

Tridentine Community News

September 21, 2014 – Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Canadian Shrines Bus Tour Report

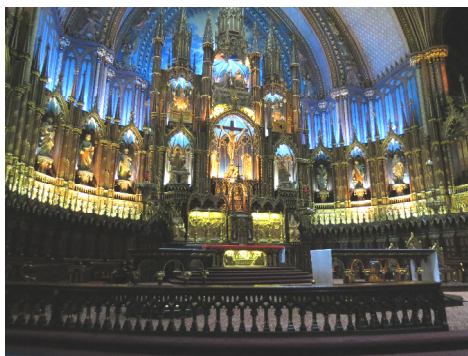
Ground was broken once again by the intrepid Mike Semaan, as his Prayer Pilgrimages bus tour operation brought the Tridentine Mass back to three landmark historic churches for the first time since the liturgical reforms of 1970, as part of his September 8-12 bus tour to historic shrines in Canada.

Monday was spent visiting churches in Ottawa. On Tuesday morning we went to Montreal's St. Joseph Oratory, Saint Brother André Bessette's church. This enormous edifice sits atop a hill. The faithful enter on the base level, where a crypt church seating around 800 welcomed our group for our first Extraordinary Form Mass. Saint Brother André's tomb is outside the crypt, in a chapel filled with devotional shrines and hundreds if not thousands of votive candles. A network of escalators leads to the main upper church, which has been redecorated in a rather unfortunate abstract modern style. Later we visited Mary Queen of the World Basilica (Cathedral), modeled after St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.



Wednesday began with a visit to the architecturally stunning Notre Dame Basilica in Montreal. A Tridentine Mass was celebrated in the Sacred Heart Chapel [pictured], as the throngs of tourists make it impossible

to have Mass at the magnificent main altar [pictured] during the week. The sacristy [pictured below] was one of the largest and most elaborate this writer has ever seen, with an atmosphere reminiscent of a formal dining room.



itself would be able to raise from the Sunday collection.

The Basilica must charge admission to all tourists, because they only have between 100-300 people attending Sunday Mass. Maintaining such a glorious building obviously requires substantial revenue beyond what the parish

Later Wednesday we visited St. Patrick's Basilica, the historically Irish church in downtown Montreal. St. Patrick's is known for hosting a longstanding Latin Mass in the Ordinary Form.

Thursday we travelled to Quebec City. The first stop was the



Ursuline Sisters' Chapel [pictured] and Museum. The museum is a detailed look at the Ursuline religious life and the evolution of the adjoining girls' school over the centuries. Mass in the Ordinary Form was held at Quebec's ornate Notre Dame Basilica (Cathedral), where pilgrims could gain a Plenary Indulgence by walking through North America's only Holy Door.

Friday began with a Tridentine Mass at the Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré. This massive church has numerous chapels; our Mass was held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel [pictured], right after the daily Mass



which is televised from that chapel. The cavernous upper level of the shrine [pictured] contains a baldacchino-surmounted high altar and countless side altars, several in an ambulatory which runs behind and around the main sanctuary.



Special thanks to Fr. Louis Madey for celebrating all of the Tridentine Masses on this pilgrimage, and to veteran server John Tome for assisting at the altar.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 09/22 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Joseph* (St. Thomas of Villanova, Bishop & Confessor)

Tue. 09/23 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Benedict/Assumption-Windsor* (St. Linus, Pope & Martyr)

Fri. 09/26 7:00 PM: High Mass at *St. James, Novi* (Ember Friday) - Dinner for young adults age 18-35 follows Mass, organized by Juventútem Michigan

Sun. 09/28 12:00 Noon: High Mass at *St. Albertus* (Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost)