

SAINT GREGORY SOCIETY

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New Haven

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✠ *Society Marks Milestone 20th Year with Concluding Patronal Celebration*

On Sunday, November 12, 2006 the Saint Gregory Society will conclude the yearlong celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of its foundation and the return of the Traditional Latin Mass to the New Haven community. A Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered in honor of our patron, Pope Saint Gregory the Great, at the Sacred Heart Church in New Haven at 2:00 in the afternoon. The music of the liturgy sung by the Society's renowned Schola Cantorum will include G. Pierluigi da Palestrina's *Missa Aeterna Christi munera* and motets by William Byrd and Tomás Luis de Victoria. Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will conclude the ceremony.

Our anniversary celebration provides an opportunity for us to call to mind God's many blessings upon our association and His priceless gift to humanity of the liturgical patrimony of Christian civilization. Who would have imagined in the years immediately preceding (and immediately following) the papal indult in 1984, that the past two decades would witness the return of the Latin Mass as the center of one of the fastest-growing and most vibrant movements in the Church today?

As we enter our third decade, our Society's members and friends have much cause to rejoice along with all who are committed to the ageless verities of the Catholic Faith and are devoted to the Church's venerable Liturgy. Throughout the world we note a return to the traditional liturgy. The number of bishops responding positively to the exhortation of Pope John Paul II in the motu proprio *Ecclesia Dei adflicta*, requesting a wide and generous granting of requests for the traditional rites, continues to grow. Thus in recent years we have observed a steady increase in the number of churches, monasteries, and chapels where the ancient liturgy is celebrated regularly, if not exclusively. The priestly foundations and seminaries committed to a sacramental life centered on the Latin Mass and sacraments in the context of the traditional seminary formation are experiencing a flood of vocations. Far from being a backward-looking, nostalgic phenomenon, the traditionalist movement exhibits a great attraction to youth everywhere.

Our own organization may take special pride in its contribution to this movement of Catholic reform and restoration. The regular celebration of the traditional liturgy in our community for twenty years has brought back numerous disedified faithful and has attracted many new adherents to the rites of the Church in their age-old form who are now firmly

committed to the fullness of Catholic Tradition. Today, more than ever, this troubled world needs the inspiration and consolation offered by the timeless prayer of the Church offered in her classical Roman liturgy. Especially in the last few years, when the West has been faced with the challenge of criticism by other cultural and religious communities for its materialism, hedonism, and unbridled secularism, reflective souls may find a source of strength and enlightenment in the roots of our Christian tradition that also provides a sure criterion for self-criticism. In assisting at the traditional Mass of our forefathers, the souls of the faithful are lifted at once out of the banal and distracted state of modern secular life and are

transported to the timeless dimension of the sacred and, to each soul thus given the wings of faith, the spiritual equilibrium of the whole person is thereby restored.

We are gratified that the Saint Gregory Society now enjoys an international reputation at the forefront of this movement for its work in preserving and promoting the rich legacy of our Catholic heritage. Our publications and recordings have been shipped worldwide, and individuals access our website from all over the globe. Many have made a point of making a "pilgrimage" to Sacred Heart Church to attend the Latin Mass, and our annual anniversary celebrations have become a "tradition among traditionalists" throughout the Northeast. Once again we invite all who value the priceless legacy of Catholic

tradition and culture to join with the members of our Society as we celebrate this joyous occasion with thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings upon our apostolate. In a world of great conflict and disquietude, we as Christians should avail ourselves of the solace afforded by the ageless rites of the Church in their abiding witness to Eternity.

✠ *A Salute to Deacon Brunnell*

Almost since the beginning of the St. Gregory Society's apostolate at Sacred Heart in 1986, one local cleric has been an interested, active and enthusiastic member—Deacon Robert Brunnell of New Haven. Over the years Brunnell has exercised his office as an ordained permanent deacon in the celebration of Solemn Mass more than any member of the clergy on the society's rolls.

