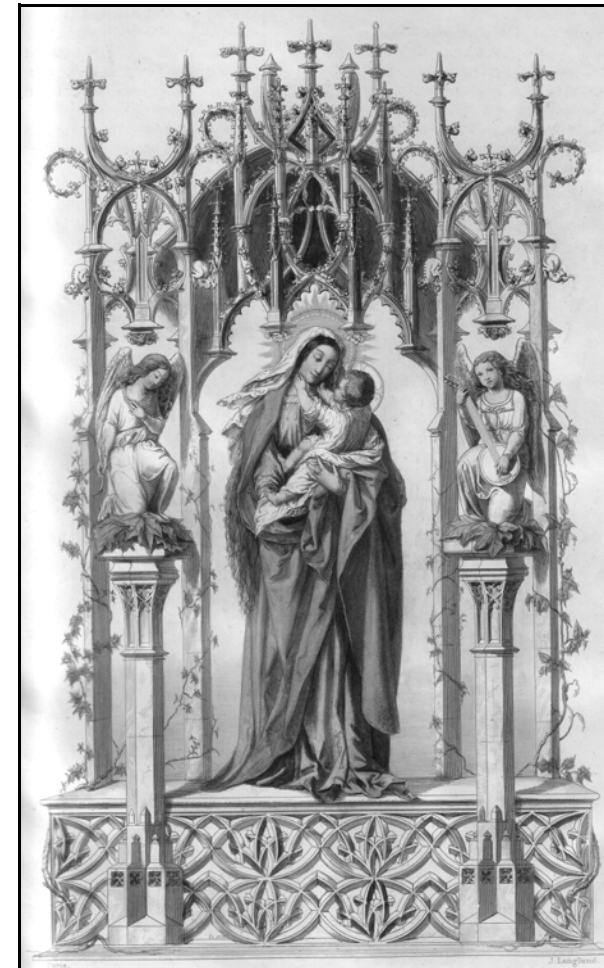
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# The Society of Saint Pius X

## Bulletin for Ireland



**May 2006**

## Devotions & Activities at St John's

**Rosary** daily at 6 pm

**Every Sunday:** Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.30 am

**Every Thursday:** Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Miraculous Medal Novena after the 6.30 pm Mass (except first Thursday)

**First Thursday: Apostolate of Prayer for Priests. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 11 am Mass, adoration until 6.30 pm Mass**

**First Friday: Benediction after the 6.30 pm Mass**

**First Saturday: Monthly day of Recollection** (See details on next page)

**Confessions:** Half an hour before Masses on Saturdays and Sundays

**Missa Cantata:** Fourth Sunday of the month

**Doctrinal Conference for Adults:** Tuesdays at 7.20 pm

**St John's Schola and Choir:** Contact Fr. Biérier, Director. Practices on Wednesdays after the evening Mass.

## Devotions & Activities in Athlone

**Rosary** daily at 6 pm

**Every Sunday:** Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass

**First Friday: Benediction after Mass**

**First Saturday: Benediction after Mass**

**Confessions:** Half an hour before Masses on Saturdays and Sundays

**Missa Cantata:** Third Sunday of the month

**Children's Catechism:** Sundays after Mass

**Doctrinal Conferences for Adults:** Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

## Devotions & Activities in Cork

**Fourth Sunday:** Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass

**First Friday: Benediction after Mass**

**First Saturday: Holy Hour after Mass**

**Confessions:** Half an hour before every Mass

**Missa Cantata:** First Sunday of the month

### Sunday 2nd Collection

1st : For the Seminaries of the SSPX

2nd : For Insurances (buildings, car, health)

3rd : For Utilities (heating, electricity, petrol, phone)

4th : Building Fund St John's Presbytery

5th : Building Fund Athlone's New Priory

In Athlone, all 2nd collections towards the Building Fund

## SSPX Groups and Pious Associations in Ireland

**Eucharistic Crusade:** Contact Fr. Portugal

**Archconfraternity of St Stephen for Altar Boys:** Contact Fr. Portugal

**Third Order of the SSPX:** Contact Fr. Bufé

**Youth Group:** Contact Fr. Bufé

**St Philomena's Rosary Association:** Contact Kay Cronin

fessed on March 20, 1930. Fifty-six years later, barely six months before her death, she still evoked fond memories of the missionary life she so loved and would have liked to take up again. She had travelled into the most diverse countries: Martinique and Guadeloupe in the West Indies, Cameroon, Senegal and the Central African Republic, where she baptised "in extremis" more than a hundred little black children who now make up her crown in Heaven. With untiring devotion to duty, she manifested her love for God and neighbour, especially in her role as a nurse, when she took care of her sick ones, her lepers at Bangui. Having a deep-seated humility, she never talked about the great responsibilities she had in her congregation. She was Assistant-General and Visitor. She devoted herself entirely to everything she did; thus she lived her total gift to God, not made up of beautiful words, but of simplicity in activity as in prayer.

