



THE GUARDIAN

Our school year has begun well, and we are already more than a month into this year. As we enter October, we look forward to the events of the annual Fatima Conference, especially the lectures, the Bishop's Pontifical Mass and the candlelight Rosary procession.

We have lately been enjoying the opportunity to play football at the park before the weather turns too cold. We recently harvested the grapes from our vineyard, and we also have started harvesting the apples. Fresh-pressed apple cider sounds delicious!

Above all, we are trying to live our seminary rule and to apply ourselves to study. By the end of this month we will close out the First Quarter and get our first report card—hopefully, with good grades. We keep busy here at the seminary and hope that you enjoy reading our newsletter. May God bless you.

also is a prayer that Our Lady requested us to say daily. Unfortunately, however, many Catholics neglect this request because they do not know how powerful this pious practice really is. The Secret of the Rosary by St. Louis Marie De Montfort is a very good book which highlights the many benefits of the Rosary, and if you have not read it yet, I highly recommend you do so.

St. Dominic was given the Rosary in the year 1214 by Our Lady after he had been praying and doing penance for three days, because the conversion of the Albigensians was being hindered by their sins. Armed with this powerful weapon he immediately went to the cathedral and started preaching. In a very short time the people of Toulouse took up the Rosary and improved spiritually. St. Dominic then preached the Holy Rosary for the rest of his life.

Many wonders followed after this. For example, Cardinal Pierre, who was a legate to the Holy Land, had been St. Dominic's friend and had learned to love the Rosary from him. Now it so happened that Cardinal Pierre was able to spread belief in the power of the Rosary among the Christian army. Thus it came about that before a battle where the Christians were greatly

outnumbered, everyone prayed the Rosary and the result was nothing short of a miracle. In that battle 100,000 Saracens were defeated by a Christian force of only 3,000.

God often graciously rewards those who pray the Rosary devoutly, but

October Calendar

- 7 – Feast of the Most Holy Rosary BVM; Rosary procession; chanted Vespers
- 10-11– Attend the Fatima Conference
- 11– Feast of the Divine Maternity BVM; Bishop's Pontifical Mass
- 12– Candlelight procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima
- 13– Sodality reception ceremony
- 16– Mr. Gerard Keaveney's feastday
- 27– Feast of Christ the King; renewal of enthronement; Jesse's 17th birthday
- 29– Final day of the First Quarter
- 30– Second Quarter begins.

God also severely punishes those who ridicule it. It happened that a heretic in Carcassonne ridiculed the Rosary and the miracles wrought by it as St. Dominic was preaching its benefits. As a result of this heretic's sin 15,000 devils entered his body. Later he was brought to St. Dominic by his parents to have him expel the devils. The saint then started praying the Rosary and begged everyone present to join him. It was then that after every Hail Mary, Our Lady expelled 100 devils from

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The seminarians carried Our Lady's statue during the public Rosary procession.

The Power of Our Lady's Psalter

by Jesse Sand, gr. 11

The Rosary is one of the most powerful prayers of all times. It



Father Philip offers Mass in our parish church, assisted by two seminarians.



Everyone pitched in for the annual grape harvest.



Sacking the quarterback!



Two seminarians assist Father in the Asperges at Sunday High Mass.



Celebrating William's 14th birthday.



Flag football at the park is a popular recreation during the fall months.

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him which came out of his mouth as red hot coals. After this incident the heretic reformed his life and several of his associates did the same.

Of course, there have been many more miracles wrought by this pious devotion and more are still to come. So let us persevere in Our Lady's request for the daily Rosary, not just for own benefit but in reparation for the sins of the world as well. Our Lord said to Blessed Alan de la Roche: "If only these poor wretched sinners would say My Rosary, they would share in the merits of My Passion and I would be their Advocate and would appease My Father's justice."

Life at the Minor Seminary

by Anthony Harris, gr. 9

The minor seminary has been a wonderful experience for me. We have recently been on a vacation to a lake house on Lake Coeur d'Alene. We seminarians enormously enjoyed having water cannon fights, jumping off the diving board, swimming and canoeing. All in all, it was a very exciting vacation.

We have also had a September Rosary procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, who appeared from May until October, 1917. We will have another procession in October.

In addition to our school work, we also have chores, such as unloading wood for the Sisters' firewood supply, picking plums and house-keeping around the seminary.

After school, chores and homework, we have fun in the recreation room playing chess, ping-pong, pool and board games. A seminary favorite is a game called Bang!

On Saturday, we have outdoor work. We have lately been cleaning up the campsite from the Boys' Camp. On Sundays we have lots of fun playing sports like football, four square and Ultimate Frisbee. We also play board games like Scotland Yard and Apples to Apples. I hope you have a wonderful fall season.

