



LET US ALSO GO, THAT WE MAY DIE WITH HIM *John 11:16*

APOSTLE

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Sr. Maria Celina reaches for the highest fruit.

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Every priest has the desire to make his apostolate bear fruit. Indeed, one of the most common reflections of a priest during his daily meditation is upon how he might make his apostolate bear fruit in the day ahead. Usually such thoughts are distractions because the priest considers only the material aspect of his apostolate: buildings, finances, projects, the ‘things to do’ list, etc.. The spiritual side, the founding of his apostolate on an increasingly holy and personal relationship with our Blessed Lord—an assimilation to Christ—is so easily forgotten.

Also forgotten is that the fruit of his apostolate depends not only upon his own holiness (which makes him a useful instrument in God’s hands), but upon the holiness of those around him: his fellow priests, religious brothers and sisters, faithful, together with his family and friends. Indeed, many priests are supported by a small army of spiritual benefactors without whom their apostolic zeal would be but tinkling cymbals.

So if a priest wants to make his apostolate bear fruit, then holiness is the foundation, ...but wait a minute, isn’t holiness the fruit as well?

May we all grow in holiness.

In Jesu et Maria,
Rev. Robert Brucciani.



Joseph examines the murky waters of natural science.

SHOULD WE TEACH MORE SCIENCE IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS?

INTRODUCTION

A few months ago a young man, a pupil of the elite Our Lady of La Salette Academy in Idaho, U.S.A., while visiting Veritas Academy, voiced his concern over the teaching of sciences in traditional Catholic schools. This young man was a keen scientist and regretted the lack of attention given to the sciences.

Compared to most schools, it would be fair to say that traditional Catholic schools do not devote as much time or as many resources to the teaching of the natural sciences (biology, chemistry and

physics), but should they do more?

SCIENCE IN MODERN SCHOOLS

It is clear that in many schools today the sciences are being taught in a way that actually opposes Catholic faith and morals. In general, the sciences are portrayed as yielding the highest form of knowledge (Revelation and metaphysics are completely ignored) and realities that cannot be measured by science (i.e. the spiritual order) are deemed not to exist at all. In effect they are used as a vehicle to promote atheistic materialism and some of

the moral aberrations that usually accompany it (contraception and abortion are the most striking examples).

The sciences are often placed in opposition to the humanities too, again because of the way they are taught. A snob might say, “Sciences are not real education, just preliminary job training.” An inverted snob might reply, “Whado ya wanna study English and Latin for—complete waste of time.” The error on both sides is to regard the sciences as only having a utilitarian end which differs from the end of humanities which is entirely intellec-

Veritas Academy



"We did it! We managed to take out the heart and lungs in under 45 minutes."

tual.

In reality, the natural sciences are actually as much liberal arts as literature and languages. They might commence with the observation of concrete particulars, but in their pure state they terminate in universal knowledge. The problem, again, is the way they are taught in modern schools and universities.

ANSWERING THE QUESTION

And so should traditional Catholic schools give more time and resources to the sciences? The answer must be nuanced. If our schools are not forced to follow a restrictive ideological and utilitarian syllabus and if they have the resources, then most certainly they should teach more of the sciences. The reasons are several.

They may be taught easily in a way that conforms to the perennially effective educational praxis of the *trivium* (the "grammar" is induction and classification, "dialectic" is analysis and deduction and "rhetoric" is synthesis (formulation of

theories).

Furthermore, the natural sciences give a child a knowledge of nature which is nothing less than the knowledge of the reflected attributes of God. In theology especially, an understanding of the natural order is indispensable for the understanding of the supernatural order, for we can only know the supernatural order by analogy with the natural order.

Finally, for those who wish to make their living as scientists, medical doctors, technicians or engineers, the natural sciences should be taught to provide a foundation for their professional education in later years.

