



A Few News Items



Br Charlie Bak makes his Definitive Promise in the Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles on Wednesday, October 1, the Feast of St. Therese. Br Charlie is pleased and happy and looking forward to being definitively a member of a Society dedicated to the Holy Apostles, whom the Lord Jesus sent out to bring the Holy Gospel, the glad tidings of Jesus the Christ, to the world. Br Charlie is very grateful to his confreres in the MSA who have helped him in following God's call. Ultimately, he is very grateful to Father Menard and to the Holy Spirit. Please pray that he will be faithful and will be a true brother to his MSA confreres, and that he will truly serve the Blessed Trinity and the holy People of God.

We are petitioning the Bishop for Father Bob Murphy to continue as Pastor in the parish where he currently serves (St. Joseph's in Chester). This is at Father's request and our approval.

Fr. Edward Pryzgocki has visited us and given an impressive account of his trip to World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia.

The new Holy Apostles chapel is in process with good prospects and with a modification of the architecture.

Fr. Christian Rodenburg from Canada represented Fr. Isaac, our Superior General, at the Board Meeting (at which Bishop Lori of Bridgeport told Fr Tad that he loves coming to the meeting, because it's one place where he hears good news). During the two days after the meeting, Fr. Christian was toured about to meet members and see our places. He seemed joyous and was very taken by all he saw.

Our probationists (novices), James and John, are plugging away at their daily schedule and working things out profitably. We have good hopes for the future.

We are increasingly working to make St. Mark's not only presentable but also habitable.



Chertsey: Formation Meeting 2008

Just to go back into the past a little bit and reminisce. Chertsey (the Canadian retreat center run by the Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles) is a beautiful place: "God's country" as some would say. Many beautiful trees and rivers and lakes grace the land. There is so much beauty and order "out there" that - as reason tells us - there has to be a God, an Intelligent Designer if you will, to have made all these wonderful things. We don't think Treebeard (tree-herder type character from Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, made into three movies which showed in 2000-2002) would have any problem with that proposition. Indeed, our Faith tells us that it was all made by a personal God, who cares for each one of us, and who - despite all to the seeming contrary - rules all things according to his Divine Plan; despite our abuse of the great gift of free-will, God is always and ultimately in control. Being almighty and love and mercy itself, he can in fact draw good out of evil.

After the serious meetings (top-left picture), there was a feast to rival Bilbo Baggins' one hundred and eleventieth (as Bilbo would have put it) birthday party (top-right picture). Let's not be Manichean now! (This is not an accusation; just a way of contrast with a Catholic appreciation of food and drink as gift for rational creatures of soul *and body*.) "Nothing was evil in the beginning," as is stated by one of the characters in Tolkien's subcreation. (You're right, Fr. Pat Biegler, the character is Elrond of Rivendell.) God created everything good - *even* food and drink! The evil only comes when good things are abused. But - please - forgive my philosophical excursion upon the matter of feasting. I am confident that a

good time was had by all! Just look at those smiling faces and eyes of contentment!

Naturally, the statue of Christ the Redeemer (also found in wonderful Chertsey – No! The Chamber of Commerce is not paying me on the side for saying this.) has been deliberately placed right *in the middle*, and the Chapel of Our Lady Queen of Heart has been place also in the middle but in the bottom row *in the center* of the lakes and the trees. Indeed, Mary is the Queen of all Creation. Surely, Jesus and Mary through the Holy Spirit were there guiding us!

DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL DID NOT MEET THIS MONTH.

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PRESENT ANY ISSUES. (KEEP TO ONE PAGE IF POSSIBLE.)

Congratulations to Our Confreres
Celebrating Ordination Anniversaries



Fr. Ed Przygocki	Oct. 1	27 th
Fr. Patrick Biegler	Oct. 1	3 rd
Fr. Daniel Karempelis	Oct. 28	14 th

Ps 139--May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! Prayers and Blessings on your life and ministry!

Happy Birthday



Fr. Peter Kucer October 15

Fr. Laurence Preston October 18

Fr. Francis Fajella October 30

Ps 139--O Lord--You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works! God's Blessings on you all! Prayers for you.