One of the first permanent deacons ordained by the Archdiocese of Hartford in the early 1970s, Brunnell's roots in the church go back to his youth and his interest in the priestly life. He was accepted as a postulant



MATTHIAS STOM, Dutch, 17th c., "The Ecstasy of St. Gregory the Great"

O God, who didst bestow upon the soul of Thy servant Gregory the rewards of eternal happiness; mercifully grant that we, who are oppressed by the weight of our sins, may be relieved through his intercession. Collect of the Day: Feast of St. Gregory the Great

✦ *How YOU Can Help!*

It is only slightly less of a challenge gracefully to ask for help than it is adequately to thank those who give it. Yet both must be met if we are to prevail in our noble mission of promoting the traditional Liturgy in our community. We therefore urge you to read carefully the letter that accompanies this Newsletter and consider making your contribution to our effort in the following ways:

1. Offer your prayers in thanksgiving for having the traditional Liturgy once again available in our community.
2. Write to your bishop to thank him for responding generously to the request of the faithful in their "rightful aspiration" of having recourse to the older observances in their lives as Christians.

3. Attend the Latin Mass at Sacred Heart Church in New Haven whenever you can—at least once a month if possible. We know that this is a sacrifice under the circumstances of location and time, but it is an act of witness to heaven and earth of your commitment.

4. Join the enrolled Members of the Society for this year, and through your contribution help to ensure that we may continue to promote the traditional Liturgy in our area and throughout the world.

5. Consider offering your time and talent. We rejoice in the addition of several younger members to our Executive Committee, but we need the help of more who will ensure that our work will continue into the future. If you would like to be more closely involved in our apostolate, please call (203) 624-2751.

SAINT GREGORY SOCIETY—ENROLLED MEMBERS 2005: FINAL ROSTER

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PLEASE NOTE: Because of constraints on the time of the Officers of the Society, we were unable to publish a Spring issue of the Newsletter this year with the first call for 2006 membership enrollments. Nevertheless, a number of individuals on their own initiative have sent in membership renewals for calendar year 2006. We list them below with our heartfelt thanks, and hope that our other past members will now join them in helping to keep the Latin Mass "alive and well" in our community and the world by making use of the enclosed cards to join or renew their membership in the Society.

ENROLLED MEMBERS 2006 TO DATE

(The final categorized roster will appear in the Spring 2007 issue of this Newsletter.)

Ms. Alexandra Baldwin
Ms. Nadyne Capone
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Mr. William Riccio, Jr.
Ms. Lee Ryan
Mr. René Sawyer IV
Ms. Martha Sullivan
Mr. Britt Wheeler

Membership in the Saint Gregory Society is for one calendar year, January-December, and is tax-deductible. We apologize for any mistake or omission in this roster. If you contributed during 2005 and your name is missing or misprinted, please send a note to: Treasurer, St. Gregory Society, P.O. Box 891, New Haven, CT 06504 so that we may correct it in the next issue of this Newsletter.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS *from the Saint Gregory Society*

We bring you this season a selection of gift items that in the dignity of their simplicity and timelessness of their message make a strong statement about our Catholic Faith and the role of traditional beliefs and practices in our lives. Surely there are among your family and friends those who will observe Christmas 2006 with added devotion because you reminded them of the Gift that is Eternal.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

A handsome graphic chosen from an antique Missal. Unique in the inclusion of a Latin text from the Liturgy (with English translation). Further description at right.
#C-206, pkg. of 10, \$12.00

An ASSORTMENT of Christmas cards featuring designs from past years. #C-231, pkg. of 10, \$12.00

CD's & CASSETTES

Comparable to the finest European cathedral choirs, the Schola Cantorum of the St. Gregory Society is dedicated to the performance of Gregorian plainsong and sacred polyphony for the Traditional Liturgy. Included with these recordings are the complete liturgical texts along with notes on the music and the Society. "...when it comes to recording the Traditional Mass, the Saint Gregory Society puts the United States at the top of the world league." Michael Davies, *The Remnant*