CONSOLATION

This article is probably not very consoling for the young man from La Salette because he will probably remain scientifically deprived at his traditional Catholic school, but perhaps the following words of consolation might help: Keep your head down, excel in the humanities at your school and then take time out after high school to catch-up in the sciences. There are many bright scientists and engineers in the world, but very few of them have a rounded education in the humanities too. Ω



Standard 4 & 5 Girls learning some of the properties of liquids.



Dominic (without goggles!) ignites some Magnesium watched by the other boys.



Bernard and Joyson try to find the difference between a millilitre and a cubic centimetre.



"Right boys, now we have taken the organs from one patient, the idea is to put them into another and make them work again."

Mr. Jack Fox attempts the first heart and lung transplant at Veritas Academy.

Missionary Vocations



Padre Basilio Rosati (+1996), Founder

INTRODUCTION

The Institute of the Consolers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a religious society with simple public vows.

Its special goal is to profess and to promote a particular devotion to the Divine Heart; its sisters commit themselves to this end by a vow.

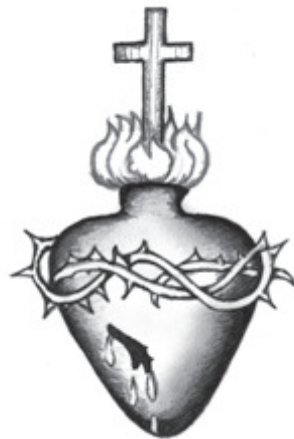
The apostolic goal of the Institute is to dedicate itself to Christian formation—particularly of children and female youth, and to help the priestly apostolate in its many diverse forms.



The convent in Vigne is on a hillside on the edge of a village



The beginning of a new chapter: The sisters who remained faithful to their Congregation in 1996.



“HEART OF JESUS, THAT WE LOVE THEE, AND MAKE THEE LOVED!”

HISTORY

The Institute of the Consolers of the Sacred Heart or “Consoling Sisters” was approved by Bishop Massimiliani of Civita Castellana (about one hour north of Rome) in 1961. The community started with five sisters, but grew quickly to thirty sisters in four different houses by 1975. Along with every other religious community it suffered the dreadful effects

of the “aggiornamento” that followed the Second Vatican Council. Its founder, Don Basilio, saw much of his careful work undone by a spirit of independence and innovation within his community and it was with a heavy heart that he eventually retired to the house in Vigne di Narni to keep the flame of devotion burning there through his great love of the Blessed Sacrament.

Providence never abandons a faithful servant and so, before he died on 23rd August 1996, in answer to his prayers, Don Basilio found a successor in Father Emmanuel du Chalard of the Society of



Another view.

Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Vigne, Italy



Olive trees surround the convent.

Saint Pius X. To Father du Chalard, Don Basilio entrusted the spiritual welfare of his dear sisters and, although only six remained to submit to their new spiritual guide, it was not long before the new spirit of tradition transformed their community. Out went the Novus Ordo Missae and modern office; in came the Mass of all ages and the traditional office together with a traditional rule of life cen-

tred around the traditional Roman Liturgy, devotion to the holy Eucharist and perennial Catholic theology, morals and acetics. It was not long before new shoots sprang forth.

APOSTOLATE

The Consoling Sisters console the Sacred Heart of Jesus not only in their devotions and the promotion of devotion to the Sacred Heart (through the practice of “The Guard of Honour” and the recitation of the nine “Offices of the Sacred Heart”), they also console Him in their work for the elderly who reside at the convent, they console Him through their invaluable assistance to the priests of the Society of St. Pius X (such wonderful cooking!), on retreats, on summer camps and above all in India.

Following an invitation by Father Couture, the District Superior of Asia, in 2006, the Consoling Sisters agreed to welcome a postulant from India who ran her own orphanage and home for the elderly. The postulant is now Sr. Maria Immaculata and her work is now their own.



Mother Superior, Sr. Giovanna

The vocations that Divine Providence has sent them (both western and Indian) since 2006 now numbers one professed sister, three novices, one postulant and two pre-postulants. A new orphanage is being built in Palaymakottai, and there are plans to build the new primary school and girls school on the same site soon after.

