A Call to the Oratory

I have known San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone for some years. A few months ago, in response to our inquiries, he invited another priest and me to establish an Oratory of St. Philip Neri in San Francisco. The “Oratory” consists of secular priests and brothers living in a community of prayer and apostolic work; the most famous Oratorian priest, after St. Philip Neri, is Bl. John Henry Newman, who established the Oratory in England in 1847.

With mixed emotions, I announce that I will be leaving Thomas Aquinas College to establish an Oratory in San Francisco, either this summer or next, depending on the Oratory’s establishment. The Archbishop will give us a city parish and assign apostolates, primarily the evangelical outreach to young urban professionals. I announce this now because we must begin making arrangements and I wanted TAC to know before it becomes known to the public.

Although I am called to the work of a diocesan priest, I have always been drawn to community life. The Oratory provides secular priests with a common rule of life and prayer. I am devoted to TAC: her students, faculty, and staff; her history, structure and mission; her chapel, and not least the mountains and ocean that surround her. I am deeply grateful to Drs. McLean and Kelly for welcoming me and will treasure my remaining time at the College.

It is with some trepidation that I leave this Catholic Shangri-La for the culture wars in San Francisco, but also look forward to the apostolic work and life of the Oratorian fathers. Fr. Joseph Illo

Consecration to Our Lady

From February 21-March 25, you are invited to prepare for total consecration to the Blessed Mother, using the book 33 Days to Morning Glory. Each day there will be a few pages of reading, from one saint each week. Week 1 from St. Louis de Montfort; Week 2 from St. Maximilian Kolbe; Week 3 from Bl. John Paul II; Week 4 from Bl. Teresa of Calcutta.

Every Wednesday at 7pm in that period you are invited to Room 6 to discuss the saints’ writings for that week, led by one of the chaplains. Finally, on March 25, those who wish to consecrate themselves, or renew their consecration, to the Blessed Mother will do so at the 11:30 Mass. You will need the book 33 Days, which we can order for you. Please sign up on the sheet on the Commons board if you wish us to order a book for you.
Walk for Life West Coast

Thanks to all who took part in our biggest ever effort (three buses and loads of cars). Our love and gratitude go to Zach, Kristin, Sarah, Sarah, Rebecca, Connor, and Suzie!

It’s a good idea to do a Eucharistic Holy Hour once a week. Saturdays from 10:30-11:30 and Sundays from 12:30-2pm, the Eucharist is exposed for adoration—a good idea!

**Make it to Mass on St. Thomas’ Day**

On January 28 we had the joy of seeing our beloved faculty process into a Solemn Mass for St. Thomas in academic regalia. If you didn’t get a chance to attend Mass on Jan 28, you get a second chance on March 7 (St. Thomas’ Day on the old calendar): Sung Mass at 7am.

We chaplains encourage students to attend daily Mass as often as you can. Four daily Masses are our great treasure here at TAC!

**Crossword Puzzle** by Puzzlemistress Joan Short

| Across | 1. Milk___ (pansy) | 4. He advised invading Canaan | 7. Patron saint of T-remes? |
|        | 15. ____ on bis, Domine | 16. Incandescent alternative | 17. Said after “flectamus genua” |
|        | 19. Both water and air are this | 21. What the Iliad is about | 22. Part of a series |
|        | 24. “Cum Patre et Filio ____ adoratur” | 25. What this newsletter does not have |

|        | 5. Patron saint of smokers? | 7. Schwann’s opposite to physical: ___ logical |
|        | 8. Jon Daly’s gifts | 11. Ready to go, for a golf ball (2 wds) | 12. Piggy who had roast beef |
|        | 20. ____ noza | 23. Byproduct of washing up |

Mother Teresa at TAC

Msgr. Leo Maasburg (Archdiocese of Vienna), author of *Mother Teresa of Calcutta* (2011), will be on campus to speak of her life. Fr. Leo worked many years as Mother’s “driver” and chaplain, opening (among others) the first MC house in Russia. He will speak in Room 106 on Feb 15 at 3pm.

**Father Kolbe Missionaries**

Jillian Cook, a professed member of this secular institute and TAC grad (2007), will speak to interested students about the “FKM” vocation in Room 106 at 7pm on February 26.

The Legion of Mary

Ora + Labora

Mondays at 3:45 PM in Room 9. Our apostolates include:
- Rosary and Eucharistic processions on campus
- Visits to nursing homes in Santa Paula and Oxnard
- Promotion of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thank you Sisters of Life for coming again to TAC!

**Rosary Procession**
for Our Lady of Lourdes: Feb 11, Commons, 6pm