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Consecration of St. Vincent de Paul Church

Because of the missionary nature of the Society of Saint Pius X (SSPX), a consecrated church is a rare pearl in its crown. For a church to be consecrated it must be constructed of solid materials (such as stone or concrete), and it must be likely to remain indefinitely and exclusively in use for Divine Worship. Structures of wood or metal, or buildings that may be used only for a time before a larger building is built, are not eligible for consecration.

The story of the SSPX in its early years is filled with chapels that were outgrown or relocated to new venues. Mission chapels often closed as families moved near priories with schools. As such, until September 2024, the U.S. District had only four consecrated churches. On Thursday, September 26, 2024, a fifth church was added with the consecration of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Kansas City, Missouri, along with three of her altars.

Unlike the other four churches (St. Isidore, Watkins, Colorado; Our Lady of the Assumption, Walton, Kentucky; Our Lady of Sorrows, Phoenix, Arizona; and The Immaculata, Saint Marys, Kansas), the Society did not build St. Vincent's. The cornerstone was laid in 1922, and it first opened on Ascension Thursday, May 29, 1924. The consecration was planned as part of the centenary celebrations.

The hand of Providence was seen clearly when arranging the ceremony, especially through the various coincidences that unfolded as plans for the ceremony solidified.

When Bishop Bernard Fellay agreed to the consecration, St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary's rector,

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Letter from the District Superior



Dear Friends,

In May 1980, the Society of Saint Pius X (SSPX) was blessed to acquire the beautiful church dedicated to St. Vincent de Paul on Flora Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri for a mere $60,000. While this year marks the centenary of the church's opening in 1924, the edifice was never consecrated. The construction of St. Vincent's caused the parish to go into debt. Since the payment of all debt on a church is a necessary pre-condition for its consecration, that ceremony was not performed.

This defect has now been remedied. On September 26, 2024, Bishop Bernard Fellay performed the consecration ceremony in the presence of around a dozen priests and several hundred faithful. By this ceremony, St. Vincent's has been set apart permanently and exclusively for the worship of God. Whenever Mass is celebrated, it is as if heaven comes down to earth because the perfect worship that is happening in heaven is mirrored below. When this worship takes place in a space specifically consecrated for that purpose, it takes on a greater solemnity by the fact that Our Lord possesses, as it were, the place where the Mass is celebrated. The church itself becomes a gateway to heaven, as well as its antechamber.

With the consecration of St. Vincent's, the SSPX now has five consecrated churches in the United States. We rejoice in the fact that these edifices are owned by the Society and so are permanently and exclusively dedicated to the celebration of the traditional Latin Mass. There is not and there never will be Communion in the hand, altar girls, Eucharistic ministers, ecumenical liturgies, inculturation liturgies, or any of the other aberrations that sadly characterize Catholic worship today. Our Lord is respected and honored for the King that He is.

We continually receive requests for SSPX priests to start missions for groups of faithful around the country and sometimes even to take care of chapels that have been purchased. I wish that we could answer all of these requests, so that we might, as at St. Vincent's, occupy more territory for Christ our King. But the priests are too few. For this reason, I ask you once more to pray for the perseverance of our seminarians all the way to the priesthood and also for the awakening of priestly vocations in the hearts of our young men.

May God bless you,



Fr. John Fullerton, US District Superior

Fr. Michael Goldade, assented to sending seminarians to assist. All agreed that the most convenient consecration date outside of the summer heat was September 26. Only later was it discovered that 85 years earlier to the day, Kansas City Bishop Edwin O'Hara had offered a Solemn Pontifical Mass for the 50th anniversary of the parish. Curious as to why this day was chosen, one of the priests studying the biography of St. Vincent de Paul realized it was because this was his *dies natalis*, or heavenly birthday. Despite his feast being assigned to July 19, it was the night of September 26–27 when St. Vincent passed to eternity.



The bishop sprinkles the exterior of the church with Gregorian water.



After sprinkling the church exterior, the bishop is granted entrance into the building by a custodial deacon to begin the rites.

Another such coincidence was discovered in the close link between the Immaculata in Saint Marys—which was consecrated in May 2023—and St. Vincent's. Situated one hundred miles apart, these SSPX apostolates have been inextricably linked since their earliest days. It was the faithful from Topeka, Kansas coming to St. Michael's chapel in Kansas City who told Fr. Hector Bolduc of the Saint Marys property, which was purchased in the latter half of 1978. About a year and a half later, the faithful of St. Michael's acquired St. Vincent de Paul Church on Ascension Thursday, May 15, 1980. The consecration of the new Immaculata and St. Vincent's would also occur just under two years apart.

