



THE GUARDIAN

Already the school year is flowing by, as we have finished the first month of the school year. We had a wonderful outing to Lake Coeur d’Alene at the end of August, and since then have been quite busy with our studies and activities.

During the past month we have sung several High Masses. One of them was in Lewiston, Idaho, where Father Philip has Mass twice a month. The drive takes about two-and-a-half hours. Most of the seminarians went there to sing for the feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary, which is the title of that mission. The people really appreciated having a High Mass. We also have learned a few new hymns to Our Blessed Mother.

Father Benedict is having some major work done on the property. One of the projects is to put a canopy over our outdoor shrine to Saint Joseph. They are also putting in a root cellar for our use. Our garden this year was a great success, so we have been harvesting plenty of vegetables, especially an abundance of tomatoes. We have also harvested the grapes from the vineyard and will soon tackle the apples.

As you can see, we keep plenty busy, but above all, we have our daily Mass and prayers together in the chapel. It is a great privilege to live under the same roof as Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We always try to be worthy of that privilege.

October Calendar	
7-8	– Attend the Fatima Conference
16	– Mr. Keaveney’s feastday
27	– Jesse’s birthday
28	– End of the First Quarter
31	– Feast of Christ the King; renewal of seminary enthronement

Rosary and these feasts are tied together by the prayer to the Queen of Heaven, which we recite every day at the conclusion of our Rosary.

“August Queen of Heaven, Sovereign Mistress of the Angels.” We call her the Sovereign Mistress of the Angels because God has put Mary above all Angels and Saints. We also invoke her by the title of Queen of Angels and the Queen of all Saints in the litany of Our Lady.

“We beseech thee, to send thy Holy Angels, that under thy command and by thy power they may pursue the evil spirits, encounter them on every side, resist their bold attacks and drive them hence into the abyss of woe.” By this prayer we ask Mary, the most powerful Virgin and Mother of God, to send legions of angels from all nine choirs to our aid. What a sight it must be to see these legions clad with the armor of grace and wielding the fiery sword of light and truth. Led by Saint Michael, the prince of the Heavenly Host, they cast into hell, the eternal abyss of fire and pain, all the evil spirits that assail us and tempt us. What a prayer! What a petition!



The seminarians sang and served for a recent burial in our cemetery.

As usual, we enjoy our recreations, and we especially enjoy going to the park in Rathdrum every Friday afternoon, to enjoy the nice open field of lush grass. Here at the City of Mary we don’t have a level field, so we play on the asphalt parking lot. Right now the gym has storage items in it. Soon we will clear those out so that the gym building is available for sports.

Sovereign Mistress of the Angels

by Thaddeus Kunk, gr. 12

This is the month of the Most Holy Rosary. There is also the Feast of the holy Guardian Angels on the 2nd and the feast of St. Raphael on the 24th. We just had the feast of the Dedication of St. Michael on the 29th of September. The month of the Holy

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And will she who is the Help of Christians and the Refuge of sinners, grant us this great request? Mary is our mother and a mother will give us whatever we ask for as long as it is good for us. Therefore, how could she not grant this request? “In all our needs in all our temptations” we should fly to Mary. By this wonderful prayer we will have thousands of angels surround us and repel the devil. Let us, then, say this short yet powerful prayer with our utmost attention and devotion that we may be helped, kept, and defended by Our Lady’s Angels.

Entre Los Pucheros Anda El Senor

by Jorge Cruz, gr. 10

The lord is moving among the pots. These were the words of a great Spanish saint, commenting on the casual tasks of her convent. Here at Saint Joseph’s everyone has some type of job or task, whether it be cleaning, studying, cooking or anything that holy obedience calls us to do. Yes, of course, we also have time for prayer and recreation. What would become of us without prayer!

It might be said, my dear reader, that our good Lord would be much more delighted if we spent our time in prayer or any other holy and virtuous acts. Yet, we need to find our good Lord in that which we judge as ordinary. We must keep in mind that anything that could be done, no matter how simple it may be, must be done for our heavenly guest, “Who comes to stay with us and to eat and to take His recreation with us.”

If we were always absorbed in prayer, like Saint Mary Magdalene, there would be no one to offer Our Lord a good meal or a worthy place to dwell. Everything must be done for the service of God. If it’s cooking, let it be done for Our Lord who is hungry; if it’s recreation, Our Lord recreates with us; if it’s cleaning; Our Lord is there helping us in the interior and in the exterior matters.

Didn’t Our Lord allow Himself to embrace work? Wasn’t He also tired? Oh, contemplate your beloved Jesus, filled with responsibility and works. Here He lets us be part of the beauty of His humanity because we see Him as a man, who’s tired after a day of hard work. Would He not also understand your exhaustion? Didn’t He say “Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you

rest”?

Consider here your beloved who has come to your home. Deny Him not a piece of bread; deny Him not your good service; deny Him not your soul. Yes, your soul for how do you wish to find Him in the tabernacle, if you can’t find Him in your tasks?