When Archbishop Lefebvre asked her if she would come and help in founding the Congregation of the Sisters of the Society of St. Pius X, she hesitated but it was with the same zeal, the same liveliness that she responded and made once again the complete gift of herself. She was in the image of Our Lady, the co-foundress of this great Work willed by God for the salvation of souls and for His greater glory.

Mother Mary Gabriel was for all of us a model of religious life. She had a deep sense of the virtue of charity, which made her excel in courtesy and good manners. She always had time to comfort a soul, to listen to parents or anyone who needed to confide their troubles and worries. In all circumstances, she was guided by her love of God, her primary aim being the extension of the love of God in souls.

And in her novices, how she inculcated in them the love of humble, daily tasks, the love of simplicity, the love of duty! She could never understand how one could give oneself to God with measure - for her it was all or nothing. How often even in her advanced years, did she show us how to work in the garden, to use limited space to the full, to produce, with very little, enough for all. She was always resourceful, full of strength, and she possessed an undaunted enthusiasm. From the sewing room to the garden, from the chicken coop to handling a screwdriver, hammer or saw, from the organ to the sick room, Mother was just as proficient.

Deep too, was Mother's love of poverty. As a missionary, she taught us the virtue of poverty. The necessary would do, anything else was considered superfluous. She taught us to do without and not to complain. Even up until her death her bedside table was a trunk! Suffering disappointments, sickness and different trials... she felt them keenly, yet she never complained, was never bitter. Animated with a profound spirit of Faith, she had indeed given everything to God. Her work was a continual prayer, for the duty of state had an important place in her religious life. It was the expression of the Divine Will, and she could not pray better than doing God's very Will. Her occupations were illuminated by her deep piety which she had received from her parents, and which she made bear fruit from day to day. She used to say: "Once you have been clothed in the religious habit, your time no longer belongs to you. It belongs to the Church."

She was very joyful. Her good disposition, her care for others, her tender delicate nature came from a living faith. She loved to say in her lectures on the religious life, "Joy and holiness - it is all one".

Such was Mother Mary Gabriel, the sister of His Grace, Archbishop Lefebvre, and co-foundress of our Congregation.



*Quasimodo Sunday 1986: The Sisters with their Founder after the taking of the Habit*

# Traditional Religious Orders

## THE SISTERS OF THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

**V**ery often, when a young girl thinks of a religious vocation, her gaze is drawn automatically towards those religious Orders which have come down to us through the centuries and whose founders have been canonized by Holy Church. Hardly a glance perhaps, would be given to a new congregation such as the Sisters of the Society of St. Pius X, whose apostolate is apparently an unknown, humble and insignificant one.

Why is there such a great variety of religious Orders in the Church? It is because the Church is an immense garden where every flower has its own place and necessity. A violet could never be a rose and a rose could never be a daffodil. Why not? Because each plant is different. This is what makes God's garden so beautiful. What is it that differentiates one religious institute from another? It is its spirit. It is that driving force which animates its members and has been the influencing factor in determining how each congregation will live its religious life and keep the vows - as manifested in the Constitution or Rule of that Institute. It is the spirit of the founder that permeates the lives of its members like a fragrant perfume. In order to understand the spirit of the religious congregation, however, we must first go back to its origin. If we trace back to the origin of each of the great monastic Orders, we can see that throughout the centuries, God has always raised up within His Church souls who had a mission to bring to light some moral or doctrinal points of the Catholic Faith which had been neglected or questioned by her enemies in order to weaken the Faith or in a bid to destroy the Church entirely.

