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EUROPE

France

Our apostolate in France continues to develop steadily. Besides the daily care of souls and the administration of the sacraments, the beginning of 2026 was marked by several events.

In early January, Father Dutertre returned for the second time to La Réunion Island, (located in the Indian Ocean off the west coast of Madagascar, yet part of France) where he reunited with a close-knit and devout group of faithful.

On the feast of Our Lady of Pontmain (January 17th), we had the joy of welcoming to France three nuns from the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Thomas Aquinas. Since then, they have been striving to learn French and to explore future prospects for their apostolate. We have various schools and school projects that we are trying to establish around our different chapels, and this keeps our clergy busy. We are hopeful that the Sisters of Saint Thomas will be able to contribute significantly to these endeavors.



Above: Father Dutertre (right) and Father Chappot (left) visited Sainte-Anne-d'Auray with three Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas.

On February 7th, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Maison-Sainte-Anne, the religious house of another congregation of nuns: the Daughters of Wisdom, following the religious rule established by St. Louis of Montfort. On this occasion, we thanked God for all the graces received over these twenty years through the tireless work and the prayers of these faithful nuns. They run a successful school, assist the elderly, help the clergy to host spiritual exercises in the summer, and organize many other activities during the year. They have been a tremendous help and assistance to our clergy in France. May God bless them, and send them many vocations!

Our doctrinal battle also continues, both traditionally, through specific instruction, and in a more modern way, via the internet. This latter method allows us to exert a growing influence on the French traditionalist movement.



Above: The Daughters of Wisdom received some gifts to celebrate their twentieth anniversary.

As every year, at the end of February, we went to commemorate the massacre of the “Holy Innocents of the Vendée” at Les Lucs-sur-Boulogne. In punishment for the Vendée uprising against the Revolution, and out of hatred for the Catholic faith, the revolutionaries ruthlessly massacred 564 defenseless people (mainly the elderly, women, and children), including 110 children under the age of eight. All this in the name of liberty, of course.



Above: On February 28th, Father Chappot celebrating Mass for the Commemoration of the “Massacre des Lucs,” at Les-Lucs-sur-Boulogne.

UNITED STATES

Queen of All Saints Chapel - Brooksville, Florida

It is a busy time of year for Queen of All Saints Chapel. Preparations are being made for Holy Week, which involves the combined efforts of the clergy, Sisters and students. Nevertheless, school life continues as usual, with daily Mass, sermons and two high Masses a week, which require the students every week to train to serve Mass or to sing in our two student choirs, in addition to preparing in earnest for their exams and end-of-year concert.

Right: Daily Mass for the students and teachers of Queen of All Saints Academy.



Our Lady Queen of Martyrs - Fraser, Michigan



It is Lent! When the OLQM parishioners walk into the church and see the altar clothed in purple, they are instantly moved to recognize that Lent has begun — even before the solemn ceremony of Ash Wednesday takes place. The deep violet quietly speaks of repentance, prayer, and preparation. Throughout these forty days, this simple change transforms the entire feel of the church, reminding us that this is a sacred season set apart. Not until the Easter Vigil will the purple give way to radiant white — the color of joy, victory, and resurrection. Then the altar will appear new again, reflecting the new life we celebrate in the Risen Christ.

Left: main altar with penitential decoration for Lent before Mass.

Queen of All Saints Mission - Vero Beach, Florida

With continuing prayers to St. Joseph for a permanent chapel, our Mission at Vero Beach has had an active quarter. In addition to weekly Mass and confessions, we have had adult catechism classes with explanations and Q&A on various subjects. The children engaged in a lively game of Catholic Jeopardy in one of their classes. We look forward to Bishop Fliess administering Confirmations on Trinity Sunday.



Above: Father Marshall leading an adult catechism class.

Queen of All Saints Chapel - Pottstown, Pennsylvania

We acquired new pews in January out of an old church in Scranton that was being closed by the local diocese. Fortunately the snow had taken a break on the Feast of the Purification of the BVM, for Father Bayer to lead parishioners in a procession before Mass. Recently, with the advent of new parishioners the number of devotional exercises has increased. Each Friday during Lent, Father Petrizzi has led the Stations of the Cross.

