

ROCHESTER PARISH'S COLLECTION STOLEN

Approximately \$7,000 in weekend Mass collections was stolen from a safe at St. Anne's Parish in Rochester between noon on May 12 and 8 a.m. on May 13, according to Father William B. Leone, pastor.

An investigation is ongoing.

GARAGE NEAR AQUINAS DESTROYED BY FIRE

ROCHESTER — Fire investigators suspect arson caused a May 22 blaze that destroyed an eight-car garage next to a former Basilian residence at 402 Augustine St.

An 11-year-old boy has been taken into custody in connection with the fire, according to Capt. Dan McBride, public information officer for the city's fire department. McBride added that investigators are also determining whether other young people were involved.

No Basilian priests live at the home, which sustained siding damage. Football, lacrosse and cross-country athletic equipment belonging to nearby Aquinas Institute was stored in the garage and was also destroyed, as well as desks, cupboards, lockers and a tractor used to transport the equipment during sporting events. Mike Daley, the school's president said that Aquinas has not estimated the cost of the damage yet, and has not decided if it will rebuild the garage.

Basilian Father Thomas Miller, Aquinas' former alumni director, said the garage had also been destroyed by fire in 1981. He added that the last Basilians to live in the Augustine Street residence left in June 2000.

RESEARCH SHOWS FEWER AMERICANS ARE TITHING

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The number of Americans who give a full tenth of their income to the church dropped significantly last year, the Barna Research Group said.

The proportion of Americans who tithed "dropped by 62 percent in the past year, from 8 percent in 2001 to just 3 percent of adults during 2002," it said May 19.

Of Catholic respondents, none reported giving 10 percent of last year's income to his or her church.



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Cardinals William W. Baum, former archbishop of Washington; Italian Cardinal Opilio Rossi, president of the Pontifical Commission for International Eucharistic Congresses; and Cardinal Bernard F. Law, former head of the Archdiocese of Boston, attend a Tridentine Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome May 24.

Tridentine Mass defended

Liturgy held to mark pope's anniversary

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ROME — A Vatican cardinal celebrated a Tridentine Mass in a major Rome basilica and said the old rite cannot be considered "extinct" in the modern church.

The liturgy led by Cardinal Dario Castrillon Hoyos May 24 was designed to help mark the upcoming 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's election and reach out to Catholics who are still fond of the old rite.

An estimated 2,000 people — including Cardinal Bernard F. Law, retired archbishop of Boston — attended the liturgy in the Basilica of St. Mary Major. St. Pius V, who codified the Tridentine Mass in the 1500s, is buried in the basilica.

In a sermon, Cardinal Castrillon defended the old rite, which was officially replaced by the new Roman Missal in 1969 after the Second Vatican Council.

"The so-called rite of St. Pius V cannot be considered extinct," Cardinal Castrillon said.

"The old Roman rite retains its right of citizenship in the church, in the multifariousness of Catholic rites,

both Latin and Eastern. What unites the diversity of these rites is the same faith in the eucharistic mystery," he said.

The Mass was requested by an Italian group that promotes the use of the pre-Vatican II Latin liturgy, which is allowed under special rules given by the Vatican in 1988.

There was speculation that the Mass would provide an occasion for reconciliation between the Vatican and prominent followers of the late schismatic Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, who defied Rome on the Tridentine Mass and other Vatican II reforms.

But some of the bishops who were excommunicated with Archbishop Lefebvre made it clear they were not interested in a reconciliation.

Cardinal Castrillon is president of the Vatican's "Ecclesia Dei" commission, which is charged with the pastoral care of former followers of Archbishop Lefebvre. He also has tried to open a channel of communication with the current leaders of the Lefebvrite group.

At the beginning of the Mass, Cardinal Castrillon read a message sent in the pope's name by Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Vatican secretary of state, thanking the organizers of the liturgy for their "filial gesture."

Cardinal Castrillon expressed

thanks to the pope for showing "paternal understanding" to those who want to "keep alive in the church the richness represented by this venerable liturgical form."

These are people who, "while recognizing the legitimacy of the renewed Roman rite carried out by the Second Vatican Council, remain tied to the previous rite and find in it valid spiritual nourishment," the cardinal said.

Cardinal Castrillon read from Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy a section that said the church considers "all lawfully acknowledged rites to be of equal authority and dignity; that she wishes to preserve them in the future and foster them in every way."

Before Mass, Cardinal Castrillon led the congregation in reciting the rosary.

Last year, in a major innovation, the pope added five new "mysteries of light" to the rosary and suggested they be recited on Thursdays. To accommodate that change, he proposed rearranging the recitation of the other mysteries, with Saturdays as a day for the joyful mysteries instead of the glorious mysteries, as had been the practice for centuries.

At the liturgy May 24, a Saturday, the congregation recited the glorious mysteries.