Devout Catholic and Great Explorer

by Thiet Vincent Nguyen, gr. 10

This coming 14th of October is Columbus Day, the day to honor one of the first explorers of America. Though he was not the first person to discover America, he was the first to be widely known to leave a presence in the New World. Besides this day of commemoration of his name, many places are named for him, such as the District of Columbia; Columbus, Ohio; British Columbia; and many others.

With the great rise of liberalism today in our country, people are rejecting traditional teachings and embracing

anti-Christian concepts. There are efforts in many parts of the country to rename Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples' Day. Many universities, even Catholic ones, and cities are attempting to take down the statues of this explorer who was a great man of faith; instead depicting him as an archetype of colonial wickedness. Though Columbus wasn't a saint, he nevertheless, was a very devout Catholic.



Anthony shows the class his science project.

From the kingdom of Castile, Christopher Columbus made his first voyage to America in August, 1492, with the sponsorship of King Ferdinand II and Queen Isabella I, monarchs of Spain. Many of his companions complained about the length of the voyage. With his great leadership Columbus encouraged them and told them to have faith in Our Lord and pray to Our Blessed Mother, and that she would protect them on this journey. He also ordered that the Salve Regina be sung every night by all the sailors.

With God's help, he arrived at the New World on the 12th of October. The first thing that this navigator did was to order the *Te Deum* to be chanted among his men, in order to give thanks to God who had saved them from the dangers of the ocean. He later made three more journeys to South and Central America, and different parts of the Caribbean, where he named different islands after the saints.

Despite his great work, many still criticize him for the colonization, which they claim led to enslaving and torturing the Native Americans. Although some European settlers oppressed the natives, Columbus forbade these lawless men to steal from the villages and forced them to free the Indians that they enslaved, insisting that they do no harm to the Indians.

His discoveries not only made way for the evangelization of Latin America, but also brought an end to cannibalism among the Caribs and the human sacrifices of

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the Aztecs. Columbus' discoveries played an important role for the Church itself. A quarter of a century after his first voyages to America, Holy Mother the Church would face its greatest crisis of faith since the Arian heresy: the Protestant Reformation.

Columbus was indeed a man of great faith. He put his will entirely into the Hands of God. That's why he had conquered the ocean and discovered what is to be called the great America today. We should learn from this pious man to strive to have a great zeal of faith, and to pray to Our Blessed Mother that she will intercede for us to God, that He will save us from the perils of this life, that we may get to Heaven, our true home.

God's Great Gift of Music

by Gabriel Davis, gr. 10

The time is 2:05 pm. Besides the occasional clamor during and in between classes, there has been a general calmness and relative silence resting on the minor seminary. Then comes a babble of many voices heard sounding through the house and testing the very walls' stability, as we warm up for our seventh and final period, choir.



The High School boys join the seminarians for Vespers of Our Lady.

This is a very important and satisfying subject taught by Father Philip Marie for the prospects of the priesthood, but more importantly it gives honor and glory to God and His Blessed Mother. A few examples of music we sing: the Salve Regina every night, a hymn after every Rosary, the chanting of Compline on Sundays and Vespers on feasts of Our Lady, and we are now practicing a High Mass for the feast of the North American Martyrs.

Though we are starting simply with the Mass of the Angels, our goal is to slowly and cautiously work up to more complicated Masses and hymns. For I believe that singing in a choir is more fun and satisfying than it is to listen to music.

From the beginning of the Catholic Church singing has performed a significant part of the Church's history. In the beginning of Church music, we find traces of Jewish traditions and the Ambrosian chant which were passed down by manner of mouth and teaching. It wasn't until the monk Guido in the 11th century established the staff and the notes of the major scale that music could be copied and understood by any that read it. The next great addition to Church music was by Giovanni Palestrina, who is known as the prince of music. He introduced a new style of singing in four or more parts (polyphony) that completely changed forever the realm of music.

Sadly, good music has unfortunately greatly digressed since the mid-twentieth century. Unfortunately, people do not understand the benefits of singing good music in a parish choir. To quote Saint Augustine: "Singing is praying twice;" and to quote another commentator: "Those who have a good singing voice and neglect to use it are like those who, receiving a talent, bury it." If this were not already enough reason to sing in a choir, after the servers the choir members receive the most amount of grace during Mass. What more needs to be said?

How truly beautiful it is to chant every Sunday the Salve Regina in procession with lighted candles, wending our way in the darkened chapel singing only for God's greater glory. I encourage all those with a musical talent to put your talent to good use and not bury it, but especially those with a religious calling. For singing for God is one of the best ways to honor Him.

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