

NOTRE DAME DE LA SALETTE BOYS ACADEMY

FR. MICHAEL MCMAHON
HEADMASTER

March 1, 2008

Dear Friend of La Salette,

On our annual mid-winter break, the entire Academy headed north to Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the Society's mission named in honor of St. Margaret Mary in order to commemorate the anniversary of the great "*Battle of the Basilica.*" Four years ago, on February 10th, the Academy boys and parishioners of St. Margaret Mary united in an heroic effort of prayer to force the cancellation of a scheduled blasphemy in the beautiful Basilica of St. Adelbert. Expulsion of the Buddhist "monks" from the sanctuary of a Catholic church resonated throughout the country and world, exciting with joy all men of good will.

As the years pass and the event recedes into history, the essential lessons which that night teaches remain as poignant and vital today as ever – especially during the Lenten season: faithfully following the path indicated by Divine Providence and persevering in prayer remain infallible means of supernatural success and ultimate defeat for our spiritual enemies. Without these we could not have performed that extraordinary feat; without these we cannot sanctify ourselves; without these we cannot form soldiers of Christ, willing to sacrifice all for the love of God and His Immaculate Mother.

Please pray for the Academy dedicated to this Mother, sorrowful, immaculate and "*Terrible as an army arrayed for battle.*" May both your spiritual and material assistance during this holy season continue to aid us to form fortified men of prayer.



In Christ the King,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M McMahon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Father Michael McMahon

**Commemorating the 4th Anniversary
with a Rosary in the Basilica.**