### The Founders: Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre

The Church experiencing, especially after the Second Vatican Council, a crisis such as she had never known in her history, God raised up a Prelate who stood in absolute opposition to this wave of apostasy and impiety by preserving the priesthood, by forming good priests, His Excellency Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, Founder of the Sisters of the Society of St Pius X as well as of the priests of the Society of St Pius X. Seminarian in Rome, diocesan priest, religious, missionary in Gabon, rector of seminaries, Archbishop of Dakar, Apostolic Delegate, Superior General of the Holy Ghost Fathers. Few persons in the Church were able to acquire the experience and information in the measure Archbishop Lefebvre was able to do it, not by his own will, but by the will of Providence'. By all this rich experience, God prepared him to found an international priestly Society and religious Congregation in the Church and for the Church.

Following Divine Providence, little by little things fell into place and the Society St. Pius X was officially founded on November 1, 1970. Less than four years later the branch of the Sisters was also formed.

Since the foundation, and until his death in 1991, the Sisters had many contacts with the Archbishop who loved to visit us at the Mother House where he instructed us in the spiritual life and taught us to love the Church. The example of his virtues with humility as their base and charity at the summit, all with such candid simplicity, firm faith and calm fortitude, radiated his love and defence for Christ and incited us to imitate our dear Saviour by living fully our consecration.

### And his sister, Mother Mary Gabriel

Mother Mary Gabriel, the fourth child of the Lefebvre family, was a year and a half younger than the Archbishop. After entering the missionary Order of the Holy Ghost Sisters, Mother Mary Gabriel was pro-



*In the centre, Rev. Mother Mary-Augustine, newly-elected Superior General, on the left, Rev. Mother Mary-Jude, former Superior General for 24 years, on the right, the first Assistant, Sister Mary-Raphael.*

# Announcements

## RETREATS

Spiritual Exercises in Orlagh Retreat House  
For men (June 12-16)

For women (June 19-23)

Starting Monday at 12 noon (lunch included)  
departing Friday late afternoon (lunch included)

Total price : € 300

Address : Orlagh Retreat House, Old Court Road, Dublin 16

Minimum age : 18 years of age

Maximum enrollment : 23 persons on each retreat

€ 50 non-refundable fee on enrollment

Total payment expected before May 31

Please ask, write or phone Fr. Biérier at St John's for an enrollment form or visit <http://ireland.sspcx.net/retreats2006.htm>

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## SUMMER CAMPS

For the boys (August 14-20) and for the girls (August 20-26)

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## DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY AT ST JOHN'S, DUN LAOGHAIRE

Every Sunday after the 11 am Mass

PROCESSION with Rosary, Litany of Loreto and Hymns

Every day Rosary and Benediction at 6 pm

### Monthly Day of Recollection in St John's Every First Saturday May through December

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| 10.30 am | Confessions, to continue also during Mass                       |
| 11 am    | Holy Mass   |
| 11.50 am | First Conference  |
| 12.45 pm | Lunch with spiritual reading (bring your own lunch)             |
| 1.15 pm  | Visit to the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross        |
| 2.15 pm  | Second Conference   |
| 3.15 pm  | Rosary & Benediction. Veneration of the relic of the True Cross |

*Next day of recollection, **Saturday, June 3rd***

# Chronicle of the Society in Ireland

## Blessing of the New Chapel in Newry



*Rev. Fr. Anglès, Fr. Babinet, Fr. Kurtz and Fr. Biérier, the priest for the chapels in the north, stand outside before the Blessing*

It was indeed a magnificent day, the day after the Feast of Saint Patrick, on which close to 100 faithful from all over Ireland gathered around the priests from Dublin for the blessing of the chapel. The number increasing and the former place being not available any longer, we had to find another and a bigger room. And thanks

to the hard work of the faithful, we now have a spacious chapel for our fervent congregation. There is still some improvements to be done inside, such as statues, chairs, organ, bookstall, but everything will come in good time.

Let us be grateful to God for the development of the Society in Ireland.

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## Youth Meetings

The new Priory was opened in Athlone for the extension of the apostolate in the Centre and South of Ireland.

It is the host of the Youth Meetings that take place every two or three months. On



*The Main Altar in Newry*

Pierre who collected the oral tradition. Ever since, she has been regarded as the patroness of the mentally ill.

Under her patronage, the inhabitants of Gheel have been known for the care they have given to those with mental illnesses. By the close of the 13th century, an infirmary was built. Today the town possesses a first-class sanatorium, one of the largest and most efficient colonies for the mentally ill in the world. It was one of the first to initiate a program through which patients live normal and useful lives in the homes of farmers or local residents, whom they assist in their labor and whose family life they share. The strength of Dympna's cultus is evidenced by this compassionate work of the people of Gheel for the mentally ill at a time when they were universally neglected or treated with hostility.

