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Ordination to the Diaconate of Alexander Kryssov

LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

This newsletter is a mixture of good news and bad news. As for the bad news, Fr. Julian Gilchrist's final appeal to establish permanent residency in the United States was declined. His last Sunday at St. Joseph's in Olathe, Colorado, was April 6. He will now return to New Zealand and begin where the late Fr. Denis Chicoine, CMRI, left off. When Fr. Gilchrist gets established there, his address will be posted for anyone who wishes to correspond with him.

The good news is the ordination of Rev. Mr. Alexander Kryssov of Moscow to the "diaconate." He visited the seminary for 10 days in order to make a retreat and be ordained. He continues to study for the priesthood under the tutelage of Fr. Eugen Rissling of Ulm, Germany, who conducts his classes in Russian. Fr. Rissling's knowledge of Russian has been truly providential.

Rev. Mr. Alexander Kryssov has informed me that the SSPX's chapel in Moscow has been closed. The priest announced that the Society will no longer provide services there and that the people should go back to the Novus Ordo Church. We hope that a number of these will come to the chapel in Moscow where Rev. Mr. Kryssov will lead prayers, preach, and distribute Holy Communion on Sundays when Fr. Rissling or Fr. Heyne is not able to be there. Rev. Mr. Kryssov's ordination to the diaconate will help the people in Russia to persevere without the Sunday Mass being offered regularly until his priestly ordination.

In a past issue of this newsletter an appeal was made for financial support of the mission in Russia. Please continue to support this important work. By the grace of God, the faithful have persevered without Holy Mass on a regular basis. When Rev. Mr. Alexander Kryssov finishes his studies and is ordained a priest, I have no doubt that the true Faith will spread throughout this country. Support for the Russian mission can be sent to Tim Drahman at Mt. St. Michael.

On my way to Arizona, I found an interesting article in the *Wall Street Journal* on the public baptism of a former Moslem by Benedict XVI. Magdi Cristiano Allam is an Egypt-born editorial writer for an Italian newspaper. After his baptism, he began to denounce Islamism as a violent religion and proclaimed his liberation from darkness. As such comments were not in keeping with the false ecumenism of Vatican II, the Vatican's chief spokesman, Rev. Frederico Lombardi distanced the Conciliar Church from Magdi Cristiano Allam's denouncement of Islam by stating, "His comments remain his personal opinion without in any way becoming the official expression of the position of the pope or the Holy See." The official Vatican newspaper, the *L'Observatore Romano* tried to calm the situation further by writing, "There are no hostile intentions toward a great religion like Islam!"

This statement is certainly consistent with the false teaching of *Nostrae Aetate* (Vatican II declaration) that: "... the Church looks with esteem upon the Moslems."

During this month of April, dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament, we should give special thanksgiving to Almighty God for the privilege to have the true Mass and the Real Presence of Christ on our altars. Prior to Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco were visited by an Angel whose message especially focused on the Holy Eucharist. The Angel taught the Fatima Children the beautiful prayer, "My God, I believe, I adore, I trust, and I love Thee . . . I offer Thee the most Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles throughout the world . . ." Let us always remember Our Divine Lord in the Blessed Sacrament Who calls us from the tabernacle, "Come to Me, all you that labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you!"

With my prayers and blessing,

Most Rev. Mark A. Pivarunas, CMRI





Chanting of the Tenebrae



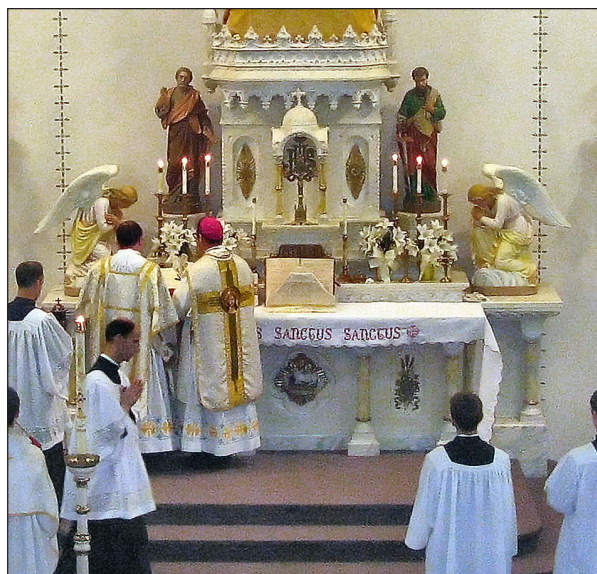
Blessing of the Holy Oils



Frater Bernard chants the Lessons on Holy Saturday



The Ordination of Alexander to the Diaconate



The New Deacon Recites the Gospel with the Bishop

Father Connell Answers Moral Questions

by Very Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., S.T.D., LL.D., L.H.D.

Obligations of Condemned Criminal

Question: A criminal about to be executed for murder knows that his previous associates are planning a series of crimes — robberies and perhaps even some murders. Is he obliged to reveal these plans to the authorities before he dies?

Answer: *Per se* the condemned man is bound to reveal to the authorities as much as is necessary to prevent the crimes which his former partners are planning. This is an obligation of charity toward the intended victims, and, to the extent that the condemned man himself collaborated in the plans and preparations, it is also an obligation of justice. This obligation, we say, binds *per se*; because *per accidens* the convicted man might be excused from making such a revelation. For example, if it is quite certain that only robbery, not murder, will be committed, and the criminal about to die has reason to fear that in retaliation for any secrets he may divulge to the authorities the members of his family will suffer seriously at the hands of the gangsters, he is not obliged to reveal their plans. But if it is probable or certain that murder is

included among their projects, it is difficult to see how the condemned man can be excused from grave sin in the event that he refuses to make this fact known to the representatives of the law.

However, this is an objective view of the case; for subjectively the criminal would probably be entirely guiltless if he refused to “turn state’s evidence” to the detriment of his former colleagues. Indeed, so great is the abhorrence of the informer among those banded together for the commission of crime, that he might even think he is doing a good and noble deed in keeping his lips sealed. The priest who is called on to minister to a condemned man in this situation might find it the more prudent course to leave him in good faith, for if he were told explicitly of his obligation to inform on his companions, he might refuse to do so and die unrepentant.

Sterilization of the Insane

Question: In the state in which the civil law prescribes the sterilization of certain classes of the mentally defective, may a Catholic doctor, in the service of the state, perform this operation if otherwise he would be dismissed from a lucrative position?

Answer: Sterilization of the mentally unfit, such as is described in the question, is intrinsically immoral, a grave violation of the natural law. Hence, a Catholic doctor, whatever inconvenience or loss may come to him in consequence, is obliged to refuse to perform such an opera-

tion. A Catholic who would reject Catholic principles to the extent of performing such an operation would not only sin by inflicting on a fellow creature a grave mutilation, but would also (at least ordinarily) be guilty of a grave scan-

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