The more holy we become, the more diligent we become. Our works should be for us sweetness and medicine, because we should delight in doing God’s divine will. Worry not. Let your works be your prayer and your prayer be your works, for Mary Magdalene and Martha shall walk together with us, serving Our Lord in everything that we do.

Away from the Perils of School

by Andrew Wertish, gr. 10

For my *Guardian* article I wish to talk about what every school mate loves, vacation. This vacation is one that the seminarians look forward to all summer. To have the thrill of pushing someone into water. It takes place at the beginning of the school year.

The cabin that we stay at is owned by a family of our parish. In their generosity this family lets us stay at this cabin on Lake Coeur d’Alene for three days for free. This break from school is a chance for the seminarians to get re-acquainted with each other after the long summer vacation. It is a fun time of no school and very little chores. Even though it’s a vacation, it’s not a vacation away from Mass. We still have daily Mass.

While we are at the cabin we do many things. We go swimming, canoeing, play board games and cards, and anything else a boy likes to do. As long as it’s not school. We even watched a few movies.



The twins are having fun, as usual.

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We stopped at a park in Coeur d'Alene for a quick game of football.



The seminarians had the opportunity this past month to fulfill a work of mercy.



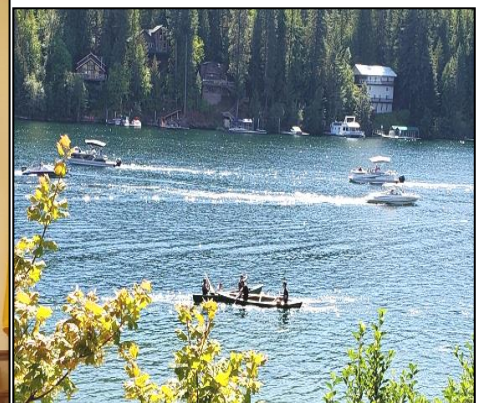
Everyone pitched in to unload and store the hay for the winter months.



The water was just right for our outing at Lake Coeur.



We have benediction of the Blessed Sacrament several times each month.



Canoeing was one of the many activities at the lake.

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Now I want to tell you about the reactions of our dog, Victor. Every time Father Benedict jumped into the water he went absolutely hysterical. One of the seminarians had to hold him so he wouldn't jump in after Father Benedict. Victor would yelp and bark like a little puppy. Poor, poor Victor.

Now I shall explain to you the cabin in which we stayed. It is a sailor's dream house, with many bay windows and a beautiful view of the lake. I will now end this article with my happy memories and your jealousy. God bless you.

The Church's Own Language

One of the advantages of having seminarians who are in their third or fourth year of Latin is that you can cover so many interesting things. During the first two years of Latin studies in the minor seminary we concentrate on learning the grammar and a good amount of vocabulary. You might say that these are the "nuts and bolts" of Latin.

Once the students have gained a sufficient mastery of these aspects of the language, we can turn our attention to translating the hymns and prayers of our beautiful liturgy. Right now, I have three students in second year Latin and five in their third or fourth year. (Father Philip is teaching first year Latin.) With our upper-class students we have been translating various hymns, such as the *Stabat Mater*. They have also translated Sunday Compline and join, occasionally, with the priests in reciting this office. Soon, we will turn our attention to the translation of the Ordinary of the Mass and other parts of the Divine Office.

One of the things you learn as a teacher is that you must repeat and review. As one of my teachers used to say: *Repetitio est mater studiorum*, which means "Repetition is the mother of learning." Our students learn to identify the parts of speech of each word. I lay particular stress on identifying participles. They also have to be able to parse

words. For nouns, they must be able to identify the principal parts, declension, gender, number and case. For verbs, they are required to give the principal parts, conjugation, person, number, tense, mood and voice. That may sound difficult, but after a while they get it down.

As I have mentioned, it is rewarding (both for me and the students), when they have adequately mastered the grammar and are able to translate the hymns and prayers of the liturgy. This helps them to *pray* the Latin, rather than just saying the words. It is especially important for us, in this age of apostasy, to treasure our Catholic heritage of Latin works. As we all know, Latin was quickly thrown out following Vatican Council II. The Novus Ordo seminarians are no longer taught Latin, and the poor people never hear it.

Even though few of our Catholic faithful have had the opportunity to learn Latin, the beauty of the Church's liturgy is a treasure that they appreciate. Over time, the laity learn various phrases and can especially appreciate the beauty of the chant. The use of a dead language inspires a sense of mystery in our worship of God. Yet, even though the laity can



The seminarians have been busy processing all the vegetables from our garden.

benefit from the liturgy without knowing the Latin, for a seminarian, a knowledge of this language of the Church is essential. Yes, we have English translations, but these seem inadequate to fully capture the meaning of the words. It is only by understanding Latin and praying in Latin that our seminarians and priests can fully appreciate the beauty of our heritage, which is the Sacred Liturgy.

We appreciate your support of this important work, as we continue the formation of young men. May God grant that many of them will one day stand before His altar, offering there the Holy Sacrifice in Latin, for His greater honor and glory and for the welfare of the faithful. Be assured of our gratitude for your support and our daily prayers that God will bless you and your loved ones.

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