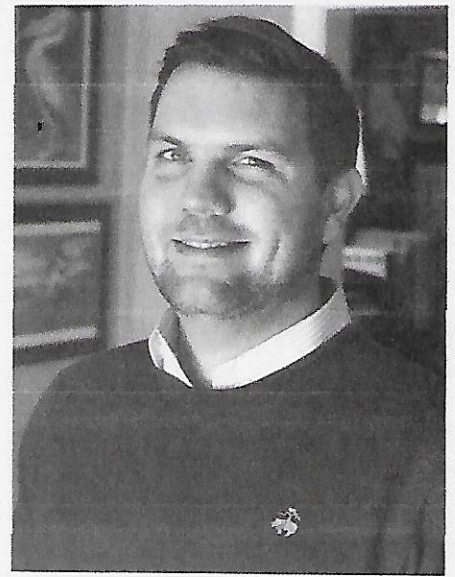


Letter from the Editor



Dear Friends,

Forty years ago, in January 1978, the first issue of *The Angelus* was published in Dickinson, TX. One can say it was originally the idea of Archbishop Lefebvre; the traditionalist movement in America at the time was divided between those tempted to sedevacantism and those who weren't. Although this division would become concrete in 1983, already in 1977, Archbishop Lefebvre wrote to Fr. Hector Bolduc, asking him to found a magazine more faithful to the works of the Society. Hence, in 1978, *The Angelus* was born.

In those early years, a merry band of priests, fighters, and volunteers grew and spread the message of Archbishop Lefebvre and the Society, helping people find havens of sanity across the English-speaking world in the days far before the Internet. In addition to Fr. Bolduc, we must remember Fr. Carl Pulvermacher, Irene Slovak, Sue Broussard, Carlita Brown, Dr. Mary Buckalew, and others without whose tireless work, *Angelus Press* would never have become what it is today! From the beginning, it was never just an American publication: the writings of American seminarians from Ecône and English writers like Michael Davies showed its international character. This is, in part, what led Archbishop Lefebvre to declare the following in June of 1978:

"Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, Superior General of the Society of St. Pius X, has appointed Angelus Press as official editor and publisher of books, pamphlets and all official publications of the Society emanating from the International Headquarters of the Society in Switzerland."

Forty years later, *The Angelus* retains its original mission: feeding souls with Catholic truth, and helping them to maintain the balance between sedevacantism and liberalism. But as the world has changed over these past 40 years, so have we been forced to modify our work. While the magazine and the books continue, *Deo gratias*, we also publish several newsletters (the *Regina Coeli Report* and the *Foreign Missions* magazine) and regularly publish videos and audio works to help reach the faithful wherever they are, not to mention our annual conference, which allows people of good will to see the vitality and growth of Tradition in-person, while being both edified and formed at the same time.

As we continue to grow, there are as many challenges as there are signs of encouragement. How can we reach even more souls? What is the best help we can provide in 2018 in the midst of the crisis in the Church and the world? We plan to ask you all of these questions in a formal survey later this year. For all of us, it is a humbling and regular reality to see souls come to the Faith and Tradition even today. None of this is possible without your help. Please pray for the continued success of the apostolate of the Society of St. Pius X. To restore everything in Christ!

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