For the first time, a Women's Day of Recollection was given, numbering 20 participants from both the Harrisburg and Philadelphia areas. It seems to have been well received, since many women were grateful for the conferences given (now available online).

Below: Father Bayer giving a conference at the Women's Day of Recollection this Lent.





Above: Father Bayer saying the Agnus Dei at Mass in Harrisburg.

Queen of All Saints Chapel Youngtown, Arizona

Thanks be to God, our faithful and catechumens are doing well and persevering as we prepare for Holy Week. Thanks to the hard work of two volunteers, we have installed speakers on either side of the nave's ceiling, which project the sermon more evenly. We have also set up a speaker outside the nave so those who need to step out can still hear it.

Right: Bishop Fliess incensing during Benediction in Arizona.



Queen of All Saints Mission - Hammond, Louisiana

Our mission in Hammond, Louisiana, is almost a year old and has seen some growth. Fr. Bayer will be taking care of the mission starting in April, and Mass will be on the second Sunday of the month rather than the third.

Left: Parishioners praying the Rosary before Sunday Mass in Louisiana.





Above: Father Bayer in Texas celebrating Mass.

Queen of All Saints Mission - Richmond, Texas

The Richmond, Texas, mission currently has Mass once a month and the mission is very active. Father Bayer offers altar boy classes biweekly and sends out catechism materials to read during the month in preparation for the Catechism classes after Mass. In February, Father Bayer gave the Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blaise. In March, the Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas visited from Florida to speak about the school and encourage the families.

ASIA AND AUSTRALIA

Mary Help of Christians Mission Brisbane, Australia

The faithful in Brisbane were thrilled to be able to attend their first ever Midnight Mass on Christmas, made possible by our new location for offering Masses in Brisbane. The beginning of March also saw there a Women's Lenten Day of Recollection.

Right: Father Eldracher celebrating Midnight Mass in Brisbane.



Mary Help of Christians Mission Christchurch, New Zealand



The new Mass center in Christchurch has already born its first fruits, as Fr. Palma administered two baptisms there. A Lenten Day of Recollection in late February was also very well attended. Word is beginning to spread, and we are very optimistic for the future growth of this latest addition to our apostolate.

Left: Father Palma offering Mass in New Zealand.

Mary Help of Christians Chapel - Greater Melbourne, Australia

Fr. Eldracher offered the first Christmas Midnight Mass at our new chapel in Kallista, while the beginning of January saw the first wedding which Fr. Palma officiated in Australia. The Lenten Season will see Days of Recollection for both men and women.



Above left: Father Eldracher with participants at a Men's Lenten Day of Recollection.

Above right: Father Eldracher offering Mass on Christmas Day.

Below: Father Palma celebrating Mass at a recent wedding at Kallista.



Mary Help of Christians Mission Wangaratta, Australia

A nineteenth century brick church nearby has been listed for sale (a rare occurrence in this mostly-secular country), so the Faithful in Wangaratta are hoping and praying to be able to raise the funds to purchase what would become our first chapel in that region. Were this project to be successful, it would be a major step forward for our apostolate, as it would mark the establishment of our second permanent chapel in Australasia. If you would be interested in contributing to make this goal a reality, please contact us.

Right: Outside view of the chapel we are hoping to raise enough money to purchase.



Mary Help of Christians Mission Sydney, Australia



The new air-conditioning at the Sydney Mass Centre has certainly been put to the test in the past few months, and everyone is very grateful that it has functioned so well. In the Northern hemisphere, people joke about "Christmas in July," but in Australia, Christmas is in the middle of the summer, so it feels as though this were the case. The Sydney Mass Centre has also added seven new parishioners in the past few months, one of whom was baptized by Fr. Eldracher in late January.

Right: Father Eldracher baptizing an adult convert in Sydney.

