

Adsum

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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Between the start of our school year (August 18) and the beginning of the seminary classes (September 3), Fr. Casimir Puskorius, CMRI and I traveled to Germany for a brief trip to visit Fr. Eugen Rissling and Fr. Johannes Heyne, and to administer the sacrament of Confirmation.

Because of a time constraint, Fr. Rissling organized in advance that the faithful from England, France, Switzerland, Austria, Czech Republic, and Slovakia join the faithful in Germany on Sunday, August 24, for the Pontifical High Mass followed by Confirmation.



Fr. Johannes Heyne translated my sermon into German, and for Confirmation, Fr. Rissling translated for the Czechs and Slovaks.

On this occasion, I also had the opportunity to meet Fr. Stephen Meyer (former priest of the Society of St. Pius X) who came to meet us and receive Holy Oils for his administration of the sacraments.

Although it had been over four years since my last visit, it seemed only yesterday that I was in Munich and Ulm, Germany. Alles ist gut in Deutschland!

This year our numbers have increased for our boarding school of boys and girls, students from out of state, to 30 (20 boys and 10 girls). Our expansion of our school continues with the addition of a new 7th and 8th classroom approved by the City of Omaha. What made this project unique was the installation of a new sewer system through an extensive amount of concrete. Our boarder boys got a



taste of construction and hard labor to break up the driveway for the pipes and resurface the pavement. This has now opened the way for several new classrooms.

On September 8, Caleb Short of Denver, Colorado, will be received as a Novice brother into the Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen. He will spend this year in spiritual formation to learn the religious life and the Constitutions and Rule of the Congregation. Following his novitiate, he will resume his studies for the priesthood.

In addition to Caleb, Mater Dei Seminary will have seven seminarians for the 2008-2009 scholastic year. Besides their classes in Philosophy, Dogmatic Theology, Latin and Scripture, Fr. Gregory will introduce them to first year Greek.

As always, thank you for your prayers and support.

With my prayers and blessing,

Most Rev. Mark A. Pivarunas, CMRI



Father Connell Answers Moral Questions

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

A Catholic Baptism?

Question: If a Protestant baptized the child of Protestant parents (a child in danger of death) with the intention of incorporating the child into the true Church of Jesus Christ, would this child be regarded as “*in Catholica Ecclesia baptizatus*”⁹ and consequently bound to the Catholic form of marriage if it survives?

Answer: Since January 1, 1949, all persons baptized in the Catholic Church, even those born of non-Catholic parents and not brought up in the Catholic faith, are bound to observe the form of Catholic marriage in order to contract marriage validly.¹⁰ Sometimes, however, it is not easy to determine whether or not a person was “*in Catholica Ecclesia baptizatus*.” It is certain that whenever a Catholic baptizes a child in danger of death, even though the parents are not Catholics, the child is baptized in the Catholic Church. The same is true when a child of Catholic parents is baptized by a non-Catholic who wishes to satisfy the parents by giving the child the sacrament of regeneration (for example, a Protestant doctor). But there are some borderline cases which are difficult to solve, such as the one presented by your question. Certainly, the presumption is that

a Protestant baptizing the child of Protestants intends to incorporate the child into the religious sect of the parents.¹¹ But in the case presented, if the baptizer intends explicitly and predominantly to make the child a member of the *true* Church of Jesus Christ, I would favor the opinion that the infant is “*in Catholica Ecclesia baptizatus*.” This opinion would be rendered even stronger if the unusual intention of the baptizer were based on doubts as to the truth of his own religion.

⁹ Can. 1099.

¹⁰ Pius XII, *Motu Proprio* of August 1, 1948: *Acta Apostolica Sedis* (This is an official publication of the Holy See. The usual abbreviation for this work is A.A.S.), 40, (1948), 305.

¹¹ Cf. F. M. Capello, *op. cit.*, V, n. 412.

Samson

On August 30th, a new four-legged creature was found roaming the convent grounds. Isadora had her calf without any difficulty; and within hours of his birth, he had escaped through a small gap in the fence to find “greener grass” on the neighbor’s property. Our escapee was brought back; the small hole was repaired; and now Isadora, Isabella, and the calf are behaving nicely.

We named him “Samson” because we want him to grow into a big, strong Angus bull.

In April, Isabella is due to calve, and we hope the weather will be mild for her calf’s entrance into the terra firma.



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