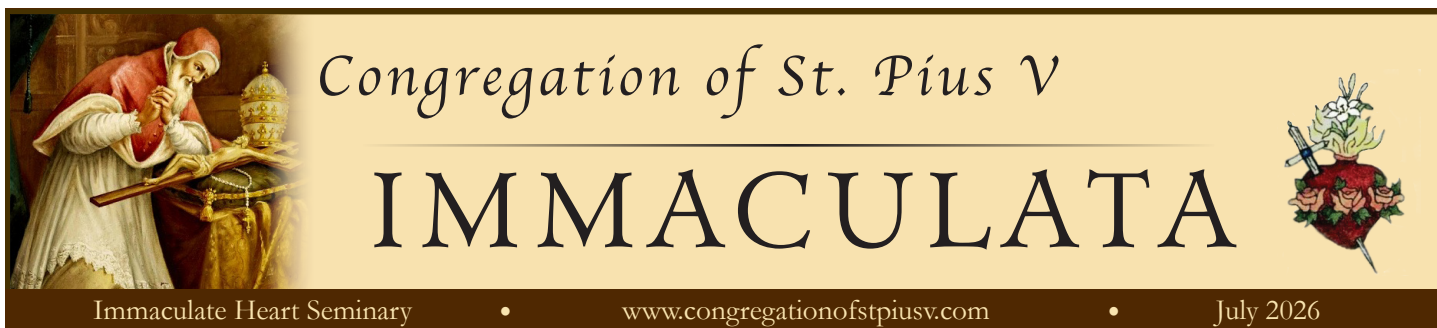




Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Although classes are not in session during the summer months, life at the seminary remains quite busy. Our seminarians and brothers devote themselves to maintaining the property and carrying out various landscaping and improvement projects, while the priests continue to travel the mission circuits on weekends. They also prepare their courses for the coming academic year and assist the Sisters with summer catechism classes throughout the country.

This summer the priests assisted with catechism classes in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, Florida, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, and California. They also helped with the annual St. Thomas Aquinas Summer Camp in Ohio. In addition to teaching the Faith, they offered Holy Mass, administered the Sacraments, instructed altar servers, visited classrooms, and gave parish conferences. It is always a great blessing to assist with these catechism programs. They not only strengthen the Faith of our young people



*Instructing the Children
in Traverse City, Michigan*



*Rosary Before the Blessed Sacrament
in Mankato, Minnesota*



*Explaining the Communion Call Set
in Chicago, Illinois*



*Teaching the Children About the Sacred Heart
in San Jose, California*

but also provide a valuable opportunity to encourage vocations to the priesthood and brotherhood throughout our missions.

Please continue to pray and sacrifice for vocations. The future of our missions and chapels throughout the United States depends, under God's providence, upon the generous response of young men to Our Lord's call to the priesthood and religious life. The encouragement of Catholic parents is also of the utmost importance in their children answering the call. In his encyclical *On the Catholic Priesthood*, Pope Pius XI wrote that even good people are often too attached to the material things of this world to follow a religious vocation. He was not referring to sinful pleasures, but rather to legitimate comforts and possessions that can

subtly occupy the heart and make it more difficult to respond generously to God's call. Sadly, this temptation seems even greater today. Many young people spend countless hours absorbed with their cell phones, tablets, computers, and other forms of entertainment. While these things are not evil in themselves, they can easily fill the mind and heart with distractions and lead a person away from God.

To help our young people respond generously to God's grace, please join us each day in praying and making small sacrifices that the Immaculate Heart of Mary may inspire our Catholic parents and young men with a true spirit of detachment from the passing things of this world and a selfless love for God.

We are truly grateful for your prayers and continued support. Please know that we remember you each day in our Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament and in a special Mass offered each week for our friends and benefactors. May God reward your generosity and bless you abundantly!

In the Sacred Heart,

+James Carroll, C.S.B.V

The Most Reverend James Carroll, C.S.P.V



Summer Camp in Mount Orab, Ohio