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## NEWSLETTER

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My dear Catholic people,

Once again I refer you to an enclosed supplement which deals with the events of the last month in the never-ending drama which is unfolding between the Modernists and the Society of Saint Pius X. Our newsletter will contain mostly pictures this time.

We have the wonderful news to announce that a Novus Ordo priest has quit the Novus Ordo, and wishes to have an apostolate in the traditional movement. His name is Michael Oswald, of the diocese of Rockford, Illinois. (We will refer to him as Mr. Oswald, as his ordination to the priesthood was not valid, and is not recognized by the traditional priests). Mr. Oswald is thirty-six years of age. He was ordained in the Novus Ordo about two years ago. He was always mindful of the differences between pre-Vatican II Catholicism and the reformed religion of the post-Vatican II period. He had always suspected that a true break had taken place at Vatican II, and not merely an accidental change of the Catholic religion. He has been an ardent student of the traditional movement, and through study and prayer, but on his own, came to the conclusion that the reforms of Vatican II actually founded a new religion, substantially different from the Catholic religion.

Mr. Oswald needs to be retrained, obviously, and ordained according to the true Catholic rite. Accordingly, he will attend Most Holy Trinity Seminary in September, and will be a seminarian

once again, until such time as it becomes prudent to ordain him to the holy priesthood.

Although Mr. Oswald is only one of many Novus Ordo priests, his conversion to the Faith from the Novus Ordo religion is indicative of a trend among the younger clergy of being interested and intrigued by the pre-Vatican II doctrines, morals, disciplines, and liturgy.

To hold Catholic tradition up, side by side, with the Vatican II changes is to discover, if you have an open mind, that there is a deep and essential incompatibility, a contradiction. Mr. Oswald told us that he knew of this incompatibility for a long time, but did nothing because of "denial," that is, he knew in his heart that it was true, but strove as best he could to ignore it or explain it away by other means.

The temptations to denial are intense. The act of breaking away from the diocese, of breaking away from your friends and relatives, from the parishioners, fellow clergy, the "bishop," etc. is extremely painful from the human point of view. In a way, your whole world falls apart. You must then make a transition to a world which you do not know, to people whom you have never seen before, to a whole new apostolate, and to institutions which are of relatively recent foundation. What is perhaps the most galling is that your fellow Novus Ordo clergy, your friends, and your relatives will not understand, in most cases, why you are doing what you are doing. Most of them are quite comfortable with the

Novus Ordo religion, have made their peace with it, and will regard you a little more than a nut.

However, the lure of the truth is overpowering to him that loves the truth. "Those who are of the truth hear My voice," Our Lord said to Pilate. When those who are of the truth hear the voice of the Catholic Faith, which is the voice of Christ, there are no stoppers which are thick enough to muffle it, no jammers loud enough to make it inaudible.

Let us hope and pray that other Novus Ordo priests abandon this new religion and return to the Catholic Faith.

The other news worth reporting is that we are making some significant progress in the building. The interior courtyard, which for a year has been in complete disarray, has been repaved and is now ready for landscaping. You can see the pictures below. We are also hopeful of repairing the electrical system in the chapel and surrounding rooms, as well as the curved ceiling. These projects will probably bring us to the end of the funds which are now available to us. It will be necessary, I think, to raise a further \$150,000 to

\$200,000 in order to complete the building. It is not an enormous amount of money relative to the project, but any sum is enormous when you do not have it.

We must pray to St. Joseph to obtain his intercession for the seminary, that God's grace move the hearts of those who will benefit from the priests emerging from this seminary to give generously to its completion.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donald J. Sanborn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

Most Rev. Donald J. Sanborn

Rector