

On His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI

*Communiqué of the General House
of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter*

On Ash Wednesday, February 13, 2013, the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter had the opportunity to personally express its profound gratitude, and to assure the Sovereign Pontiff of its prayers, through one of its priests. Fr. Martin Ramm, FSSP, was able to greet the Pope on behalf of all of his community. Our conferee, who was received in general audience by His Holiness, presented him with an edition of the traditional Roman Missal recently published by the Fraternity of St. Peter as a gesture of filial devotion and of great gratitude for the promulgation of the Motu Proprio *Summorum Pontificum*.

For nearly eight years, Benedict XVI has, with great humility and courage, guided the Bark of Peter - facing great storms - with the greatest concern to always lead souls to safe port. Giving an example of a profound interior life, he refocused the attention of the Catholic faithful upon the fundamentals of the Faith, putting them on guard against every form of relativism; and explaining the more recent Magisterium in the light of Tradition. Ever mindful of the restoration of the sacred, he reconciled the Roman Church with its two-thousand year liturgical patrimony. As a tireless apostle of Church unity, he was particularly engaged in dialogue with the Society of Pius X, in order to achieve the full reconciliation of the latter. The care given to this, on the part of the Holy Father, is particularly dear to us; and reminds us of the care he extended to our own foundation in 1988, when he assisted John Paul II in his role as Prefect for the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith.