Providence also smiled on the faithful of Kansas City, with near-perfect weather provided for both the Thursday consecration and a Friday parish festival at English Landing Park celebrating the consecration, the 100th year of the church, and the 364th anniversary of St. Vincent de Paul's heavenly birthday. A novena to Padre Pio was made to obtain this great favor.

The evening before the consecration, several hundred faithful attended the ceremony for the preparation of the relics, held at the Convent of Christ the King, just three miles South of St. Vincent's. Here, Bishop Fellay sealed the relics of St. Restituta, St. Fortunatus, and Bl. Vincent Liem de la Paz into handmade gold-plated copper boxes. The first two relics were recovered from the Blessed Virgin Mary altar in the church, the top of which needed replacing. The relic—a small finger bone—of Bl. Vincent



In the middle of the nave, the bishop marks a St. Andrew's Cross made from ash and sand with the Greek and Latin alphabets.

Bishop Fellay follows the clergy to the crypt chapel to retrieve the relics of Sts. Fortunatus, Restituta, and Vincent Liem de la Paz to place in the altars.





The relics of Sts. Fortunatus, Restituta, and Vincent Liem de la Paz are brought in procession by four deacons to the main altar.

Franciscan Sisters of Christ the King were among the many clergy and religious to attend the Consecration ceremony.





The bishop marks one of the twelve vitreous mosaic crosses with Holy Chrism.

Liem de la Paz, one of the Vietnamese martyrs, was donated and included in the altars. He was named after St. Vincent de Paul and beatified by Pope St. Pius X. Since two canonized martyrs are needed in a consecrated altar, his bones were added as a third set of relics.

After the preparation of the Gregorian Water (a special mixture of water, salt, wine, and ash used only in the dedication of churches and consecration of altars), Matins in honor of the martyrs was sung by the seminarians, a dozen visiting priests, and the faithful. After a short time, the relics were moved to the crypt chapel of St. Vincent's, where they remained until the next day's consecration ceremonies.

At 9 a.m., Bishop Fellay processed from the crypt chapel to the front doors of St. Vincent's joined by about sixty clerics and seminarians, and about seven hundred faithful. Circling the building with the Gregorian Water, Fr. Scott Graves, who is assigned to St. Vincent's Priory and served as custodial deacon, allowed the bishop and faithful entrance into the church.

The Litany of the Saints was sung, invoking St. Vincent de Paul three times, and naming the martyrs whose relics would soon be entombed in the altars as well. After sprinkling the interior walls, floors, and altars with Gregorian Water, a St. Andrew's cross of black sand and ash was marked by the bishop, claiming the church for Christ. This ceremony hearkens back to the way land was claimed in the Roman Empire. A cross was made and written on it were the boundaries of the property measured from the cross. In the consecration ceremony, the Greek and Latin alphabets are used, staking Christ's claim to the church.

After a sermon, the relics were brought in procession by four priests: St. Vincent's pastor, Fr. Daniel Muscha, and former parishioners, Frs. Carl Sulzen,

Daniel Dailey, and Joseph Brauner. The clergy and bishop processed to the place of their repose in the crypt chapel, then with incense carried the relics to the main altar. From there the bishop brought each case of relics to the three altars in the main body of the church and sealed them within the stone top.

The bishop then proceeded to the twelve vitreous glass and gold mosaic crosses, designed by Fr. Ian Andrew Palko, and the two posts of the doors, and marked each with holy chrism. Following this, the altars were consecrated in honor of St. Vincent de Paul, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Joseph. They were also marked with holy chrism in five places on the top, and where the top joins the supports.

Incense was then piled upon the five crosses on each altar and enkindled. As fire burned upon the altars, all knelt to call upon the Holy Ghost to consecrate the altars and the church.

Five young men from St. Vincent de Paul Academy assisted as sacristans under Fr. Palko's direction to clean the altars, put special waxed linen cloths upon them, and then place all of the upper linen cloths, flowers, candles, and relics for the Solemn Pontifical Mass of the Consecration which followed. Prior and First Assistant, Fr. Gerard Beck, and Second Assistant, Fr. Steven McDonald, assisted the bishop at his throne. Fr. Michael Goldade was the Assistant Priest.

For the ceremony, a special cloth-of-gold antependium was completed just in time to vest the newly consecrated main altar, as is done at St. Peter's and many other churches, especially Gothic-style churches like St. Vincent's. Outside of the liturgical



Bishop Fellay places blessed mortar made from plaster and Gregorian Water into the sepulcher of the main altar before sealing it shut.

Bishop Fellay places the large stone over the sepulcher of the main altar, enclosing the relics within.







