



# THE GUARDIAN

The end of the school year, it seems, is right around the corner. But first we have the month of May to honor Our Lady. We have set up a shrine in the seminary classroom for our “May Altar,” and we take turns providing flowers for Our Lady throughout the month. In addition, of course, there are the parish devotions—daily public Rosary and May crowning.

This month will also be chock-full of activities. We will have our sports tournaments in pool, archery and disc golf. There will be the annual camping trip. And then, of course, there will be the mowing and ground work. With all the rain we have received, the grass is a beautiful bright green, but we know that means a lot of mowing ahead. We haven’t yet started to mow the grass, but that will change in the next few days.

Of course, there are also our academics to wrap up, with final tests and assignments. Mercifully, there are no major assignments left, but there will be enough work to keep us busy. As with all our duties, we strive to fulfill them conscientiously and joyfully, for we know that a good outlook makes for easier and quicker work. May you all have a blessed month of Mary and honor her in your homes with a nice May altar and daily prayers to our loving heavenly Mother.

## The Montana Mission

by Dominic Lehnen, gr. 10

On the last weekend of last month, I went with Father Anthony and two of the Sisters from the Mount, to go to Montana for Mass. It was a last minute decision for me to go because we had just gotten back from a visit to a parishioner’s house. So we left in the pickup truck at 11:45 Saturday morning.

For me, road trips are kind of fun so I enjoyed the 6-7 hour drive to our destination. Of course it was a little tiring sitting for that long of a time, but when sleeping, it was really nice. On the way, the view of the Rocky Mountains was gorgeous. It was a sunny day and, being spring, the mountainsides were covered in green. At one point of the journey, we passed a part of the mountains were Our Lady of the Rockies is. That statue is 90 feet in height and is very beautiful.



Closing ceremonies for the Forty Hours Adoration took place on Passion Sunday

## May Calendar

- 1 – Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker; special observances
- 5 – Mid-quarter
- 13 – Procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima
- 23 – Rogation procession
- 25 – Ascension Thursday; no classes
- 25-28 – Camping trip to Glacier Park
- 29 – Memorial Day; no classes; Queenship Procession
- 31 – Feast of the Queenship; renewal of Total Consecration; special observances

Her arms are outstretched guarding the city that lies below.

When we got to our destination, it was 7:00 pm. We ate our supper and went to bed. You can quite imagine how I slept that night, after being in the car all day—quite nicely. After

having a good sleep, we awoke to have our first Mass at 8:00 in Manhattan. We then ate a very quick breakfast to get on the road. We drove for about 3 hours and stopped at a person’s house to celebrate Mass in Missoula. I was in charge of getting the altars ready for all of the Masses and leading the Rosary, while Father heard confessions and the Sisters gave catechism classes to the children. I was also the server for all of the

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Masses except for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass.

After the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass in Kalispell, Father had to go on a sick call, so he left us at the hotel that we rented. While he was away, we ate our supper and then waited. After he returned, we packed up and then left at 7:30. The rest of the trip back to the seminary was sleeping time for me. We got back at midnight which wasn't too bad.

So, once a month, Father Anthony has to do this. Think of how much priests have to do to give everyone the sacraments. So, when we pray our Rosary or anytime we pray, we should pray for our priests who go through so much for us. We should also pray for more priests and Brothers to help with all the missions.

## It's Almost Over

*by Robert Kolinsky, gr. 11*

**I**t is the month of May and we are coming close to the end of another school year. During this month we, of course, have special devotions to Mary. It is also spring, so we can get plenty of outdoor exercise. And this is basically the final month of this school year, since school ends on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June. We all hope to do well and finish strong for the remaining weeks.

Now in these remaining weeks we have an archery tournament which is coming up soon. It is something which was started last year by Father Anthony along with a disc golf tournament. Another thing is our annual pool tournament. And since the weather is now definitely good for time to be spent outside, we will also be working on some preparations for this summer's Boys Camp.

Well, this has been a very interesting school year with all my fellow seminarians. One of our number—Mark Vincent—will be graduating. Before that we have our annual spring camping trip which I know will be fun. The trip should be around the end of May and it is usually around three days in length.

And for studies, we all want to do our best in order to improve our grade-point average, for there is only a little time left. Even though we have been in school for a year and we can all use a break, we must not get discouraged but keep going. It is almost over, and then we will be going home for the summer—whether close by or far distant from here. And we hope summer brings good things for us, progressing in the faith and in both body and mind.

## Tis the Month of Our Lady

*by Kevin LeStage, gr. 9*

**H**ere at Mary Immaculate Queen parish we observe the special practice of crowning Our Lady with a wreath of flowers and reciting the special prayers to her each day before Mass. We servers are privileged to take turns in placing the crown on our heavenly Queen. I would like to explain where this beautiful tradition originated from.

Father Latomia of the Society of Jesus first introduced the practice of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Mother. His goal was spreading devotion to Mary, especially among the students. The devotion Father Latomia began soon spread far and wide. Pope Pius IX granted a plenary indulgence for participating in either a public or private devotion honoring Mary during the month of May in 1859.

The act of crowning Mary's statue can be dated back to the earliest days of the Church. The practice became popular in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, by means of which people could express their love and devotion. By



*The weather was chilly but sunny for the procession on Palm Sunday.*

crowning Our Lady we are giving her the worship due as Queen of heaven and earth. A deep devotion to Mary is the surest way to heaven, for there is nothing Our Lord will refuse her.