MEMBERS

The Institute is composed of postu-



The chapel during Pashaltide in the month of May.



Rev. Fr. Emmanuel du Chalard

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Sr. Louisa preparing a feast for Ascension Day.

lants, novices and professed sisters together with secular and regular auxiliaries. The regular auxiliaries live in the community with the sisters; the secular auxiliaries live in their families, but nevertheless strive to live up to the ideal of the Consoling Sisters as they carry out an apostolate in the world (in careers such as teaching or looking after the infirm).

The model for all members in every aspect of their lives is of course the Blessed Virgin Mary. Of all creatures, she is the greatest consoler of the Sacred Heart of her Son. She shared most fully in His Passion and she knows His Heart so intimately as to be entrusted with all the graces that flow from it .

DAILY SCHEDULE

The daily schedule of prayer for the sisters is as follows:

- 6:45 Prayers, Prime, meditation
- 7:45 Holy Mass
- 12:30 Sext (15 min)
- 15:45 Spiritual reading (30 min)
- 16:30 Vespers , meditation & Rosary (1hr 10 min)
- 21:00 Compline (15 min)

On Thursdays and Sundays a Holy Hour is held at 16:45, and an all night



A novice does the washing-up...



...while the Novice Mistress eats cherries.



A postulant sews under the maternal gaze of the Mother Superior...



Sr. Maria Pia caught staring at the beautiful view across the valley.



...while another novice sweeps under the paternal gaze of His Divine Majesty.

Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Vigne, Italy

vigil is held on the evening of the first Thursday of each month.

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For more information (or to send a donation) please contact:

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“Sr. Maria Theresa, if you hadn’t eaten so many cherries your basket would be full by now!”



The Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Vigne together with Fathers du Chalard and Brucciani.

Priory News



Miss Theresa Montgomery returned home for Easter in the U.S.A. after giving 18 months of hard work and happiness to Veritas Academy and to the orphanage. Deus benedicat te.



Mr. Evan Zerhusen discovered a new side to himself after spending 9 months at the Priory and Veritas. We are very grateful for all his work. He too has returned home to the U.S.A..



Mr. Gabriel Pitassi returned to St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary, U.S.A., at the end of his year in India. May he persevere to become a great missionary one day.

- 29th March: Fr. Valan preached a retreat for ladies in Tamil in Nagercoil. A total of 17 attended.

- Good Friday: A new Calvary was unveiled after the Solemn Afternoon Liturgy at the priory (see photos)

- Easter Monday: Fr. Methodius, one of our helper priests celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood by a Solemn High Mass in Tuticorin.

- Easter Tuesday: Fr. Valan staggered through the front door after having bin-nated much of the Sacred Triduum between Nagercoil and Christurajapuram, and after having being called to a funeral about 12 hours journey away on Easter Monday.

- 15th April: Fr. Patrick Summers arrived for a week at the priory. Such was the rejoicing that we packed our bags and left for a three day holiday on the beach next to Christurajapuram. As usual the boys were happy to jump in the waves for most of the day.

- 22nd April: Fr. Brucciani left for a four week holiday in the U.K. to enjoy the cold and rain, roast beef, a pint or two of bitter, green fields and of course, seeing his family.



Fr. Methodius reads the "Liberate me" over the mortal remains of Miss Josephine Aruna who died on Sunday 17th May. R.I.P.



On Sunday 15th March, Cecilia of the orphanage died after 21 years of suffering. At the age of 14 she contracted a deforming bone disease which caused her increasing pain. Abandoned by her family, she was rescued by Sr. Maria Immaculata five years ago, converted to the True Faith from Hinduism and died fortified by the rites of Holy Mother the Church. R.I.P.

