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FROM BISHOP DOLAN

My dear Friends,

Catholic Press Month used to be observed in winter, during the month of February, whose first days fall just after the Church keeps the feast of St. Francis de Sales, Patron of Catholic Writers. However, I have some summertime thoughts about what passes for the Catholic Press today.

The other day one of our faithful left the June issue of the *Catholic Family News* on the sacristy press with the note: “Father – this is depressing!” Well, yes, of course it is depressing. Its sly combination of truth and error leads lovers of Catholic truth into error, month after month. Of course it is depressing to be faced with confusion, a maze of fact and fiction with no exit sign in sight. You simply can’t depend on publications like the *Remnant*, the *Angelus*, or *Catholic Family News*, to provide the facts, much less give you the Faith. You see, they must package falsehood with facts in order to maintain the myths they have so long propagated. Such publications are, indeed, “a hopeless morass of ignorance and superstition.” Depressing, yes, but worse than that, they are an occasion of sin against the faith. Why waste your time or money on them?

Send a little something to Bishop Sanborn for his seminary, and receive in return, his excellent newsletter, full of trenchant observations on the news of the day, as well as cheering updates on the seminary and its work.

The “sedevacantist” publication, *The Four Marks* is certainly deserving of our support, as is Fr. Vaillancourt’s *The Catholic Voice*, which is sent free of charge upon request four times a year. This latter is a good one to pass along to your conservative Novus Ordo friends, it is geared to lead just such souls to the truth. The *Reign of Mary* is always full of excellent articles and worth a read.

For pure spiritual reading, beautifully printed and illustrated, you could not do better than the publication *Behold Thy Mother* that is well worth its annual subscription.



Bishop Dolan smiles with Fr. Vaillancourt and Father Kasik after confirming in Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Spokane, Washington.

Our own Newsletter comes to you because you have supported us and our apostolate in the past. Please continue to do so.

We are proud of our students at St. Gertrude the Great, who have recently produced an excellent newsletter, *Retribuam*, under the guidance of our writers’ guild The Scribes of St. Francis de Sales.

Finally, our Sunday Bulletin is full of spiritual reading, news and commentary, as well as prayers and poetry each week. You may access it on line at sgg.org and click on the *download the bulletin* button.

These long days of summer offer most of us some chance for rest, and are made for reading, as is the Lord’s Day. Do you read? Remember, there is only time to read the best!

Thank you for supporting our writing by reading it. Pray for us. Now back to reading!

Yours in St. Francis de Sales,

— Most Rev. Daniel L. Dolan



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June saw the conclusion of our academic year at St. Gertrude the Great School as well as the graduation of two high school seniors. Our two graduates pose with His Excellency at the reception held following the high Mass and graduation ceremonies on Sunday, June fifteenth.



After many years of hoping to have the opportunity, Bishop Dolan was finally able to host a blessing of St. John's Bonfire on the Vigil of the Nativity of the Precursor of Our Lord, June twenty-third. Following a well attended evening Mass and Vespers, a parish barbecue, games and socializing, the evening was highlighted by the blessing of the bonfire in honor of St. John the Baptist. True to the traditions handed down over centuries, poetry, songs, a marshmallow roast (our contribution to tradition!) added to the festivities. The recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary concluded the evening. Quite a wonderful time was had by all on that perfect summer eve.

