



A Message from the President

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An Update on the Work of the SKCM/USA

On behalf of the Trustees of the Society of King Charles the Martyr American Region, I am writing to bring you up to date on the work of the Society. During the past winter, Dr. Mark Wuonola suffered an apparent stroke, which had initially debilitating effects, but he has made considerable progress over the subsequent months. Nevertheless, the *Communiqué* has obviously not been sent out, and there have been delays in the production of the *Devotional Manual* and, to a lesser extent, the Summer issue of the *News*. Both, however, are moving along, and the former has now moved into production and additional orders may be placed at this time using our usual Society goods order page available from our Website. We thank Dr. Wuonola, Dr. Alexander Roman and a number of other contributors for making this publication possible.

Work also has continued on planning the Annual Mass and Luncheons around 30 January, and the arrangements for both the 2013 (Boston) and 2014 (Fort Worth) events are becoming firm. Initial inquiries are in process for 2015.

A preview of 2013 Annual Mass and Luncheon:

Saturday, 26 January 2013 at 11 am
All Saints' Church Ashmont, Boston MA
Rector: The Rev'd Michael J. Godderz, SSC
Assistant: The Rev'd F. Washington Jarvis, OL
Preacher: The Rev'd John D. Alexander, SSC
Music Director: Andrew Sheranian

At its annual organizational meeting in January the Board added two members to its number, i.e., David Lewis (who was also named Treasurer and Membership Secretary) and Richard Mammana. Many of you already know them. Doug Ruff is now Vice President, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, with Fr. Jim Monroe becoming Secretary to the Board.

I am also happy to report that the Society is financially sound—which should never, however, keep you from making an additional contribution or ensuring that your dues are paid timely!

We also have a new, updated Society brochure with our printer as I write, and we will happily share reasonable copies of these with any of you who can use them. It is especially helpful if you can place some in your parish tract rack, as the brochures are cost free to you and other than direct word of mouth are probably our best source for generating new members. Just download the usual Society goods order page from the Society Website and use it to place your order, or email your request to Ameraca453@aol.com.

As I sit writing this in the Rogation Days, I look forward to the celebration of Ascension Day as I'm sure you do. One of my seminary professors used to say that Ascension Day was the most important

feast of the Church year most neglected. Many parishes in both the Anglican family and the Roman Church simply move it to the following Sunday, but it is in some ways a shame that the day cannot be given its full due, and I hope if your parish does offer a Mass on the day, you will be present (ideally wearing a St. Charles pin or medal) – or if this communication reaches you after the day, you were present. Certainly St. Charles would not have missed Ascension Day! Our witness must always be not only to St. Charles but also to the fullness of Catholic faith and practice upon which he would not compromise.

Since I have the opportunity of writing to you on this occasion, I also want to explain that I know few of you personally because I have been fortunate enough to be at the UK celebrations of 30 January now for well over a decade; hence I am not usually able to attend the American Branch's annual event. Nevertheless, I am deeply honored to be your President and grateful for your support. Please keep the Society leadership in your prayers especially during the next few months. I hope to be back in touch with further news as it develops. In the meantime, you are welcome to be in touch with me at any time at 618 SW Second Avenue, Galva IL 61434-1912 USA.

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