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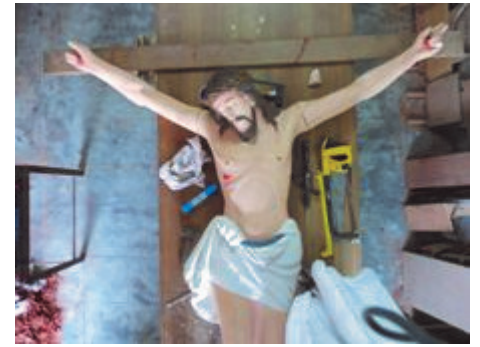
▪ May: The village boys of Veritas Academy were sent home to their villages. They usually go with great reluctance because their parents put them to work in the fields. The orphan boys stayed at the priory to be enrolled in a one month typing course. This was described by one of the boys as “simply boring.”

Also during May, Mr. Jack Fox organ-

ised some child labour for painting classrooms at Veritas Academy and, together with Mr. Evan Zerhusen, they took the boys to the mountains (about 1½ hours east of the priory), to the New Land, to the dam, to the beach, and to the Infant Jesus Engineering College to see an aeroplane. Fr. Valan says that we spoil them, but wait till the new school year begins ..



On 26th May, Reagan Amulraj of Chennai and Dyvia of Elayirampennai (1 hour north of Palayamkottai) were married at the Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity, Palayamkottai.



A damaged Corpus was repaired, a cross was made and a shelter built just in time for Good Friday at the Priory.

Summer Holidays



Mariyan, a local boy and pupil of Veritas Academy, shows us how easy it is to gather coconuts. Please do not try this at home.



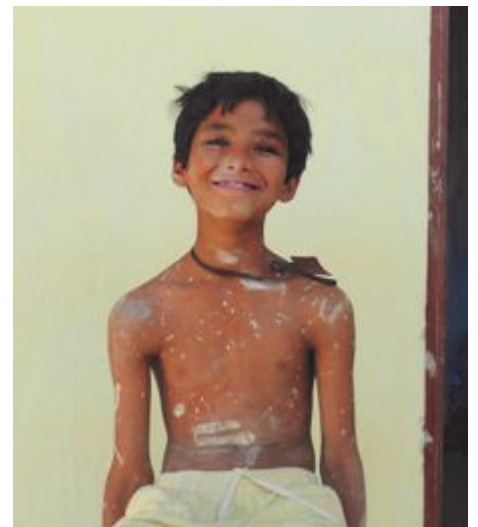
Dominic the Dependable,..



...Francis the Frequently Missing...



Hunting and weaponry are both favourite pastimes of the boys. In the last two years there have been crazes for catapults, swords, bows & arrows, and spears. An old air rifle is now one of the most coveted objects in the priory. In the picture a garden lizard is held aloft. This was hit by Anthony (in the white shirt, left of the lizard).



...and new boy, John the Jolly Idle form part of the painting gang at Veritas Academy.

Photo Album



The Singamparai Smile

St. Bartholomew's Priory and the Northern Mission



Every Sunday a child has to climb into the empty church of St. Gonsalo Garcia to open the door!



A Nepali girl was baptised by Father Francis during the Easter Vigil.



Father Francis blesses an engagement in Bandra, Bombay.



Father Patrick Summers returned to India for the Easter holidays to rekindle cherished memories of Bombay trains.



An elegant new addition to the priory takes shape at the St. Gonsalo Garcia Orphanage in the Vasai Fort.

St. Bartholomew's Priory and the Northern Mission



The homely Bangalore Mass Centre benefits from the paternal attention of Father Joseph Pfeiffer.



A total of 22 men attended a retreat given in the Salesian Sisters' Morense Convent in Yercard, Tamil Nadu, by Fathers Joseph Pfeiffer and Francis Chazal in May. The following week, Father Pfeiffer preached another retreat for 18 women.

A new chapel is being built by remodelling the top floor of St. Anthony's School in Chennai. Previously the chapel was located on the floor below in a classroom.

An Overview of the Southern Mission

PRIORY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



The priory (estd. 1986, built 2002) accommodates two priests, a brother, a postulant brother, two volunteers, nine boy orphans and fourteen boy boarders.



The Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity (built 2006) is on the same site as the priory and is the principal chapel of the southern mission.