Solemn Mass of Pentecost. Described by critic Jerome Weber in *Fanfare* magazine as "a disc unbelievably fine." Schola performs Palestrina's *Missa Dum compleretur* and the proper Gregorian chants. 60 min. CD: #R-301, \$16.00; Cassette: #R-201, \$10.00

Solemn Mass of Christmas Day. Hailed by Michael Davies in *The Remnant* as "a superb, no, I must say sublime, recording." Features *Missa O magnum mysterium* & two motets by Palestrina and chants of the Mass. 74 min.
CD: #R-304, \$16.00; Cassette: #R-204, \$10.00

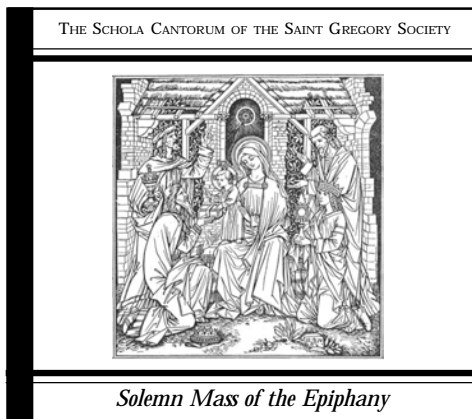
Solemn Mass of Corpus Christi. Presents *Missa Pange lingua* & two motets by Franco-Flemish master Josquin DesPrez along with chants for the "Feast or Our Faith." Praised in the *American Record Guide* for "choral renditions, beautifully flowing and lucid of Josquin's music...a program of some handsome choral singing in both polyphonic and chant music." 76 min. CD: #R-305, \$16.00; Cassette: #R-205, \$10.00

Solemn Mass of The Assumption of Our Lady Tomás Luis de Victoria's brilliant *Missa Gaudeamus* & two motets along with the chant proper *Gaudeamus omnes*. Craig Zeichner in *Early Music America* wrote, "The men of the Schola Cantorum intone the chant magnificently. The full choir...sings the polyphony with a clarity that doesn't compromise grandeur." 67 min.
CD: #R-306, \$16.00; Cassette: #R-206, \$10.00

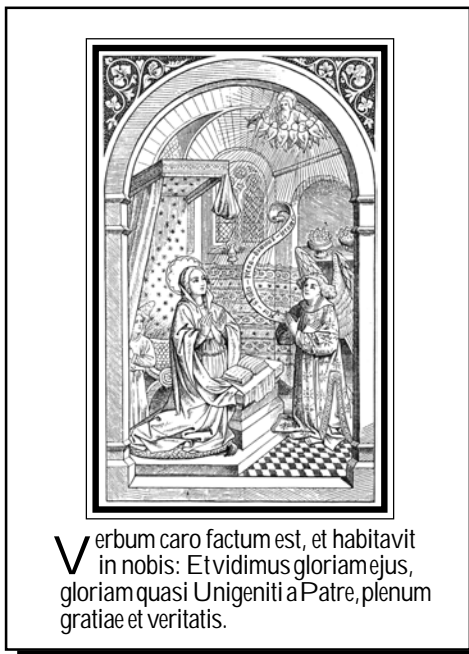
Solemn Mass of Easter Day Palestrina's radiant *Missa Regina caeli* & two motets by Renaissance French masters Philippe de Verdelot and Mathieu Gascogne, along with the chant proper *Resurexi*. Jacques Dhaussy in *Una Voce/France* wrote, "By just listening one is enveloped in an atmosphere of prayer and of profound devotion." 70 min.
CD: #R-307, \$16.00; Cassette: #R-207, \$10.00

Our Latest Recording—an ideal Christmas gift!

