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Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Dear members and friends of the Society of the Sacred Heart,

Best wishes to you on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes!

In 2009 the Institute superiors entrusted me with the charge of chaplain of the Society of the Sacred Heart in the United States. It has been a blessing and privilege for me to have accompanied you as chaplain during these beginning years of the Society in our country. By the grace of God, this has been a time of growing interest in the Institute and the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales in many places, so that now there are nearly 150 members of the Society, including 5 deceased.

Thanks to your many prayers and sacrifices for priestly vocations, more fresh laborers have been sent by the Master of the vineyard for the great spiritual harvest at hand! Recently ordained priests now sharing in the apostolic work of our American apostolates make it possible for a promising transition for the benefit of the Society's growing spiritual family.

Today, on this Feast of Mary Immaculate, it is with joy that I convey to you the decision of our Prior General to appoint Canon Aaron Huberfeld as the new chaplain of the Society of the Sacred Heart in the United States. Ordained to the holy priesthood in 2010, Canon Huberfeld has served as Vicar at St. Francis de Sales Oratory in St. Louis, Missouri, and since 2011, he is and continues to be Rector of St. Mary's Oratory in Wausau, Wisconsin.

Special efforts have been made so that the time, gifts, and zeal of Canon Huberfeld can be made available to the Society's family of souls. A newly-appointed vicar is able to assist Canon Huberfeld at St. Mary's, while other canons are now to assume his other responsibilities. The new chaplain of Sursum Corda, the Institute's young adult apostolate, will now be Canon Jean-Baptiste Commins, while the Seminary Society will be led by the joint efforts of Canon Michael Wiener and Canon David Silvey from St. Louis.

Thanking Canon Huberfeld with sincere gratitude for accepting this new role, I encourage you to read his introduction letter as your new chaplain, while completing the member survey which will provide him with useful information to assist him in his chaplaincy. You will find links to these documents at www.society-sacred-heart.org.

At the same time, I would like to express profound thankfulness to Dr. James Sutherland, Governor of the Society in the United States, for our fruitful collaboration and his constant support. I invite you to read his letter which is also posted at www.society-sacred-heart.org. It is my confident hope and prayer that the leadership of Canon Huberfeld and Dr. Sutherland will bring about many good benefits for the Society in the United States.

Indebted to you all for your participation in the life of the Society of the Sacred Heart, I kindly ask your prayers please for my ongoing duties as Provincial, Director of Vocations, and Rector of the Shrine of Christ the King, especially during this time of rebuilding the fire-damaged church.

Canon Huberfeld will be organizing the national retreat which, as in previous years, will be held at USML in Mundelein, Illinois, from May 26-28, 2017. Our Prior General, Monsignor Gilles Wach will preside. For this event of national importance, I will be present in the capacity of Provincial and look forward to seeing you there.

In addition, everyone is invited for two opportunities for the worldwide Institute family to assemble. During the centenary year of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, the Institute is gathering for a pilgrimage in Fatima, Portugal, on November 2-4, 2017, with His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke. You are also welcome to attend the week of Ordinations in Florence, Italy, from July 3-7, 2017, which includes the priestly ordinations which will be conferred by Cardinal Burke. For both of these events, Syversen Touring is organizing a tour group for which information is available on the homepage of the Institute's website.

Please note that next year's national retreat of 2018 will be held also at USML in Mundelein from June 8-10, 2018, during which the Feast of the Sacred Heart will be liturgically celebrated.

The dates of upcoming local meetings of the Society in apostolates across the country are regularly posted on the event calendar at www.society-sacred-heart.org/calendar.

Our Prior General invites us to answer the call of His Eminence, Cardinal Burke, to pray the Holy Rosary for the Church and the world on the first day of each month. This initiative is called Operation Strom Heaven. Together let us be united in prayer to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

With heartfelt appreciation, I assure you of my prayerful best wishes for you and your families during this New Year 2017. May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus grant you an abundance of graces and blessings! Mindful of you and your intentions at the holy altar, I remain always,

Yours in Christ our King,



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