THE CHAPELS



St. Anthony's Chapel, Singamparai (estd. & built 1987) is one hour west of the priory (20 miles). Thirteen of its children attend Veritas Academy.



St. Thomas' Church in Nagercoil (estd. 2006, built 2007) is about 2 hours by car southeast of the priory and is served by Fr. Valan on Sundays and feast days along with the Christ the King Church, Christurajapuram and St. Anthony's, Asaripalam (below).



St. Anthony's Church, Asaripalam, (estd. & built 1986) was the first chapel built by the Society in India.



Christ the King Church, Christurajapuram, (estd. 1989, built 2005) is about 3 hour southwest of the priory.



St. Joseph's Chapel, Trichy, (estd. 1997, built 2007) is served by a helper priest, Father Mathias. Trichy is a six hour train journey north-northwest of the priory.



St. Francis Xavier's Chapel (estd. 1986). This was the first Mass Centre in India and still resides in the house of Miss Josephine Caleb. It is served by a helper priests, Father Xavier-Ignatius and Father Methodius.

THE SCHOOL



Veritas Academy (estd. 2006) is located in a rented building about 1 mile from the Priory. One day we will build a school for the girls and then for the boys..

Mass Centres

SOUTHERN MISSION

ASARIPALAM (TN)

Saint Anthony's Church, Nr. parish church
Melasaripalam, Kanyakumari Dist.
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity.
Mass: Every Sunday at 11:30 am

CHRISTURAJAPURAM (TN)

Christ the King Church
Christurajapuram, Irenipuram Post,
Kanyakumari Dist., 629 197
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity.
Mass: Sunday at 5:30pm, Monday at 6:30am

NAGERCOIL (TN)

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
Near SP Camp Office
Thalavaipuram
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity
Mass: Saturday at 6:00pm, Sunday at 6:30am

PALAYAMKOTTAI (TN)

Priory of the Most Holy Trinity

8A/3 Seevalaperi Rd,
Annie Nagar, Palayamkottai, 627 002
Tel: (+91) (462) 257 2389 (priory)
Mass: Daily at 7:15am, Sunday at 7:30 am
Resident Priests: Rev. Fr. Robert Brucciani
Rev. Fr. Valan Rajakumar

PALAYAMKOTTAI (TN)

Society of Servi Domini,
Nav Jeevan
870 Ester Karunai Illam
Quoide Millet Nagar, K.T.C. Nagar
Palayamkottai, TN 627011
Tel: (+91) (462) 293 0940
Mass: Most weekdays at 7:25 am

SINGAMPARAI (TN)

St Anthony's Church
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity.
Mass: Every Sunday at 11:30 am

TRICHY (TN)

St. Joseph's Chapel,
North 3rd Street, Srienvasanagar 627 017
Tel: (+91) (431) 277 0042
Mass: Daily

TUTICORIN

St. Francis Xavier Chapel
88B Vettivelapuram
Near Murugan Theatre
Contact: Mr. Francis Kumar
Tel: (+91) 948 647 1966
Mass: Every Sunday 7:15am



Northern Circuit



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NORTHERN MISSION

BANGALORE (KN)

Contact: Mr. Benny Joseph
Tel: (+91) (80) 2573 2662
Mass: Monthly

BOMBAY/BANDRA (MH)

Pioneer Hall, #9 St John Baptist Rd
Contact: (+91) 993 061 3080
Mass: Every Sunday at 10:00am

BOMBAY/MALAD (MH)

1st floor, Gratias Mariae Building
Tank Road, Orlem,
Contact: (+91) 993 061 3080
Mass: Most Sundays at 6pm, many weekdays,
1st Friday, Saturday at 6:00pm

BOMBAY/VASAI (MH)

Priory of St. Bartholomew

St Gonsalo Garcia Orphanage, Bassein Fort,
Thane District, Vasai, Maharashtra 401201
Contact: (+91) 250 232 5562
(+91) 993 061 3080
Mass: Every Sunday at 7:00am
Daily 7:15am
Resident Priests: Rev. Fr. Francis Chazal
Rev. Fr. Joseph Pfeiffer

