

Graduation Day: "Much is expected from those to whom much has been given."

n the morning of May 3, 2003, the Kartause Maria Thron is full of excitement and anticipation. The high Gothic roofs of this medieval monastery echo the steep, forestclad Alpine slopes among which it stands.

As bells ring out, a solemn pontifical Mass begins in the spectacular Gothic chapel, burial place of the founders of the Hapsburg dynasty. Crossbearer, graduates, acolytes, and clergy process in before the main celebrant, Cardinal Archbishop Christoph Schönborn. Before the assembled community of faculty, students, and families, Christ's eternal Sacrifice is once again offered, thanking God for the successful completion of the course of studies and asking His blessing on the graduates who are now entering the world to do His work.

After Mass, the party moves to the Baroque Library, adorned with splendid frescoes depicting the glories of learning and the great figures of theology, philosophy, and science. In this most fittingly decorated hall, 19 students from nine countries will graduate this day, a new generation of leaders who will work toward fulfilling the Holy Father's mandate that the Catholic ideals of marriage and family be renewed in the Church.



Cardinal Schönborn, the Grand Chancellor of ITI, offers an Invocation. Jutta Lang of Austria, whose diminutive stature belies her intellectual firepower, delivers a farewell speech on behalf of all the graduates. With profound gratitude for all the sacrifices which have made ITI a reality, she reminds her fellow graduates that "the ITI has not prepared us for leisure, but for hard work." (See excerpts from Jutta's talk on page 2 inside.)

Institute president Dr. Michael Waldstein then gives the Graduation Address, speaking on the mystical writings of St. John of the Cross. He adds, "You are leaving Gaming to re-enter the bustle of the world in the place where

God sets you. Keep before you the guiding star. All your studies received their unity and direction from this one star. All your future activity, if it is to be fruitful and bring joy to you and those with whom you will live, must be

guided by the same star. 'Beone another. because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows

God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love' (1 John 4:7-8). The guiding star is God himself who in himself is love. The one commandment that Graduation 2003

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must guide our acts is derived from this guiding star: it is the twofold commandment of the love of God and neighbor."

Now follows a famous motet by Palestrina, Sicut cervus, a setting of Psalm 12 which provides the motto and heraldic crest of the Institute: "As the deer longs for springs of water, so my soul longs for you, God." Dr. Larry Hogan, vice president of the Institute, presents the graduates, and as each receives his or her degree, Dr. Waldstein recalls important and sometimes amusing events from their years at the Institute. Cardinal Schönborn blesses the graduates and all assembled. Then all repair to the Prelate's Hall for a celebratory feast.

These graduates will now join those who have gone before, as



Cardinal Schönborn

journalists, teachers, professors, and priests, remembering in their prayers and apostolate the many generous benefactors who have made their education at the Institute possible.

Excerpts of the Farewell Speech by Jutta K. Lang



Jutta K. Lang

Dear friends, studying at ITI is doubtless a wonderful grace. But it is also a dangerous grace. For much will be expected from the one to whom much has been given. "Necessity is laid upon me," says St. Paul, "Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel."

We only need to look around to realize that ITI has not prepared

us for leisure, but for hard work under the sweet yoke of Christ, that it not only calls us *ad fontes*, but also *ad frontes*. The tempest is

raging outside the walls: people ridicule religion; they frown at the faith; they attack the Church. Families break apart; the meaning of marriage is forgotten.

But let us not despair. A good businessman would rejoice in our place, for we are in a time of peak prosperity: more work to be done than workers to do it. But we need to work readily and intelligently.

And we don't need to fear. After all, we are fighting on the side of the most powerful One, who uses heaven as His throne, and the earth as His footstool; and thanks to our studies at ITI we dwell in a firm and lasting house of bricks that is not easily destroyed.

A greeting

in deep grati-

tude to all our

Faculty. Thank

you for teach-

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and to love the

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Our Papal Mission

The International Theological Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family in Gaming, Austria, was founded in 1996 at the direction of Pope John Paul II to promote a rebirth of Catholic family life, based on a deeper understanding of the theological significance of marriage and family. Its unique program grounds students in the classic works of Catholic theology, and the vibrant spiritual atmosphere energizes students to transform knowledge into heartfelt action.

ITI USA was established in 2001 at the direction of Cardinal Schönborn to develop a network of friends in the United States to support the Pope's vision for the Institute.



Michael Therrien and family

Our graduates are already planting the seeds of renewal around the world. But your participation is vital! Your generous gifts have made their success possible. Won't you consider a gift now to continue this vital work of Catholic education? Your contribution is fully tax-deductible, and you'll be helping ensure that the renewal of family life envisioned by the Holy Father will blossom for many years to come.



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August 1st marked the completion of the second year of ITI USA. Your generous donations have made it possible for dozens of young people to receive a splendid Catholic education and to become zealous promoters of Catholic teaching on marriage and family. Together, we're promoting Catholic teaching by publishing educational information like this newsletter, organizing meetings to learn more about the Pope's vision for the Institute, and raising

much-needed funds for important educational institutions like ITI. Current projects include building a new website, www.itiusa.org, to complement the Institute's website at: www.iti.ac.at. Together, we can ensure that students who are eager to grow in knowledge of marriage and the family will be given the opportunity to serve the Lord in seeking His truth!

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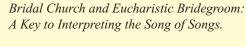
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to the Pontifical Institute.

Pope to promote family life

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of the Council, comprising nine cardinals, nine bishops and archbishops, 19 lay members, and 39 consulters. Members are appointed to five-year terms. The Council meets biannually to consider topics of importance and reports to the Holy See.

A native Austrian, Dr. Waldstein became president of ITI in Gaming in 1996. He formerly taught New Testament studies at the University of Notre Dame and has previously served for the Pope at special conferences on family issues. We offer him our hearty congratulations on his appointment and pray that the Lord will guide him as he serves in this new capacity!

"A similar need for commitment and prayer arises in relation to ... the family, the primary cell of society, increasingly menaced by forces of disintegration....The revival of the Rosary in Christian families...will be an effective aid to countering the devastating effects of this crisis..."

John Paul II, Rosarium Virginis Mariae

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