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SAINT MARY'S NEWSLETTER



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My Dear Faithful,

Saint Pius X, from the heights of his throne as the Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church, gave to his flock an admirable example of holiness. All his life was centred on Our Lord Jesus Christ, and by exposing and defending His teaching as well as practising his virtues he never ceased to pass on to us Our Lord's teaching in its doctrinal purity and with all of its practical moral consequences.

Jesus Christ being God, His teaching is divine. There is no doubt about this. We must therefore listen to what He said, grasp the meaning and depth of His message and then apply it in our daily lives. Our Lord said so many things to those who followed Him that it would take too long to mention all of them. So, let us go straight to the essential, namely to His Cross in which we must take part every day. Carrying our daily cross is not easy but this is the only way to be true disciples of Our Lord and then to hope to earn graces and glory.

Saint Pius X imitated Our Lord in many admirable ways. He did it in his poverty, his simplicity, and his spirit of sacrifice by the abandonment of his will to the Holy Will of God; and we find all these in the crucifix. Many times God challenged the will of Joseph Sarto who, with humble submission, always let God take the upper hand. In doing so, it was because it was an opportunity for him to follow Our Lord in a better manner and to carry with Him the instrument of our Redemption which is the Cross.

In this way, despite his supreme and unique function as Pope, Saint Pius X remains an example for all of us. All of his virtues of poverty, humility, and abandonment, which we could easily call negative, must be sought after and practised by all men so that they may imitate their Saviour. We have to say that these notions have never been so essential than they are today at a time when people are unwilling to suffer the least inconvenience in their life. We want all to be perfect for our comfort to the point of not accepting any little harm. When something does not correspond to what we, with our own will, consider to be better, we immediately feel disconcerted. But contrary to our own feelings this is the hand of God presenting a little part of Our Lord's Cross on which He died in our place. Following the example of Saint Pius X, we must learn to see the hand of God in the situations and circumstances of our daily lives.



Let us ask Our Lady of Sorrows to develop in our hearts the spirit of compassion she had towards her divine son. Let us do so by reciting our rosary slowly and thoughtfully with more fervour than usual. Let us add to this foundation a few sacrifices every day so that this becomes a good habit, a natural reflex of a holy Catholic faithful, and of a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

Saint Pius X, pray for us.

Father Vianney Vandendaele +

Why Did Archbishop Lefebvre Choose St. Pius X?

Long time parishioners of SSPX chapels may take the name of our society for granted. But it was a calculated, deliberate, and prayerful choice:

In the early 1970's, the cradle years of the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX), the name of St. Pius V was on the lips of traditional Catholics throughout the world who were diligently building or converting barns into temples for celebrating the Mass of St. Pius V, i.e., the Tridentine Mass. St. Pius V's name was so prevalent that it soon became clear that "the whole struggle between Ecône and Rome hanged on the Mass of all times."

However, Archbishop Lefebvre, when founding the Society, clearly mentioned St. Pius X in his statutes and couched his reasons on paper. The Archbishop explained that the purpose of the SSPX's activities is "[all] the works necessary for the formation of priests and whatever pertains thereto." The seminaries must take care that their training "attain its chief goal: the priest's holiness, together with sufficient knowledge." This is why the Society was placed under the patronage of St. Pius X: the primordial concern of this holy Pope was the integrity of the priesthood and the sanctity that flowed from it. (For more on this, see *Marcel Lefebvre: The Biography* by Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais, p. 436).



Archbishop Lefebvre often referred to the present crisis in the Church as being a neo-Modernist heresy and therefore focused on the teachings of St. Pius X in *Pascendi*, which cast a lethal blow to Modernism in the early 20th

Century. It was natural that the last canonized pope, who fought strenuously against the recurrent Modernist heresy, would find a deep echo in the Archbishop's soul, especially since Pius X was canonized by no less a figure than Pope Pius XII.

Even the arch-communists had to recognize Pius X's grandeur, not so much as an individual but as Pope. Jean Jaurès of the French communist newspaper *L'Humanité* had this to say of him:

"His political agenda was very simple: to restore all the values of the faith with apostolic firmness. He could fulfil this agenda with authority, given the simplicity of his soul and the sincerity of his virtues, which are unquestionable. Whichever way one looks at him, one must agree that he was a great Pope."

Pius X was an Apostolic Pope who was able to exorcise the most deadly heresy the Church has ever endured. This aspect, perhaps above all others, explains the choice of Giuseppe Sarto as the patron saint for the Archbishop's Society.

Prayer of Saint Pius X to the Immaculate Conception

O most holy Virgin who didst find favour in God's sight and hast become His Mother; O Virgin, immaculate in body and soul, in thy faith and in thy love, look down with pity on the wretched who in our need seek thy powerful protection.