We recommend to you for the coming holiday season the latest in our series of recordings: *Solemn Mass of the Epiphany*. Along with the proper Gregorian chants for this beloved feast celebrated on the twelfth day of Christmas, the music for this festive service includes Renaissance master Orlando di Lasso's sumptuous *Missa Bell' Amfitrit' altera* for double choir and motets by Palestrina and Lasso—all performed by the world-renowned Schola Cantorum of the Saint Gregory Society in honor of the King of kings. This recording will make a truly unique and memorable Christmas gift. 64 minutes.



CD: #R-308, \$16.00;
Cassette: #R-208, \$10.00



Christmas Card for 2006

Printed on fine cream-colored stock with crimson border, these cards call to the attention of the recipient the timeless beauty of the Traditional Liturgy during the season of Christmas. Liturgical text: "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. And we say His glory, glory as of the Only-Begotten of the Father, full of grace and of truth."

16TH ANNIVERSARY VIDEO

Archival video of the *Solemn Votive Mass of Saint Gregory the Great and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament* celebrated in February 2001. Music includes Lasso's *Missa Bell' Amfitrit' altera* for double choir, motets by Palestrina and Victoria, and Benediction hymns. An inspiring document of the living tradition of the Church's classical liturgy. 100 minutes. VHS: #V-101, \$20.00

2007 LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Most complete and accurate Calendar available for the Traditional Liturgy according to the 1962 *Roman Missal*. For each day this calendar gives the liturgy appointed, its class and liturgical color, and commemorations and information as to the traditional schedule of fast and abstinence. Printed with an inspiring print from an old missal for each month.
#LC-2007, \$12.00

NOTE CARDS

An assortment of cards bearing Catholic images (IHS in a quatrefoil, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and angels holding an emblem *Benedictus sit Deus*). Suitable for First Holy Communion & Confirmation as well as for expressions of sympathy or encouragement. #N-110, pkg. of 10, \$12.00

MASS CARDS

The image of a ciborium and Host on the outside, an announcement of the offering of the Holy Sacrifice the inside of the card. Provision made for entering specific Mass intention. #M-121, pkg. of 10, \$12.00

About the St. Gregory Society

A lay Catholic Association founded in 1985 to promote the local celebration of the Traditional Latin (Tridentine) Mass, the St. Gregory Society has earned a distinguished reputation for attention to liturgical ceremonial and excellence in sacred music at Sacred

Heart Church in New Haven, Conn. For further information call (203) 624-2751.

ORDER FORM

- #C-205, Christmass Card '06 (pkg. of 10) @ \$12.00
- #C-231, Assorted Xmas Cards (pkg. of 10) @ \$12.00
- #N-110, Note Cards (pkg. of 10) @ \$12.00
- #M-121, Mass Cards (pkg. of 10) @ \$12.00
- #LC-2007, Liturgical Calendar @ \$10.00
- #R-301, Pentecost Compact Disc @ \$16.00
- #R-304, Christmas Compact Disc @ \$16.00
- #R-305, Corpus Christi CD @ \$16.00
- #R-306, Assumption CD @ \$16.00
- #R-307, Easter CD @ \$16.00
- #R-308, Epiphany CD @ \$16.00
- #R-201, Pentecost Cassette @ \$10.00
- #R-204, Christmas Cassette @ \$10.00
- #R-205, Corpus Christi Cassette @ \$10.00
- #R-206, Assumption Cassette @ \$10.00
- #R-207, Easter Cassette @ \$10.00
- #R-208, Epiphany Cassette @ \$10.00
- #V-101, Anniversary Video @ \$20.00

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Total Amount Enclosed: _____

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8 September 2006

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Dear Members and Friends of the Saint Gregory Society,

This milestone 20th year of our association offers an occasion both to reflect upon the accomplishments of the past two decades and to consider the future focus of our mission. With profound gratitude to Almighty God for His many blessings upon our apostolate, we can look back with pride on all that we have accomplished together through our prayers, sacrifices, financial support, and hard work. We call to mind some of the principal achievements of our Society since the successful petition to the archbishop of Hartford in 1985 for the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass in New Haven:

- Regular celebration of the Latin Mass at the Sacred Heart Church on all Sundays and Holydays.
- The foundation of the Schola Cantorum to provide the worthy musical accompaniment to the Sacred Liturgy. The choir now enjoys an international reputation for its performances of the masterworks of sacred choral polyphony and plainsong, represented by a distinguished series of professional recordings for the major festivals of the church year in the ancient Latin rite.
- The important educational programs of the Society, including the instruction of many priests in the ceremonies of the traditional rite and training of many young people and adults as altar servers, as well as the instruction of many church musicians in the performance of the classic liturgical repertory of polyphony and Gregorian chant.
- Production of an exceptional record of publications to educate and inspire, including the annual Liturgical Calendar for the guidance of clergy and faithful who adhere to the traditional Latin rite—the most accurate and detailed of its kind currently available.
- An extensive library of liturgical and religious books and music, mostly comprised of out-of-print or rare titles, and a sizeable collection of traditional vestments and other furnishings.
- A website visited by thousands around the world, linked to a network of other traditionalist organizations. During the last month alone there were more than 1,800 visits to our site!

It is obvious that these contributions of the Society to a thriving traditionalist movement would not exist without your generous support. However, as the scope and cost of our activities increase, their continuation can by no means be assured without the support of a vigorous membership.

We realize we are late in soliciting memberships for the current calendar year. We nevertheless urge you to consider thoughtfully and prayerfully the importance for your life of the work of the Society and to join those who have already on their own initiative renewed their membership for 2006 by reenrolling or becoming a new member today. We hope you will be generous in your response—perhaps upgrading your membership category as an outward gesture of support. The support of members is especially timely as we prepare to replenish our supplies of sales items in readiness for our holiday sales campaign—all a means to the end of ensuring the continuance of traditional Catholic worship in the New Haven area and the of the Saint Gregory Society! We thank you for your support.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

The Officers of the Society

DIRECTIONS TO SACRED HEART CHURCH:

I-91 to Exit 1 (Downtown New Haven) or I-95 to Exit 47 (Downtown New Haven); take Exit 1 (Church Street); turn left at light onto Church Street South; at the third light turn right onto Columbus Avenue; continue past church into parking lot on left.

KEEP IN TOUCH ONLINE

please, PLEASE, PLEASE ! . . .

SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS so that we can send you up-to-date information on the Mass schedule at Sacred Heart Church, special events, programs of music planned for the liturgy, and other news.

Send to: **saintgregorysociety@gmail.com**

We faithfully promise not to release your e-mail address to any other organization or individual.

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Visit the our newly updated website on the Internet at: **www.saint-gregory.org**

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Attend the Latin Mass Regularly:

Sundays at 2:00 P.M.
Sacred Heart Church, New Haven
Columbus Avenue at Liberty Street

For your holiday shopping . . .

We recommend to you our Society's publications as particularly appropriate gifts at Christmas time. These items are not only enjoyable and useful in themselves but also are a reminder of the many gifts of our Faith.

May we especially recommend...

- ✘ Our distinctive Christmas card for 2006
- ✘ 2007 Liturgical calendar
- ✘ Our latest recording: *Solemn Mass of the Epiphany*

See the back of the enclosed Newsletter for a complete listing of our publications with convenient coupon for ordering.

Plan to attend...

Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving
in honor of Pope St. Gregory the Great
*on the occasion of the Twentieth Anniversary of the
Saint Gregory Society*

Sunday, 12 November 2006, at 2:00 p.m

SACRED HEART CHURCH
190 Columbus Avenue at Liberty Street, New Haven

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Music to be performed by the Schola Cantorum of the Saint Gregory Society will include Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's Missa Aeterna Christi munera, motets by Tomás Luis de Victoria and William Byrd, and the proper Gregorian Chants.