Blessed incense burns upon the newly consecrated altar as a symbol of the Holy Ghost.

ceremonies, the altar is bare, except for its top linen cloths and the veiled tabernacle, but during the ceremonies, the altar (a symbol of Christ) is vested just as the priest is. In future months, more antependia will be designed and produced for use throughout the year.

In attendance for the ceremonies were former pastors, Frs. Steven Soos and Jean Violette; former parishioners, Fr. Frank Kurtz and District Bursar Fr. Scott Gardner; seminary professors Frs. Alexander Wiseman and Michael Sheahan; St. Vincent's Academy Principal, Fr. James Trummer; and Frs. Jonathan Loop, John Jenkins, Paul-Isaac Franks, and Christopher Danel.

Pontifical Vespers of the Dedication of Churches was sung in the evening before a formal dinner at a hall north of the city, overlooking the skyline with St. Vincent's silhouette visible in the distance. A Solemn Mass in honor of St. Vincent was offered the following day by Fr. Gerard Beck and capped off with a parish picnic, ending with Second Vespers at the church.

While the newly consecrated St. Vincent's speaks to the growth of the Society and Catholic Tradition in the United States, its history speaks to the crisis in the Church and the crucial role the SSPX has played as a "lifeboat" for the Faith. In the December 2005 *Regina Coeli Report* (no. 168), a lengthy history of St. Vincent's was provided. Again, in March 2021 (no. 298), upon the completion of several significant renovation projects, the history of St. Vincent's was detailed.

After all these efforts, the work and prayers of countless faithful, and one hundred years of existence (forty-four years under the auspices of the SSPX), St. Vincent de Paul Church has inaugurated its new life as a consecrated church, the "House of God, and Gate of Heaven." *Deo gratias*!



The bishop kneels with his ministers singing the *Veni Sancte Spiritus* to call upon the Holy Ghost to descend upon the altars.



The bishop, ministers, clergy, brothers, and seminarians who attended the ceremonies after the Mass of the Consecration.





Maria Stella Maris Mission in San Pedro, CA, held a procession to Fort MacArthur following a Mass said by Fr. Daniel Dailey.

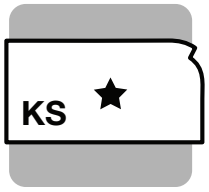


The Santa Fe Pilgrimage was held on July 19th–20th in Lyons, KS and was attended by 135 pilgrims. The westward path is thirty-three miles over gravel roads (and parts of the old Santa Fe Trail) and concludes at the Padilla Cross, dedicated to Fr. Juan de Padilla, a Spanish Franciscan priest martyred while evangelizing the Kaw Indians in November 1542, giving him the distinction of being America's Protomartyr.









Those who complete the Santa Fe Pilgrimage are given a blessed red nail to represent that which Our Lord deigned to have pierce His hands and feet for the salvation of souls.



Christ the King procession at the Immaculata, Saint Marys, KS.

First Mass of Fr. Justin, O.S.B., at the Immaculata, Saint Marys, KS.









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The Saint Marys procession is followed by the annual Christ the King Festival, with music, games, and food from around the world.

Following his talk at the Angelus Press Conference in Kansas City, Fr. Pagliarani celebrated Mass in Saint Marys and participated in the candlelight rosary procession.











Students attended the Angelus Press Conference in Kansas City, MO on Friday, October 11 from St. Vincent de Paul Academy in Kansas City, MO, St. Robert Bellarmine Academy in St. Cloud, MN, Notre Dame de La Salette Boys' Academy in Georgetown, IL, Our Lady of Sorrows in Phoenix, AZ, and Queen of Angels Academy in Dickinson, TX. Students from St. Mary's Academy, who are not pictured, were also in attendance.



On the Feast of St. Michael, September 29, 2024, St. Michael's Chapel in DePere, WI, celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Dedication of the current church, situated on the bank of the Fox River.





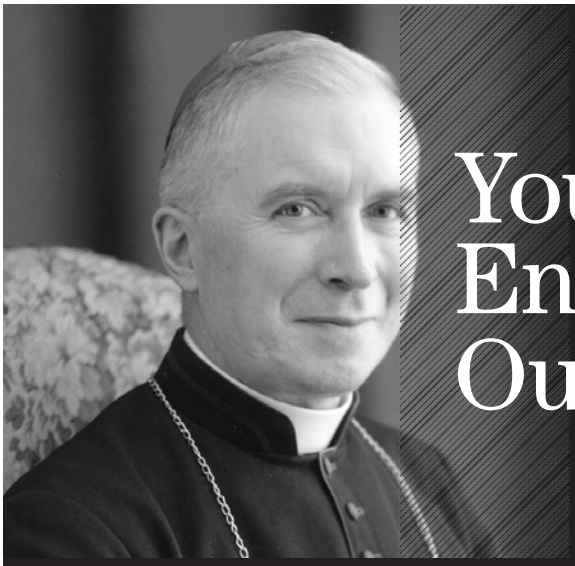


Groundbreaking took place in mid-1998, and on December 8, 1998 the cornerstone was blessed. The dedication took place on September 29th, 1999. Prior to that time, the Traditional Latin Mass was offered in a small chapel on the property, beginning as early as 1970. Fr. Hector Bolduc served the parish for many years until his death in 2012.

