Easter 2023

Dear Faithful,

Happy and blessed Easter to each and every one of you! On behalf of our Institute's Prior General, Monsignor Gilles Wach, I offer you our best prayerful wishes for a joyous celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection and a spiritually fruitful Eastertide full of grace and blessing. In our Paschal joy, the Institute is especially grateful to Divine Providence for the gift in early April of four newly ordained priests, two from the United States and two from the United Kingdom. Furthermore, Monsignor Wach looks forward to visiting the apostolates of the Institute's American Province in June and presiding at the first of two national retreats for the Society of the Sacred Heart.

With sincere gratitude, I thank you very much for your extraordinary generosity in this year's Lenten Appeal for the operations of the Institute's American province. Thanks to your remarkable response, \$136,219.57 was raised for the American province, with a few gifts still coming in. Deo gratias!

If the Institute's local apostolates are like the branches of a tree, then the U.S. Provincial Headquarters is like the trunk which sustains the growth of the branches. Headquarters provides specific guidance and moral support for the clergy of the Institute, both canons and oblates, as to their individual and common well-being, as well as in the projects, challenges, and operations of the apostolates. Our provincial leadership also manages the pre-seminary and oblate formation programs by which future seminarians and clerical oblate brothers are admitted to the vocational discernment program in the Institute's houses of formation. As vocational inquiries and entering candidates increase, so also are requests for retreats and parish missions, invitations for apostolic assistance from Bishops, as well as queries from lay faithful throughout the United States.

In these and in so many other ways, your charitable contributions help our provincial headquarters to function properly as a national entity which can keep up with the growing need to spread the truth and charity of the reign of Christ the King in America. May God bless and reward you for your prayerful assistance and generous participation in this great work for the salvation of souls and the restoration of Catholic culture for future generations!

Gratefully mindful of you at the holy altar in my daily prayers during this Eastertide, I remain,

Faithfully yours in Christ the King,

Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico, U.S. Provincial Superior



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Sunday, April 23rd, 2023 Second Sunday after Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

Introit

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord, alleluia: by the word of the Lord were the heavens made, alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: praise is comely for the upright. Glory be to the Father . . . The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. . .

Collect

O God, who, by the humility of Thy Son, didst lift up a fallen world, grant unending happiness to Thy faithful: that those whom Thou hast snatched from the perils of endless death, Thou mayest cause to rejoice in everlasting days. Through Our Lord . . .

1 Peter 2:21-25

Epistle

Dearly beloved, Christ suffered for us, leaving you an example, that you should follow His steps who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. Who when He was reviled, did not revile: when He suffered, He threatened not, but delivered Himself to him that judged Him unjustly: who

His own self bore our sins in His body upon the tree: that we, being dead to sins, should live to justice; by whose stripes you were healed. For you were as sheep going astray: but you are now converted to the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Alleluia

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread. Allelúja. I am the good Shepherd: and I know My sheep, and Mine know Me. Allelúja.

Gospel

John 10:11-16

At that time Jesus said to the Pharisees: I am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd giveth his life for his sheep. But the hireling, and he that is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming and leaveth the sheep and flieth: and the wolf catcheth and scattereth the sheep: and the hireling flieth, because he is a hireling, and he hath no care for the sheep. I am the good Shepherd: and I know Mine, and Mine know Me, as the Father knoweth Me, and I know the Father: and I lay down My life for My sheep. And other sheep I have that are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

Offertory

O God, my God, to Thee do I watch at break of day: and in Thy Name I will lift up my hands, allelúja.

Secret

May this holy offering, O Lord, always bring to us Thy healing blessing: that what it represents in a Mystery, it may accomplish with power. Through our Lord . . .

Communion

I am the good Shepherd, alleluia: and I know My sheep, and Mine know Me, allelúja, allelúja.

Postcommunion

Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that having received the grace of a new life, we may ever glory in Thy gift. Through our Lord . . .

WISDOM OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



"To assist the souls in Purgatory is to perform the most excellent of the works of mercy, or rather it is to practice in a most sublime manner all the works of mercy together: it is to visit the sick; it is to give drink to those who thirst for the vision of God; it is to feed the hungry, to ransom prisoners, to clothe the naked, to procure for poor exiles the hospitality of the heavenly Jerusalem; it is to comfort the afflicted, to instruct the ignorant — in fine, to practice all the works of mercy in one."

REGINA CÆLI

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia! For He whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia! Has risen, as He said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia! R. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia! V. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia!

Let us pray: O God, Who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary His Mother we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

BURSAR'S BOX

<u>Sunday, April 2nd</u>: \$ 5, 593.00 <u>Sunday, April 9th</u>: \$ 7, 312.00 Sunday, April 16th: \$ 3, 863.00

Total for the Month : \$ 16, 768.00

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Oratory on the memo line. All checks made out to "Our Lady of Częstochowa" are given to the Salvatorian Fathers. By order of the bishop, \$1000/ week is given in rent to the Salvatorian Fathers.

Thank you for your generosity!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 30th: Solemnity of St. Joseph. High Mass followed by Procession.

<u>Friday, May 5th</u>: First Friday of the Month. Devotions to the Sacred Heart and Benediction at 6.30pm, followed by Sung Mass at 7pm, St. Joseph's Church, Dyer.