GOA - SALVADOR DO MUNDO

opposite bus stand,
Contact: Mr. Carvalho
Tel: (+91) 832 246 2013
Mass: Every 3rd Sunday 5:30pm

CHENNAI (TN)

St Anthony's School, Little Mount 600015
Contact: Mr. David
Tel: (+91) 944 512 2353
Mass: Every Sunday 6:30pm

CHENNAI/PURASIWAKKAM (TN)

St. Anthony's Chapel, Purasaiwakkam
Contact: Puspharaj
Tel: (+91) 44 2662 0403

KANCHIPURAM DISTRICT (TN)

Immaculate Conception Church
R.N.Kandigai Village
Contact: Mr. Irudaiyaraj
Tel: (+91) 944 412 2316
Mass: Every Sunday 7:00am

Calling All Generous Souls

TEACHERS & SUPERVISORS

If you have six months or a year in to give to charity and are in good health and are an upstanding traditional Catholic, why not consider coming to India? We need at least four volunteers at all times to teach at Veritas Academy and to help at the priory (men) or at the orphanage (ladies). The St. Gonsalo Garcia School (helped by the St. Bartholemew Priory) in the north are also looking for teachers.

Please contact Father Brucciani (sspindia@gmail.com) for the South and Father Pfeiffer (frjpeiffer@juno.com) for the North.



*"Here we are my little chickens! It's breakfast time!"
Sr. Maria Theresa is the best loved sister in chicken coup.*

MORE BOOKS ARRIVED

We have now received three shipments from Australia, one from the U.K. and one is about to depart from the U.S. Deo gratias. God bless you all.

Children's Book Depot

Please send good wholesome children's books to the following addresses :

- **Australia** : Corpus Christi Church, 2470 Princes Highway, Tynong, VIC 3813, Australia.
Our Lady & St. Andrew's Church, 40 Ludstone Street, Hampton VIC 3188, Australia.
- **Europe** : St. Michael's School, Harts Lane, Burghclere, Hampshire RG20 9JW, United Kingdom.
- **U.S.A.** : Indian Missions Depot, 1223 Pawnee Drive, St. Mary's, KS 66536. U.S.A.

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If anyone has contact details for this organisation, please can you send them to [sspindia@gmail.com](mailto:sspxindia@gmail.com)

Donations

If you send a donation, you may specify where you would like the donation to go (ie. North: St. Bartholomew's Priory or South: Holy Trinity Priory, Palayamkottai). Unspecified donations will be split evenly between the two priories. Please do not send cash.

- **Australia**: please make cheques payable to "The Society of St. Pius X" in AUD with a note, "for the Indian Mission" and send to:
The Indian Mission, c/o 20 Robin Crescent WOY WOY, NSW 2256, Australia.
- **Europe** : please make cheques payable to "SSPX" in any currency with a note, "for the Indian Mission" and send to:
Priesterbruderschaft St. Pius X; Menzingen, 6313, Switzerland.
- **USA** : please make cheques payable to "SSPX" in USD with a note, "for the Indian Mission" and send to:
Regina Coeli House; 11485 N. Farley Road, Platte City, MO 64079, USA.
Automatic payments can be made to: *Acct.: "The Society of St. Pius X", Acct No.: 9870320746; Bank: UMB Bank (United Missouri Bank), SWIFT CODE: UMKCUS44, Telephone: [011] (816)860-8208 . Please put your name and "Indian Mission" in the reference field.*
- **UK** : please make cheques payable to "Cardinal Merry del Val Mission" in GBP and send to:
The Indian Mission, c/o 5 Fox Lane, Leicester LE1 1WT, United Kingdom.
By standing order: *Acct : 03112903 Sort Code: 30-94-97. Bank: LloydsTSB, 7 High Street, Leicester LE1 9FS.*
- **India** : for cheques of value more than USD 30 in any currency, please make payable to "Bright Social Service Society".

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