The body of Dympna is preserved in a silver reliquary in the church bearing her name. Only the head of Gerebernus rests there, the remains have been removed to Sonsbeck in the diocese of Muenster. Three churches in Belgium have altars dedicated to her.

In art, St Dympna is a crowned maiden with a sword and the devil on a chain. Sometimes she may be shown (1) kneeling before her confessor, St Gerebernus, (2) kneeling at Mass while her father murders the priest Gerebernus, (3) praying in a cloud surrounded by a group of lunatics bound with golden chains, or (4) being beheaded by the king.

The more common image (see previous page) of St Dympna clearly illustrates that she is a virgin (lily) and Irish (note the shamrock on the book).

Dympna is invoked against insanity, mental illness of all types, asylums for the mentally ill, nurses of the mentally ill, sleep-walking, epilepsy, and demoniac possession.

Her feast day is kept in Ireland and Gheel. In the United States, she is greatly honoured in Massillon, Ohio, in the beautiful church of the National Shrine of St Dympna, which is next to one of the most modern hospitals in the world.

## ASPIRATIONS TO ST RITA

Feastday on May 22

Glorious St Rita, please obtain for me the grace faithfully to fulfil the duties of my state in life.

Glorious St Rita, please obtain for me the grace to be satisfied with the lot in life to which God has called me.

Glorious St Rita, please obtain for me thy spirit of patience and strength in adversity.

Glorious St Rita, obtain for me entire detachment from the things of this world and fix all my affections and desires on heavenly treasures.

Glorious St Rita, please obtain for me health of soul and body.

Glorious St Rita, advocate of the impossible and patroness of desperate cases, please obtain the favours I ask through thee.

## Saint of the month May 15

### Saint Dympna of Gheel (also known as Dymphna, Dympne)

**D**ympna is Belgium's famous patroness of the insane. She is said to have been the daughter of a pagan Irish king (maybe from Monaghan), and a Christian princess who died when she was very young, but who had baptized her daughter. At the death of her mother, the bereaved king could find no one as beautiful except Dympna so he decided to make her his queen. On the advice of her confessor, St Gerebernus, Dympna fled from home. Accompanied by Gerebernus and attended by the court jester and his wife, she took a ship to Antwerp. She then travelled through wild forest country until she reached a small oratory dedicated to Saint Martin on the site of the present-day town of Gheel (25 miles from Antwerp). The group settled there to live as hermits and during the several months before they were found, Dympna gained a reputation for holiness because of her devotion to the poor and suffering.

Dympna's father had pursued her to Antwerp, and he sent spies who found them by tracing their use of foreign coins. The king tried to persuade her to return, but when she refused, the king ordered that she and Gerebernus be killed. The king's men killed the priest and their companions but hesitated to kill Dympna. The king himself struck off her head with his sword. The bodies were left on the ground. They were buried by angelic or human hands on the site where they had perished.

The whole story gripped the imagination of the entire countryside especially because, according to tradition, lunatics were cured at her grave. Great interest in her cultus was renewed and spread when the translation of the relics of Dympna was followed by the cures of a number of epileptics, lunatics, and persons under evil influences who had visited the shrine. Thus, in the 13th century, a bishop of Cambrai, faced with the growing veneration of Dympna and increasing interest in mental illness, arranged for her biography to be written by a man named



*The Main Altar in Newry  
for Easter Sunday*

are also talks of a pilgrimage to Lourdes in the summer 9th to 17th July 2006.

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*Altar of Repose for Holy  
Thursday at St John's Church  
in Dun Laoghaire*



## The Month of May sanctified

### Month dedicated to Our Lady

Offer 1st Friday Communion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Offer 1st Saturday Communion in honour and reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
On the 14th starts the Novena of St Rita  
On the 17th starts the Novena of the Ascension  
On the 18th starts the Novena of St Philip Neri  
On the 22nd, 23rd and 24th Rogation Days, Litany of the Saints before evening Mass  
On the 27th starts the Novena of the Holy Ghost for Pentecost  
Every day in May, Rosary and Benediction at 6 pm except Saturday and Sunday at 10.30am  
Every Sunday at St John's after 11am Mass, Marial Procession with Rosary and Litany of Loreto

### Intention for the Eucharistic Crusade for the month of May

For a greater devotion to Our Lady of Compassion