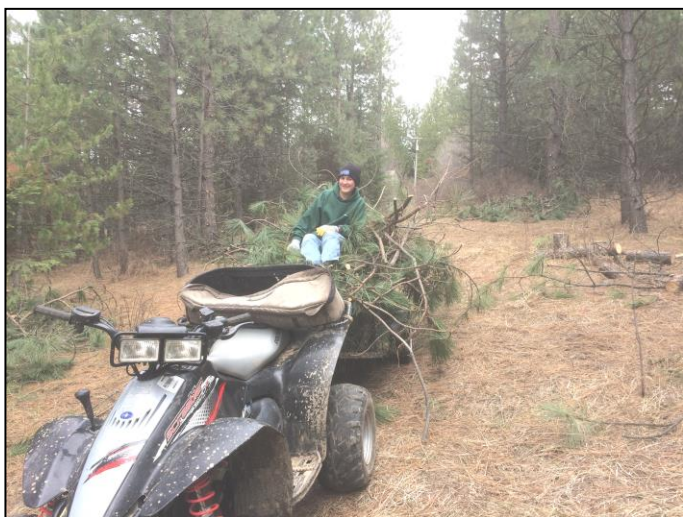
We must learn to go to Jesus through Mary. In any trial or tribulation Our Lady is there for us as a heavenly Mother who will take her children under her mantle, shielding them from all temptations. So during this month of May let us make a special effort to devote our attention to giving honor to the Mother of God.

## Two Birds with One Stone

*by Mark Vincent, gr. 12*

**I** was asked a few months ago by Father Benedict whether I wished to go with him to Boston for Holy Week to help with serving the liturgy. He added that we could go on my senior trip at the same time and be “killing two birds with one stone.” I was given a choice of going to New York City, Philadelphia, Niagara Falls or Washington D.C. I decided that the best idea would be to go to Washington D.C. since it is our nation's capital and I had never been there before. (Of course, I had never been to

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*Dominic helps with cleaning up the property after a long winter.*



*Father Anthony carries the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday.*



*Ecce Lignum Crucis – Behold the Wood of the Cross!*



*Seminarians hold the large cross on Good Friday for the veneration of the faithful.*



*The procession goes around the seminary as we chant the Litanies.*



*Robert, as thurifer, leads the procession of the Greater Litanies.*

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any of these places before!)

On Wednesday during Holy Week, I embarked on my first plane flight. I found a truckload of new experiences awaiting me down the road. We soon arrived in East Boston, about a half hour away from our church in Salem, New Hampshire. There we set up our headquarters for the duration of the trip. We performed all the Holy Week ceremonies in Salem, and drove up to Oakland, Maine, for the second Mass of Easter. Throughout that week, I was given a tour of East Boston and Bunker Hill, where I climbed the 294 steps to reach the top of its monument.

On Easter Monday we started on the seven hour drive to Washington D.C. On the way, I found that I was seeing from a distance all the other choices I had been given to venture on my senior trip. While on the plane, we flew over Niagara Falls and drove through or past the other candidates.

Arriving in D.C., we acquired a hotel room and spent the remainder of the evening walking around the immediate area. We found the White House only a few blocks away and took our nighttime tour of the exterior. On Easter Tuesday, we saw important sites such as Arlington Cemetery with John F. Kennedy's grave and the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Pentagon and a few of the buildings of the Smithsonian. On Easter Wednesday we met our most important goals, visiting the Capitol, Supreme Court, National Archives, Library of Congress and several others. Overall, I would say the Capitol was my favorite, because of its amazing architecture and beauty.

The remainder of the trip was spent literally in driving back to Boston. On our way, we said Mass at a few different locations and visited The Breakers, the summer mansion of Cornelius Vanderbilt, and its neighbor, the Marble House. After that, we returned to headquarters and did our Sunday rounds of Mass in Salem and Oakland. This was all concluded with our return home to Idaho.

There were many new experiences I found on this trip. It

was my first time on an airplane, the first time in the East, the first time in several states, in a taxi and security scanning. Although I tired of excess in some things, I had a great time. I would highly recommend a trip to our nation's capital if you can make it. There are so many things to see and I guarantee you would also enjoy it

## Slaves of Love

As you well know, this year we observe the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima. Beginning with the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month, we will attend the public Rosary processions that have been held in Spokane by our parishioners for more than 20 years. Our celebrations will culminate at the annual Fatima conference in October.

But when we think of Our Lady's apparitions, let us never forget that the most important result should be our fidelity in living her message: amendment of life, the Rosary, sacrifice, consecration to her Immaculate Heart, modesty and reparation. One very good way to live that message is by making—and above all *living*—the Total Consecration as taught by Saint Louis Marie de Montfort.

Here at the seminary we annually recite the prayers and meditations for 33 days, as prescribed by Saint Louis. We begin on his feastday (April 28<sup>th</sup>) and then conclude with the act of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary on May 31<sup>st</sup>. For those who have already made the consecration (which is most of the seminarians), this is an opportunity to make a solemn renewal; those who have never made the consecration are urged to do so for the first time. This particular devotion is a great grace that we need in this age, to help us persevere.

If you have never made the consecration, please consider doing so. But let us especially remember that what really matters is living it as faithful and loving slaves of Jesus and Mary. May God bless you and your loved ones. We are most grateful for your support and prayers.

*Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI*



*Robert holds the book for Father as he blesses the new fire at the Easter Vigil.*