

the walls in order to stitch and fasten the separating walls and archways with steel spiral rods and concrete. We have not had the time and financial resources to address this project and hope to complete the dirty work in the two week holiday in June.

As we celebrate the Sacred Rites of Holy Week and the glories of Christ's Resurrection, be assured of our prayers of gratitude and in recommending your kind petitions to God. Please pray for us, dear friends and benefactors, in these solemn days. For you and your good intentions do we train tomorrow's priests and religious, who must be true examples of Christ in the world – to lead us to greater holiness for the glory of God: *I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another.* (John 13:34-35).

May God bless you and Our Lady Immaculate advance us all in the spiritual life that we may prove our love and be forever with Christ in Heaven.

In Christ the King,



Rev. Fr. Vicente A. Griego
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A few images of the walls and doorways in need of repairs in the Seminary Building. Thank you for your help.

NOTICES

Ignatian Retreats. Retreats will begin at 1:30pm on Monday and end at noon on Saturday. Request an application from the Seminary – you may call or write, or *preferably*, e-mail at retreats@holycrossseminary.com.

- Men's Retreat – 2-7 January 2012
- Ladies' Retreat – 23-28 January 2012

Tonsure and Minor Orders of Porter and Lector are scheduled for 15 August 2011. Men discerning their vocations or desiring to expose their sons to the Rites of Ordination are welcome and can be accommodated. Please contact the Seminary, if you wish to visit for this occasion. His Lordship, Bishop Alfonso de Galarreta will be performing the Ordinations.

Help needed in tutoring Mathematics and Science for Pre-Seminarisians' Cambridge International Exams in IGCSE and AS Levels. Please submit your inquiries to Fr. Griego at Holy Cross Seminary.



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Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the nation that is not holy: deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man: for Thou art God my strength: why hast Thou cast me off? and why do I go sorrowful whilst the enemy afflicteth me?

(Psalm 42:1-2)

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

In the beautiful words, quoted above, and used daily in the prayers at the foot of the altar and the Introit of Passion Sunday, we reflect upon the trials of Holy Mother Church in these terrible days of crises (authority, Church, society, family). Why does the Church suffer so, and at the cost of many millions of souls? Why do the faithful seemingly receive no succour in this time of great need?

Like Her Divine Spouse and Lord, Holy Mother Church and the Church Militant endure the rigours of war. Life in the Valley of Tears is a time of trial – tempering and strengthening faith, hope and charity in the fires of adversity. Can the Bride escape the fate of Her Divine Spouse, upon Whom she entirely depends as do each of Her weak and frail members? If the Master is slain, so too will the faithful servants who remain by His side. The enemy's wrath is poured



Christ Crucified, Diego Velasquez, 1632

upon all who would remain loyal to their Lord – confidently forsaking this life for the life of Christ, Victorious, although falling on the field of honour. Christ fights and so too must His followers.

The measure of our fidelity to and love of Christ is well discerned by our willingness to embrace the cross that comes our way – this includes the humiliation of being marginalised. Indeed, by our faults, we may deservedly be rebuked for wilful error. But do we wilfully stand in the hope of Christ and His victory over sin and death and implore His mercy and strength? Often, this omission of faith and confidence is the failing that prohibits the soul’s advance in charity, which in turn results in the soul’s loss of eternal life and joy. We must be ready and willing to endure the scandals of the cross presented to us in this time of trial.

As in the course of Our Saviour’s life, He preached, not to please the crowds, but to please His Father, so we must live the Faith in order to love God and not necessarily to be loved by the world. Christ condemns this world and its deceptive charms – for this He was not (is not) welcomed by those who sought or possessed them. In Our Lord’s thirty years of hidden life He quietly laboured out of the sight of man’s awareness – albeit, working the eternal Will of His Father and meriting infinite graces for the Redemption and Salvation of men. God’s enemies left Him “undisturbed.”



I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No man cometh to the Father, but by me (John 14:6).

When Christ began His public ministry, when He preached without ceasing the one and only way to eternal life, He merited the fury of Hell. Because Christ *preached* the unpopular truth, He was condemned by His enemies. When Christ’s priests fail to preach by word and example this same truth, they face the gravest of dangers. Imagine that priests of the Society were to cease *preaching in season and out of season* Christ’s truth and rather sought to placate men. Such an omission would deprive many of the necessary truth that will lead them to happiness – now and forever!

Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is no other name under heaven given to men, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12). How many souls today are eternally lost because so many Churchmen *do not* preach the truth that Jesus Christ is the only name by which man can be saved? *Now this is eternal life: That they may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent* (John 17:3). Is it acceptable for a priest of Christ to not make known the timeless discipline that orders man to God for fear of being ostracised? *And you shall be hated by all men for my name's sake. But he that shall endure unto the end, he shall be saved* (Mark 13:13).

All other “religions” are false and ruinous – leading souls to Hell. If we do not believe this, why do we believe at all? Christ, Who is God, has given the Church the mission to preach His truth. If this truth is not worthy of keeping, then we deny Christ’s divinity – if Christ is not God, then, as St. Paul logically proclaims: *...then is our preaching in vain, and your faith is also vain.* (I Corinthians 15:14).



On the contrary, Christ *is* God and we *are* obliged to proclaim the truth – not to please men, but to save men and order all to God. The saints have manifested the same spirit throughout the ages. The life of St. Ignatius (which the Seminary is presently listening to at the evening meal) exemplifies this point, as St. Ignatius and the Society of Jesus strove to win souls for God:

When [St. Ignatius] was solely occupied with the care of his own soul, and his own progress in perfection, no one thought of ill-treating him – on the contrary, he was venerated as a saint; but, was he occupied with his

neighbour, they took up arms against him, and he soon found accusers, imprisonment, and the chains; he was treated as a seditious disturber of the peace, and ordered to be silent. (History of St. Ignatius of Loyola, vol. 2, pp. 225-226, by Father Daniel Bartoli, S.J.)



May the priests, brothers, seminarians and brother postulants at Holy Cross remember St. Ignatius’ words and bear the crosses of a life consecrated to God and the salvation of souls, never cowering in the face of their duty to preach Christ uncompromised and clearly: *Going therefore, teach ye all nations; baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost* (Matthew 28:19).

If we wilfully fail in this regard, not making known the Name of Christ and what He taught and commanded, not only will many heretics, infidels and pagans be eternally lost, but even members of Christ’s Mystical Body will be severed like a dead branch to be cast into the fire – this includes religious, priests, bishops and popes! This is the great scandal that we witness today, men of the Church promoting what is not only condemned by the Church’s Magisterium but even opposed to common sense. Here follows paragraph two from one of numerous documents the Church has given us condemning indifferentism, Pius XI’s *Mortalium Animos*:

A similar object is aimed at by some, in those matters which concern the New Law promulgated by Christ our Lord. For since they hold it for certain that men destitute of all religious sense are very rarely to be found, they seem to have founded on that belief a hope that the nations, although they differ among themselves in certain religious matters, will without much difficulty come to agree as brethren in professing certain doctrines, which form as it were a common basis of the spiritual life. For which reason conventions, meetings and addresses are frequently arranged by these persons, at which a large number of listeners are present, and at which all without distinction are invited to join in the discussion, both infidels of every kind, and Christians, even those who have unhappily fallen away from Christ or who with obstinacy and pertinacity deny His divine nature and mission. Certainly such attempts can nowise be approved by Catholics, founded as they are on that false opinion which considers all religions to be more or less good and praiseworthy, since they all in different ways manifest and signify that sense which is inborn in us all, and by which we are led to God and to the obedient acknowledgment of His rule. Not only are those who hold this opinion in error and deceived, but also in distorting the idea of true religion they reject it, and little by little, turn aside to naturalism and atheism, as it is called; from which it clearly follows that one who supports those who hold these theories and attempt to realize them, is altogether abandoning the divinely revealed religion.

May God restore order and spiritual health to Holy Mother Church and preserve the Priestly Society of St. Pius X from falling into this disastrous error that deceives so many – even among the ranks of Tradition. Rather, in the true missionary spirit of our beloved Founder, Archbishop Lefebvre, let us of the Society and at Holy Cross Seminary remain true to Christ and strive to relieve men of good will who patiently persevere in the pilgrimage to greater supernatural love: *The zeal of thy house hath eaten me up* (John 2:17).

The work continues in the material improvement of the Seminary. After some litigation, the Seminary has finally secured water rights for the maintenance of the Seminary. Deo gratias! But now we must pay for them: \$10,000! We also plan to cover the water header tanks that supply the Seminary Buildings to ensure our water supply is not contaminated.

Major repairs on the central bell-tower of the Seminary Building are planned for the two week holiday in June. Since the foundations were stabilized (a year and a half ago) we need to tackle the large and messy project of drilling and cutting the