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From the Rector

The past month has provided needed rest of both body and mind for our staff members. All the teachers have had some vacation time. In addition, both Father Anthony and I have enjoyed our annual 3-day retreat, as required by our Holy Rule. A retreat is such a refreshing time of quiet reflection and prayer – a reminder that our primary task is to sanctify our own soul. For it is only by living as good religious and priests that we can then be used as instruments by God for the well-being of other souls.

In this issue of *The Guardian* we bring you 2 articles written by seminarians during the final week of school in early June. As you know from last month's issue, the final couple weeks of school were busy with the annual camping trip and our various liturgical ceremonies and processions. You will find in this issue an expanded photo spread of these events.

The month of July, which is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, will feature the annual Boys Camp, to be held this year during the last week of the month. Several priests, as well as several seminarians from the major seminary, will join us to assist with this year's camp. Already, more than 30 boys have signed up, so

you can look forward to a report in next month's issue of the events of the camp.

And so the summer goes by quickly. Soon, we will open our doors once again to high school-aged boys for another year of classes at the minor seminary. We ask your continued prayers for the success of this endeavor, that many young men will heed the call of Christ to "Come, follow Me." May God bless you and your loved ones.

— Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI

It Will All End

by Mark Vincent, gr. 11

We were passing through the city of Sandpoint after having driven over an hour, and we still did not know where we should set up camp. We were thinking about camping somewhere around Lake Pend Oreille. So we continued driving, looking all the while for national forests. As we observed our surroundings, we caught sight of a national forest access leading to a road called Trestle Creek. This sounded like a good option, so we decided to try it. It was a long road, but as we neared the destination, we were told there was a pack-it-in, pack-it-out camping site. So we drove on a bit longer till we found it. This place turned out to be a very good

spot, having a nearby river to enjoy. Here we chose to spend the first night of our camping trip.

The next morning, we found rain in the air with signs of oncoming sunshine. Being in the same spot for a while can make the surroundings boring, so we decided to move on and look for a place full of new adventure. We were thinking about something close, but we all agreed that we would like to go over the Idaho border into Montana, where we might find a good place to spend our second night. The drive was about an hour long, and by the time we got out of the Suburban, we discovered that we had found a very good campsite which was out in the middle of nowhere and with lots of open space. Robert and I thought it a good idea to get out and throw the football because of the ideal setup. In the meantime, Ben and Clayton were off hunting small game. We had a lot of fun exploring the area and even saw a few young bucks run right through camp. It was very private, so the game were used to running through the area. That night, we got plenty of sleep, and the better news was that it didn't rain.

We started off the final stretch of the trip by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and a hearty breakfast.

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The procession winds along the path among the trees.



A pause is made in the Corpus Christi procession to recite devotions to the Sacred Heart at the outdoor altar.



Benediction was given at each of the outdoor altars.



On the feast of Mary's Queenship, 2 of the seminarians joined other parishioners in making the Act of Total Consecration for the first time.



The faithful kneel around one of the outdoor altars, in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Our Lady's statue was adorned with a splendid crown of flowers for her feastday.



Benediction was given after the First Saturday Holy Hour on June 4.



Clayton leads the procession into the church for the Graduation ceremony.



The bishop kneels in prayers before the altar, prior to the Graduation ceremony.



At the outdoor shrine we paused the procession to place flowers before Our Lady's statue.



Father Anthony assists the bishop at the Mass of Confirmation.



Our 2 graduates pose with the bishop and priests after Mass.



Our procession in honor of Mary's Queenship leaves the church as we recite the Rosary.

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Directly after, we packed up and drove two hours back to the seminary where we had our late lunch up in the forest. We were reminded after all the fun that everything comes to an end at some point. Every day ends and also fun. So too, life will someday end. Let us prepare well for our eternity!

A King to be Honored

by Benedict Pulliam, gr. 9

This year's Corpus Christi procession was one of great magnificence. The paths and shrines were very beautiful and definitely honorable to Our Lord. It's amazing how much He gives to us, and yet how little He asks in return. The best part of the procession was seeing the celebrant carrying the Monstrance containing Our Lord. It was a wonderful thought to know that He truly was walking with us, as we would kneel down and be blessed. The special thing about this ceremony is that we had benediction 3 times

during this procession: one at Our Lady's shrine near the Seminary, then at the Sacred Heart shrine, then last but not least, in the Church.

I would like to thank those parishioners of Mary Immaculate Queen Church who spent many hours preparing and decorating the paths and shrines, which really goes to show how much they wish to honor Christ the King and how beautiful they want it to be for Him. They did a fabulous job with the paths: there were arches covered in beautiful

flowers and garlands of flowers along the route of the procession. One couldn't have asked for better decorations; they were splendid!

All that I have mentioned was to give the honor that is due Him, for He deserves to be blessed, honored, and glorified forever. We should truly think about Him, for the Babe that was born in a poor, old stable at Bethlehem, is the same King we honor every day at daily Mass, or whenever we make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. You are in the presence of an Almighty and Infinite God and King over all! Give Him the honor due Him! Let us all ask ourselves: Do we really make an effort to honor Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, as He deserves?

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