

Newsletter  
October 5, 2009

# Armata Bianca

## The White Army

Director: Dr. Sheila Kuzmic  
Editor: Catherine Martineau



It was Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, the Italian Capuchin friar and stigmatist, who would often say, "The children shall save the world." Before he died he asked his spiritual son, a fellow Capuchin, Fr. Andrea D'Ascanio to spread these children's "nests" of prayer, focusing on the Fatima message, throughout the world. Fr. Andrea has been doing that since 1973. Several hundred thousand children throughout the world have been consecrated through the efforts of Fr. D'Ascanio and his associates. The movement carries the endorsement and encouragement of Pope John Paul II.

Here at St. Pius X School, we are honored to have Dr. Sheila Kuzmic direct the Armata Bianca prayer group. The Armata Bianca prayer group is the White Army of children (white reflecting the purity of their hearts) consecrated to God the Father through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The children are committed to adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, reparation for sin, and prayer, including the Rosary for the conversion of sinners, the Holy Father and world peace. The children are soldiers in Mary's army. We are in a spiritual battle where we learn how to pray. The very powerful weapon Mary has given us is the Rosary. First, to bring us close to Jesus. Second, to help us on our journey to get to

Heaven. The whole focus of this prayer group is to learn the Rosary. Also, to learn why we pray what we pray. And to learn about the life of Jesus.

Jesus started out with twelve disciples. Today it has increased where we are all disciples or followers of Jesus. We are all children of God.

What is prayer? It is when we talk to God. We also listen when we pray. Quiet moments in Church and at Mass are meant for us to hear God's voice. There are different types of prayer. There is "asking" prayer where we ask for something. We tell Jesus our problems and ask for help. There is "thanking" prayer where we pray for thanksgiving. We thank him for all that he has given us. There is "quiet" prayer. There is "praising" prayer. There is "singing" prayer.



God is everywhere. But we come to St. Pius X Church for Armata Bianca group because Jesus is in the Church in the Tabernacle. He is hidden inside that little house. No other place on Earth can we find Jesus' body, blood, soul and divinity. The whole Jesus is there, the real Jesus. Last Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, all the children of St. Pius X School participated in the Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour. Father Ray took the hidden Jesus out of the Tabernacle and put him in the Monstrance on the altar for everyone to adore. The host in the monstrance does not look like Jesus as a man. Jesus in the monstrance is in the form of bread so that we can receive him. This is so that he can give us grace. Grace changes us.

When you pray in front of the Tabernacle, or in front of the Monstrance at Adoration, even if it is "quiet" prayer, Jesus is paying attention to you like you wouldn't believe. Jesus is loving you. He is sending you all of these graces, even though you do not see it. This changes you. This changes your soul. Tell Jesus you love him and he will shed graces on you.

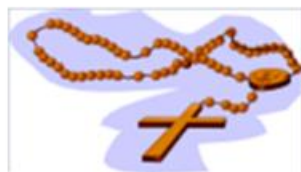
The statue of Our Lady of Fatima is at St. Pius X Church, for the month of October. She is dressed in white which symbolizes purity and child of God. She also has a six pointed star on her dress. The six pointed star is symbolic of Fatima, Portugal. Historically, Fatimah, the daughter of Mohammed of the Islam culture, converted to Christianity. This is symbolic of hopefully the conversion of Islam through the prayers and promises of Our Lady of Fatima.



In the Catholic Church, look for the red light candle by the Tabernacle. When the candle is lit, that means Jesus is there. Jesus is there every day except on Good Friday. Wherever Jesus is, Mary is there too. Mary brings our prayers to Jesus. She takes them and makes them better and gives them to Jesus. Mary said that going to the Mass is the most important prayer you can ever do because Jesus is made present at the altar.

Mary loves parades. At the apparition site in Lourdes, France, every night they have processions where people carry lit candles, banners, pray the Rosary and pray to Jesus. This is why at Armata Bianca prayer group after praying the first two mysteries kneeling down, we process around the Church while finishing the other three mysteries.

The Holy Father has blessed this year as the "Year of the Priesthood" and at Armata Bianca prayer group we pray for all the priests. We also pray for all the children's special intentions.



**"Families that pray together,  
stay together."**