The evil serpent on whom was cast the primal curse continues, alas, to attack and ensnare the poor children of Eve. But thou, our Blessed Mother, our Queen and our Advocate, thou who from the first instant of thy conception didst crush the head of this cruel enemy, receive our prayers. United to thee with one heart, we beseech thee to present them before the throne of God.

May we never be caught in the snares around us, but rather may we all reach the harbour of salvation. Despite the awesome perils which threaten, may God's Church and all Christian society sing out once again the hymn of deliverance, of victory and of peace. Amen.

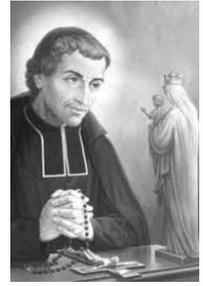
The Secret of Mary

**THE CARE AND GROWTH OF THE TREE OF LIFE,
or, in other words,
HOW BEST TO CAUSE MARY TO LIVE AND
REIGNS IN OUR SOULS**

The holy slavery of love. The Tree of life.

70. Have you understood with the help of the Holy Spirit what I have tried to explain in the preceding pages? If so, be thankful to God. It is a secret of which very few people are aware. If you have discovered this treasure in the field of Mary, this pearl of great price, you should sell all you have to purchase it. You must offer yourself to Mary, happily lose yourself in her, only to find God in her.

If the Holy Spirit has planted in your soul the true Tree of Life, which is the devotion that I have just explained, you should see carefully to its cultivation, so that it will yield its fruit in due season. This devotion is like the mustard seed of the Gospel, which is indeed the smallest of all seeds, but nevertheless it grows into a big plant, shooting up so high that the birds of the air, that is, the elect, come and make their nest in its branches. They repose there, shaded from the heat of the sun, and safely hidden from beasts of prey.



Apparitions of Our Lady in 1917: 2nd apparition

Location: Cova da Iria

Date: 13th June 1917

People present: 50 to 60

- "What do you want of me?" I asked.
- "I wish you to come here on the 13th of next month, to pray the Rosary every day, and to learn to read. Later, I will tell you what I want." I asked for the cure of a sick person.
- "If he is converted; he will be cured during the year.
- I would like to ask you to take us to Heaven.
- Yes. I will take Jacinta and Francisco soon. But you are to stay here some time longer. Jesus wishes to make use of you to make me known and loved. He wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart." [I promise salvation to those who embrace it, and those souls will be loved by God like flowers placed by me to adorn His throne].
- "Am I to stay here alone?" I asked, sadly.
- "No, my daughter. Are you suffering a great deal? Don't lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."



As Our Lady spoke these last words, she opened her hands and for the second time, she communicated to us the rays of that same immense light. We saw ourselves in this light, as it were, immersed in God. Jacinta and Francisco seemed to be in that part of the light which rose towards Heaven, and I in that which was poured out on the earth. In front of the palm of Our Lady's right hand was a heart encircled by thorns which pierced it. We understood that this was the Immaculate Heart of Mary, outraged by the sins of humanity, and seeking reparation.

Fatima in Lucia's own words, Fátima, p. 177 (IV Memoir); the section between square brackets includes the addition indicated by Sister Lucia in her December 17, 1927 letter from Tuy: cf. Fatima in Lucia's own words, p. 177, note 13.

Notices

Recent Death

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mrs. Maureen Donnelly** who died on 16th August 2016 and was honoured with the ecclesiastical funeral at Liverpool on 31st August 2016.

Holywell Pilgrimage

This year the Holywell pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday 10th September**.

This is the schedule:

- ◆ **12Noon: Holy Mass** at St. David's Chapel, Mochdre
- ◆ **3pm: Prayers and Devotions** at St. Winefride's Well



Additional Mass

Please note that there will be an extra Mass at **Bingley** on **Sunday 30th October 2016**.

Sunday Mass Schedule and Locations

<u>PRESTON: Our Lady of Victories' Church</u> East Cliff, off Winckley Square - PR1 3NA	Every Sunday: 9.30am
<u>MANCHESTER: Saint Pius X's Chapel</u> 16 Deerpark Road, off Alexandra Road South - M16 8FR	Every Sunday: 12.30pm
<u>LIVERPOOL: Saint Peter and Paul's Church</u> 35 Upper Parliament Street - L8 7LA	2nd & 4th Sunday of the month: 5pm
<u>RHOS-ON-SEA: Saint David's Chapel</u> Conwy Road (A547), Mochdre - LL28 5AA (North Wales)	1st Sunday of the month: 5pm
<u>BINGLEY: The Little House</u> Market Street - BD16 2HP	3rd Sunday of the month: 5pm

Ordinary Weekday Masses at Preston

(This schedule is subject to change; please check beforehand on the **inside notice board** or <http://spx.uk> — **Mass Times** — **this week**)

Monday: 9am
Tuesday: —
Wednesday: —
Thursday: —
1st Friday: 7pm
1st Saturday: Holy Hour at 11am & Mass at 12.15pm