The SSPX now services St. Michael's Church, with Fr. Andrew Dwyer as Pastor. After the construction of the new church, the chapel was remodeled into a school building, which now houses the Our Lady of Good Success Academy.



This year's anniversary was celebrated with a pie contest!



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Men:		
Jan 13 – 18	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Jan 20 – 25	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Mar 3 – 8	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Apr 7 – 12	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Apr 28 – May 3	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Jun 16 – 21	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Sep 29 – Oct 4	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Nov 10 – 15	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Women:		
Feb 10 – 15	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Mar 10 – 15	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Mar 24 – 29	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
May 12 – 17	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
May 26 – 31	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Sep 8 – 13	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Oct 13 – 18	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Oct 20 – 25	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Dec 15 – 20	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT

Dates subject to change. For more information please contact:
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Mass Stipends

The U.S. District is unable to accept any Mass stipends at this time. If you wish to have a Mass offered, we ask that you contact your local pastor or individual priest to arrange it. An announcement will be published at a future time when we have caught up sufficiently on our waiting list and are able to again receive Mass requests. Thank you for your understanding.

Eucharistic Crusade

Monthly Intentions

December: To help our parents, and to thank them

Grant us, O Lord Jesus, faithfully to imitate the examples of thy Holy Family, so that in the hour of our death, in the company of thy glorious Virgin Mother and St. Joseph, we may deserve to be received by Thee into eternal tabernacles.

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International Pilgrimages

Holy Land & Jordan Pilgrimage — **January 6 - 17, 2025**

Visit Amman, Petra, Mount Nebo, Madaba, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Mount Carmel, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Magdala, Capharnaum, Ein Karem, Caves of Qumran, the Dead Sea, and more. Accompanied by Fr. Thomas Asher.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome, Pompeii, and the Amalfi Coast — **April 22 - May 3, 2025**

Celebrate the Jubilee Year by spending 5 nights in Rome. Also visit Montecassino, Pompeii, the Amalfi Coast, Subiaco, Assisi, Genazzano, and more! Accompanied by Fr. David Thomas.

Paris & the Chartres Pilgrimage — **June 3 - 10, 2025**

Spend two nights in Paris visiting the main sites; then journey to Chartres join pilgrims from all over the world on the annual 3-day SSPX walk from Chartres to Paris, with two overnights in camping tents. Accompanied by an SSPX priest.

Sword of St. Michael (Sequel) - Rome, Greece, Holy Land — **June 9-20, 2025**

Visit the last three shrines along the mysterious geographic line called the "Sword of Saint Michael" in Italy, Greece, and the Holy Land. Accompanied by Fr. Luke Washicko.

Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage to Rome, Florence, and Assisi — **June 16 - 27, 2025**

Calling all youth for the Jubilee Year in Rome! Spend seven nights in Rome visiting the main sites. Also visit Florence, Assisi, and Genazzano. For youth between 18 and 35 years old. Accompanied by Fr. Patrick Mackin.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy including the SSPX International Pilgrimage in Rome — **August 11 - 23, 2025**

Participate in the SSPX international pilgrimage to Rome on August 19, 20, and 21, 2025! Visit Rome during the Jubilee Year and tour the main sites. Also visit Florence and Assisi. Accompanied by Fr. Michael Goldade.

Marian Shrines of Central Europe — **October 20 - 31, 2025**

Visit the Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia, and Italy. Render homage to the Holy Infant of Prague, Our Lady of Mariazell, St. Clement Mary Hofbauer, St. Wenceslaus, St. Mark, and many more! Accompanied by Fr. John Jenkins.

Christmas Markets of France and Germany — **December 9 - 17, 2025**

Enjoy the breathtaking winter scenery of Eastern France and Western Germany, as you visit enchanting towns and shop at their incredible Christmas markets! Accompanied by an SSPX priest.

New Year's Eve Youth Pilgrimage to Mexico City — **Dec 29 - Jan 3, 2026**

Ring in the New Year with Our Lady of Guadalupe and fellow youth visiting Mexico City, including the Basilica of Guadalupe, Teotihuacan, and the Cristeros. For youth between 18 and 35 years old. Accompanied by an SSPX priest.

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