

District News



The return of the Roses. On 13th September, Srs. Maria Theresa and Maria Celina arrived at Tuticorin Airport after the conclusion of their novitiate at the convent of the Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Vigne, Italy and their profession at Albano on 8th September, feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Here they are either side of Father Xavier-Ignatius who initially encouraged them in their vocations together with Sr. Maria Pia and Sr. Maria Immaculata.



Fr. Daniel Couture blesses the first stone of Phase 2 of the girl's orphanage on 21st September 2010. Once Phase 2 is complete it will accommodate the girls, the elderly ladies and visitors. Phase 1 will eventually become exclusively a convent where there will be a tranquility of order and prayer....



Frs. Edgardo Suelo and Alexander Hora, both Filipino diocesan priests, associated with the SSPX for many years, have finally joined the ranks of the SSPX on 8th December, in Jaro, Iloilo, Philippines.



Frs. Edgardo Suelo and Alexander Hora.



On Sunday 21st November at the Sta. Lucia Chapel, Butuan City in the Philippines, 48 children received their first Holy Communion from the hands of Fr. Coenraad Daniels!

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Chapel of New Caledonia was blessed and dedicated to St Joseph on 1st November, the 40th anniversary of the SSPX

NEW CHAPEL IN NEW CALENDONIA

*A report from the Rev. Fr. Andrew Cranshaw,
Prior of St. Anthony's Parish, New Zealand.*

For over 26 years the SSPX have been visiting New Caledonia, a small island in the South Pacific approximately 2000km north-west of New Zealand. Clovis Areui, the chief of a tribe, upon reading about Archbishop Lefebvre's fight for the Traditional Mass in a local newspaper, wrote to the Archbishop to ask if he couldn't send a priest. The Archbishop responded by sending Fr. Laisney, newly ordained and already at his first posting as assistant priest in Australia. The SSPX continued to support the faithful in New Caledonia by sending priests from Australia



Interior of St Joseph's Chapel New Caledonia

whenever available, but it was not until 3 years ago that we were in a position to provide monthly Mass. Since then the priests of Wanganui have been making monthly visits. Fr. Todd Anderson, Fr Laisney's replacement will be placed in charge of this important apostolate, to continue the work.

Thanks to the hard work of Fr. Laisney, Mr. Guy Lagrega, Mr. Roger Devaud and others, a property was secured 20 minutes from Noumea the capital in a prime location. However it took another 5 years to cut through the bureaucratic red tape enough to allow a humble modest chapel for the faithful. The opposition to our project was quite extraordinary with even the local mayor doing everything in his power to stop the chapel being built. When Mr. Guy Lagrega asked the mayor's secretary why they weren't granting us the building consent despite our full cooperation with the administrative procedures, she replied, saying that the Mayor simply didn't want us in his province.

His Excellency Calvet, present bishop of New Caledonia, recently launch a fierce and damaging attack in his diocesan bulletin against our chapel and the SSPX, stating that "les celebrations des sacrements à la chapelle de la mouvance de Mgr. Lefebvre sont au moins illicites et souvent invalides." (the celebration of the sacraments at the chapel of the movement of Monsignor Lefebvre are at least illicit and often invalid.) This most recent attack has only served to notify more and more concerned Catholics of our existence, and thanks to this, we are seeing a steady growth. The situation in Nouméa has got so bad that Catholics are getting up and walking out of the Cathedral in protest against sermons denying the real presence, the existence of Hell and of the devil. Thanks to the support of benefactors from



Newly built chapel in New Caledonia with Sunday attendance

Europe, the SSPX now has a footing in this country and intends to try and meet the needs of a Catholic populace starved of the faith, caused by a modernist and corrupt clergy. Our financial needs are great, since we have heavy travel expenses to cover, (priests flying 2000km monthly from New Zealand equal about \$12,000 annually in travel costs alone!) a building still under construction (we are without lodging for the priest as yet), and a poor community whose monthly collection does not even meet half the travel cost let alone the needs of the apostolate. Ω

OTHER PACIFIC NEWS

It is important to also mention that the SSPX mission in Fiji (under the care of the Australian District) is also going from strength to strength with an increasing number of faithful attending our Mass centre in Suva. But most recently Fr. Couture visited Samoa (after visits by Frs. P. Robinson and J. Pfeiffer earlier this year), spoke at length with the archbishop and Head of State of Samoa and was invited to preach a retreat in the diocese, followed by a Fatima Congress! Fr. Couture has asked the priest of St. Anthony's (NZ) to assist him in this wonderful undertaking, and we in turn ask the assistance of the faithful's prayers that the Holy Spirit prepare us for this great task, and that the devil prevent it not! Ω