



*Pilgrims at the foot of the enormous statue of Our Lady at Pilar*

### PHILLIPINES

#### IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

##### *Pilgrimage to Pilar*

On the 15th August, feast of Our Lady's Assumption into heaven, the St. Bernard Novitiate organised its annual pilgrimage to a shrine in the north of the island of Panay, Philippines—a place called Pilar. From a distance of 12km, no less than 300 pilgrims walked in the Philippine sun to offer to Our Lady their love and ask of her for many and holy vocations to the priesthood and to the Religious life.

#### THE KNIGHTS IN MANILA

##### *The Knights of Our Lady*

An International Chapter of the Order of the Knights of Our Lady took place at Our Lady of Victories Church and School, Manila, from 6th—9th August 2010, for the English-speaking members of the Order (French speakers participate in the yearly General Chapter in France). Mem-



*Mass and the dubbing ceremony, eight new Knights and seven new Donates for the service of Christ the King and our Lady, next to the Order's gonfalon and their brothers.*

bers from Australia, France, Lithuania, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, the USA, and various parts of the Philippines were present.

With His Excellency Bishop Fellay's special authorisation, Rev. Fr. Daniel Couture, District Superior of Asia, and a Chaplain of the Order, conferred the Liturgical Dubbing upon 8 new Knights coming from various "Provinces", after they had made their final private vows in the Order and had spent the night in prayer – this is the "vigil at arms" – while 7 other members made their temporary vows as Donates, and 2 renewed them. The Master of the Order, Br. Jean Pierre le Roy, was present, as well as his Lieutenant for English-speaking Provinces, Br. Kees van Strijp, and Rev. Fr. Thomas Onoda, Chaplain for the said Lieutenancy.

The Liturgical Dubbing, or *Benedictio Novi Militis*, as it now is, dates back to the 13th century, and can be traced to c. 950. It gives the Knights an official mission, with proportionate graces, to defend or restore the Kingship of Christ in the political and social field, which is typically

the laymen's "Catholic Action", while others work under the leadership of the priests in the spiritual field of Apostolate. This is why this ceremony has been included in the Roman Pontifical next to the consecration Kings and Emperors, with almost identical prayers. At different levels, the purpose is the same.

The Knights of Our Lady were founded in 1945, and it split into a conciliar and a traditional branch in 1970. The latter is now present on four continents and its members are fighting as best as they can, trusting in the fact that "men at arms will fight, and God will give the victory", as St. Joan of Arc once said, which means that God alone can obtain



*Fr. Daniel Couture blesses the sword for the dubbing of Knights, presented by Br. Kees Van Strijp*

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this victory, but that He will only give it if we fight.

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### DISTRICT OF ASIA

#### FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

##### *Changes*

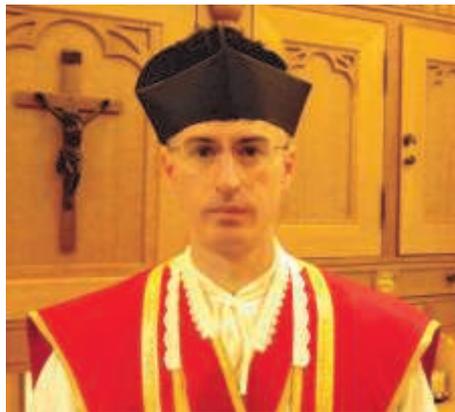
The date of 15th August is not only remarkable in the Society of St. Pius X on account of the wonderful feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it is also the date on which the changes of its personnel occur around the world. This year we are very sad to see the departures of Fr. Robert Jackson and Fr. Adam Purdy who both return to the U.S.A. Our sadness is tempered, however, by the great joy occasioned by the arrival of the newly ordained Fr. Todd Anderson of the U.S.A., Fr. Robert MacPherson, a native of Canada and the return of Fr. Michael Lavin to New Zealand. Fr. Anderson has been sent to New Zealand, and Fr. MacPherson has been received to rapturous applause within the precincts of Our Lady of Victories in Manila, Philippines. May God bless their apostolates. Ω



*Fr. Jackson has been stationed in India and New Zealand since his ordination in 2005 and has now returned to his native U.S.A.*



*Fr. Purdy has returned home to the U.S.A. after six years in the Philippines.*



*Fr. Anderson was ordained in Winona this year and has landed in the District of Asia.*



*Fr. Robert Macpherson, a Canadian, has just arrived from the U.S.A. to Manila.*



*Fr. Michael Lavin has returned home to New Zealand after having been in the Philippines and the U.S.A..*



*Priests' retreat 30th August - 4th September in Tagaytay, near Manila. From left to right: Fr. Ghela, Fr. Cacho, Fr. Hora, Fr. Francis (at the back with the beard), Fr. Suelo, Fr. Couture, Fr. Onoda, Fr. Dolotina and Sr Mary Filumena, oblate (who has just been assigned to Kenya).*