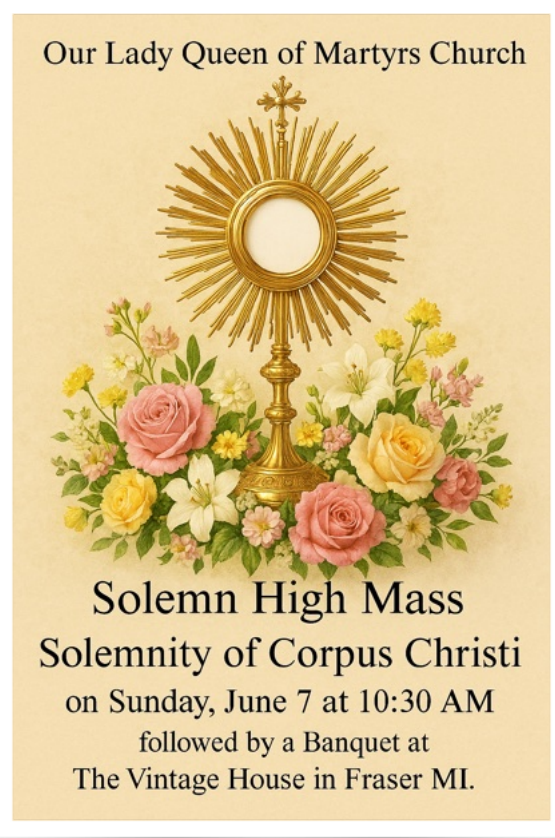


Mary Help of Christians Mission Japan

There are still places available for going to Tokyo in June, 2026, to host there the fourth CSC (Catholic Singles Connect). With strong interest so far from around the globe, and still some time remaining to register, we are confident the event will be a great success! Contact us if you are interested in attending, at maryhelpofchristianschapel.au@gmail.com

OLQM - Corpus Christi Dinner Fraser, Michigan

On June 7, after the second Mass for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, everyone is invited to a pay-per-meal buffet at the Vintage House. This event provides an opportunity to share the joy of this important liturgical feast and celebrate with fellow parishioners without the hassle of cooking or cleaning up. All are encouraged to attend Mass and join us for the meal afterward. The church seats about 100 people, while the parish hall can accommodate up to 180. Feel free to bring family, friends, or members of other traditional Catholic parishes to join the celebration. The dress code is Sunday attire for Mass and OLQM business casual for dinner. Tickets are now available: \$40.00. The ticket price covers the actual per-seat cost and is not a fundraiser.



IHS Events - 2026 Pilgrimages

The 2026 IHS Events trip to Rome with Fr. Arnold Trauner, IMBC is sold out, but the 2026 trip to Ecuador to see Our Lady of Good Success with Fr. Bayer will be open for registration soon. For more information see IHSevents.org



Upcoming Events



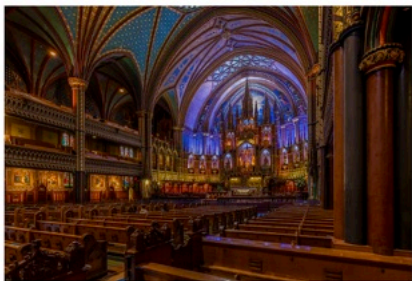
Quito, Ecuador: November 2 - 6, 2026

Explore the rich Catholic history of Quito, Ecuador from the apparition of Our Lady of Good Success to the iconic “Golden Church” of Iglesia de la Compañía de Jesús beautifully covered with seven tons of gold leaf. Experience all Quito, Ecuador has to offer with our upcoming trip this November:
ihsevents.org/ecuador



(Brittany) France: March 29 - April 7, 2027

Explore the historically Catholic Brittany region of France with stops including Mont-St. Michel, Saint Nazaire, Le Yaudet, Vannes, Bayeux, Saint-Malo, and more, as well as the famous Puy du Fou and the D-Day beaches, all while staying in Nantes near its historic city center: ihsevents.org/brittany



(Quebec) Canada: October 11 - 16, 2027

Explore the Province of Quebec and walk in the footsteps of the North American Martyrs with visits to Quebec City, Montreal, and the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in New York State:
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