



A Message from the President

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St. Bartholomew's Day

Right dear are thy friends unto me, O God, and held in highest honor: their rule and governance is exceedingly steadfast – Introit for the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

Dear Friends in the Royal Martyr –

St. Bartholomew's Day has a variety of historical associations, some more favorable than others to the Catholic faith. I write to you now to tell you that the Summer issue of the *SKCM News* has finally gone to the printer, and you should receive it before the middle of next month. Contents include such matters of interest as the text of the sermon by the Ven. Shawn W. Denney, J.D., Archdeacon of Springfield and a member of the Society, at the 28 January 2012 Annual Mass, a report on the Annual Mass & Luncheon by the Rev. John D. Alexander, SSC, updates on upcoming Annual Masses, news of members, and ten literary articles and reviews.

We are now in the process of thanking all donors to date during this fiscal year, both to the Annual Mass & Luncheon and general donations over and above dues. These individual words of thanks are in addition to recognition in conjunction with the Annual Meeting and in the *SKCM News*. We are grateful that approximately one-sixth of our membership has given these very helpful special gifts, in most cases at the time of payment of annual dues. SKCM has no endowment and receives no support from any agency of any church body, so we are entirely dependent upon your generosity for our work. Of course, your including the Society in your planned giving also will be appreciated.

Please also consider ordering SKCM flyers for use in tract racks and other places to help recruit new members. These are free provided free of charge to you and can be ordered by contacting the Membership Secretary at Ameraca453@aol.com. This is a low-demand way of letting people know about both the Cause of St. Charles and also the work of the Society.

Don't forget to mark your calendars as well for the 11 a.m. 26 January 2013 Annual Mass at All Saints' Parish (Ashmont), Boston, MA. The Select Preacher is the Rev'd John D. Alexander, SSC, Rector of St Stephen's Parish, Providence, RI. Music of the Mass is Mozart's *Spaetzenmesse*, to be sung by All Saints' Choir of Men and Boys, Andrew G. Sheranian, Music Director, Organist and Master of Choristers. A buffet luncheon will follow at \$15 per person. Checks may be sent to All Saints' Parish Office, 209 Ashmont Street, Dorchester Center, MA 02124 (note 'SKCM' on your check's memo line). It's not too early to begin planning on attending the Annual Mass and Luncheon, or equally important, to work toward a celebration in your own parish or city. I expect to follow my usual practice of attending the 30 January observances in the UK, and any of you who would like information about them are certainly welcome to contact me at William.Swatos@baylor.edu. It is a great time to go to London. The tourist crowds are largely gone, and there is much to see and do, not only with regard to the various Caroline observances, but also in terms of museum exhibits, music, and theatre, not to mention wonderful observances of Candlemass, too often ignored or slighted in the States.

Society members who are on Facebook might wish to note that there is an SKCM page. This is a good place to give visibility to local activities relating to King Charles's cause. Contact Vice President Doug Ruff at douglassruff@aol.com or Webmaster John Covert at covert@covert.org for further information if you are not already a SKCM page member.

I also remind you that copies of the *Devotional Manual* remain available, though they have been selling at a very satisfactory rate. These too may be ordered by going to our Website (www.skcm-usa.org) or contacting the Treasurer/Membership Secretary at Ameraca453@aol.com. Either source can also supply a price list of all goods currently available.

Wishing you many blessings as we move into the Fall.

Fr. Bill Swatos, Galva, Illinois

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