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The Quarterly Newsletter of the Priestly Society of Mercy
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ALL GOOD IS IN ME

By Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk



Do you desire good for yourself?

All good is in Me.

Do you desire blessings?

All blessings are in Me.

Do you desire beauty?

What is lovelier than I?

Do you desire noble birth?

What birth is more noble than that of the Son of God and the Virgin?

Do you desire rank?

Who is of higher rank than the King of heaven?

Do you desire glory?

Who is more glorious than I?

Riches?

All riches are in Me.

Wisdom?

I am the Wisdom of God.

Friendship?

Who is a greater friend than I - I who laid down my life for all?

Help?

Who can help but I?

Happiness?

Who can be happy without Me?

Do you seek consolation in distress?

Who will console you but I?

Do you seek peace?

I am the peace of the soul.

Do you seek life?

In Me is the fount of life.

Do you seek light?

I am the light of the world.

CELEBRATING AN ORDINATION

Fr. Joshua Miller-Shawnee, SSM Ordained

On November 7, 2020 at the Church of Saint Jerome in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Father Joshua Miller-Shawnee, SSM was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood. This is a culmination of years of study for him and was a joyous event for the congregation. Dozens of wellwishers joined, including Deacon Taylor Tracy from Kansas City, and all were socially distanced and masked given this unusual year. On November 8, Fr. Joshua celebrated his first Mass and 2 candidates were confirmed at the church. There was further cause for celebration when Fr. Joshua was hired as the pastor of St. Jerome's on December 20th. Congratulations, Fr. Joshua! We are so excited for you!



MINISTRY IN THE MARGINS

Fr. Richard Russo, SSM Ministers to the Isolated



Fr. Richard Russo serves in New York in an assisted living setting offering Holy Mass. Unfortunately, due to COVID, his ministry has been limited. To bring joy to the residents in his facility, he helped decorate festively

for Christmas to spread cheer. Please pray those those in assisted living and nursing homes at the moment.

ARCHBISHOP'S GRAVESITE RENOVATED

Archbishop Arnold Harris Mathew's Final Resting Place

It has long been a goal for our Primate, Archbishop Douglas Lewins, SSM, to renovate the gravesite of Archbishop Arnold Harris Mathew. Archbishop Mathew, who died in 1920, was laid to rest at St. Giles' Anglican Church in South Mimms in the United Kingdom. His gravesite was removed once before but had since suffered the ravages of time. Archbishop Lewins gathered together donations from funders to help renovate the grave which was extensively cleaned and the lettering was clarified. All Old Roman Catholics are grateful to Archbishop Lewins for helping preserve our history through the beautification of Archbishop Mathew's grave.



AGREEMENT REACHED

The Society Partners with the Old Roman Catholic Church Latin Rite

The Society of Mercy values its Old Roman Catholic heritage and seeks to bring together jurisdictions in the Old Roman Catholic tradition wherever there is a common mission and understanding of the faith. Recently, the Old Roman Catholic Church in Great Britain, the Old Roman Catholic Church in North America (administered by the Society of Mercy), and the Old Roman Catholic Church Latin Rite agreed to partner together effective December 10, 2020. The Old Roman



Catholic Church Latin Rite was represented in the agreement by Archbishop George Roberts (pictured above). The partnership between the jurisdictions resembles an earlier one established by the Society, the Old Roman Catholic Church English Rite and the Old Roman Catholic Church in Great Britain. We look forward to the day when we are all one!

CALENDAR COMPLETED

Calendar Contains Helpful Memorials and Matches Missal

The 2021 Calendar of the Society is complete and was distributed to clergy. The Calendar of the Society contains memorials of deceased clergy, anniversary dates, and is based on the Old Roman Catholic Missal. To purchase the calendar, visit: <https://www.ssmercy.org/resources.html>.



JOURNAL OF OLD ROMAN CATHOLIC STUDIES PUBLISHED

Publication Documents Old Roman Catholic History



The 2021 edition of the Journal of Old Roman Catholic Studies was published a month early so readers can enjoy it before the new year! It documents the early history of Old Roman Catholicism and its relationship to Orthodoxy, offers background into the Old Roman Catholic Pro-Cathedral at Wittering, biographies of Old Roman Catholic hierarchs, information about awards in the Church, a reflection item about the Most Blessed Sacrament, and much more! The journal can be found here: www.oldromancatholic.church/publications.

MISSAL IN FINAL STAGES OF PRODUCTION

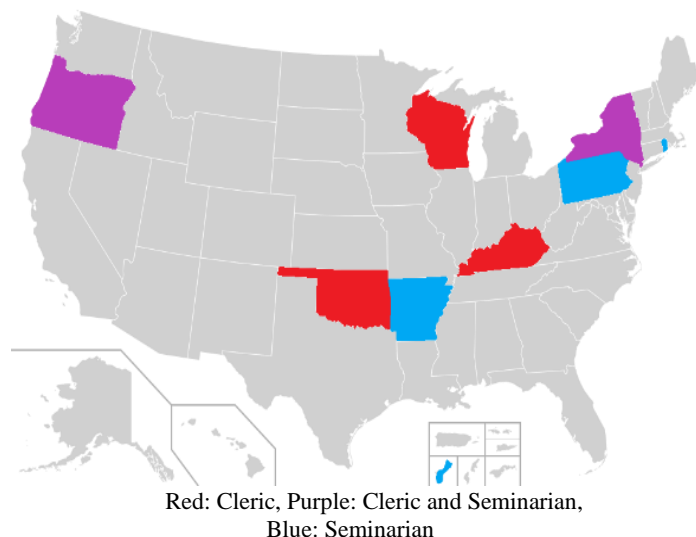
Important Liturgical Source for the Society

Archbishop Arnold Harris Mathew developed a Missal in 1909 for what was then the Old Catholic Church in Great Britain. The Missal marked one of the first translations into English of the Tridentine Mass for use on the altar. It was republished in the 1960s by AMS Press and subsequently by Apocryphile Press. It has always been our goal to produce an Altar Missal version and it is finally finished after extensive revisions. The formatting of the original was edited, corrections were made, and feasts added after 1909 were included as options. A special thanks goes to Archbishop Roberts for helping with editing. It will be bound in linen and includes rubrics in full color and a Latin Ordinary of the Mass. We are very excited to complete the project and hope it will be a useful resource for those everywhere wanting to use the Tridentine Missal in English. The Missal will be available at the beginning of 2021 here: https://www.lulu.com/spotlight/Saint_Gabriel. Check back for availability!

SOCIETY GROWTH IN USA

Society Gains New Applicants

The Society of Mercy is thankful to have added new applicants to its ranks. Our current group of seminarians are in Arkansas, Guam, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. Please pray for Chris, Daniel, Daryl, Michael, Michael, and Nate as they test their vocations and seek to serve God through ordination. Below is a map of member locations in the United States. Members are also present in Australia, France, and the United Kingdom.



If you feel called to pursue the Sacred Priesthood, please visit our website where you can find in-depth information on the process. For a formal application, please contact us through the contact page to begin the process.