

# **Adsum**

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## LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

It is with great joy and profound thanksgiving that this issue of the seminary newsletter contains the photos of the priestly ordinations of Fr. Martin Sentman, CMRI (Michigan), Fr. Noah Ellis (Kentucky), Fr. Franz Trauner and Fr. Leopold Trauner (Austria).

On this occasion 31 priests (from across the United States and from Italy, Germany, Scotland, Mexico, and Canada) were present to assist at the Solemn Pontifical Mass and several hundred Catholic faithful.

For the ordination Mass and for each of the newly ordained priests' First Solemn High Masses, there were combined choirs from multiple parishes from around the country. Needless to say, the singing was

absolutely magnificent!

The theme for the sermon at the ordination Mass was that our newly ordained priests should pattern their priesthood after the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Who exclaimed, "Learn of Me, for I am meek and humble of Heart!" Their goal should be to imitate the Good Shepherd and to work tirelessly for the salvation of souls—souls redeemed by the Precious Blood of Jesus. Priests continue the work and mission of Our Lord here on earth and they act in the Person of Christ. How beautifully Our Lord expressed this after His Resurrection when He appeared to His Apostles and proclaimed: "Peace be to you! As the Father has sent Me, I send you!" (John 20)

With my prayers and blessing,  
Most Rev. Mark A. Pivarunas, CMRI







*The Litany of the Saints...  
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bless, sanctify, and  
consecrate these elect. We beseech Thee, hear us.*



*The imposition of hands:  
the matter of the Sacrament of Holy Orders*



*Vouchsafe, O Lord, to consecrate and sanctify these  
hands by this unction, and by our blessing.*



*Receive the power to offer sacrifice to God and to  
celebrate Mass, as well for the living as for the dead,  
in the name of the Lord*





*The newly ordained priests  
concelebrate the Mass with the Bishop*



*Receive the Holy Ghost;  
whose sins you forgive they are forgiven them; and  
whose sins you retain they are retained.*



*The newly ordained priests with the Bishop and clergy*



# *Outlines of Moral Theology*

*by Very Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., S.T.D., LL.D., L.H.D.*

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## SANCTIFICATION OF SUNDAYS AND HOLYDAYS

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There are two obligations imposed by the Church for the proper sanctification of Sundays and holydays—abstention from servile work and attendance at Mass. It is not easy to define exactly what is servile work, though, generally speaking, it is that which is done with the hands, and with a certain amount of hard labor, such as farm work, carpentry, tailoring, and sewing, etc. It is to be noted that even when one wishes to perform such labor as a means of recreation, it does not justify the performance. On the other hand, liberal works (e.g., writing, embroidery work, painting a picture, typing, photography) and mixed works (driving a car, athletic sports, hunting, fishing with a rod and line) are allowed. If a person devoted about two and one half hours or more to servile work (three hours if it is light, such as tending a garden) without sufficient reason, he would be guilty of mortal sin. Even if one is paid for liberal and mixed works, he is allowed to perform them.

The law of the Church also forbids on Sundays and holydays of obligation forensic works (conducting court), public markets, and bazaars, buying and selling in a public fashion.

Causes which excuse one from this obligation are custom (e.g., ice-cream and soda stands in the United States), a reason of piety (e.g., ringing church bells, laying out and putting away vestments), public necessity (e.g., cooking, taking in hay to protect it from a storm, work that will enable a poor man to get considerable extra pay on Sunday). But work that can be put off should not be done on Sunday or a holyday (e.g., washing windows, fixing the car, etc.). Generally speaking there is a tendency nowadays to forget this law of the Church among Catholics, and return to better observance is desirable.

A pastor can dispense individuals or individual families of his parish (and even visitors when they are actually in the parish) from this law, and a bishop has the same power in his diocese. The superior of an exempt clerical religious order has the same power in respect to those under his jurisdiction, as also the rector of a seminary with respect to all who live in the seminary. But other religious superiors have no such ordinary power of dispensing.

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