

✠ IMPORTANT NOTICE ✠

CONFIRMATION

January 25, 2009

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered, for those in regular attendance at our traditional Roman Catholic Chapels in Alabama, here in our Abbey Church on January 25, 2009. The matter of the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation (and Matrimony) remains the obligation and responsibility of the father and mother of the one to be administered to. The grandparents are not the responsible parties, nor are they the ones to make the arrangements, since they are not the ones responsible before God for the upbringing of the child. ***It is most necessary and important that at least one of the PARENTS of the child to be Baptized or Confirmed regularly attend one of our Chapels.*** For justifiable reasons, if the request for Baptism or Confirmation comes from elsewhere, other than our own Chapels, then the PARENTS (NOT the grandparents) must submit a statement in writing from the priest in charge of their traditional Chapel, stating that they – the parents – regularly attend the specified Chapel, and that he (the priest) is in agreement with the Sacrament being administered here at Christ the King Abbey in Alabama. If this cannot be verified, PLEASE DO **NOT** ASK.

Baptismal Certificates are necessary for the reception of Confirmation and must be presented BEFORE any arrangements are made. Unexpected arrivals should not expect to be admitted to the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In matters concerning the Sacrament of Matrimony, the same rules – with the necessary adjustments – apply and must be honored by everyone. If these rules cannot be honored, **PLEASE DO NOT ASK.**

“In the Latin Church Confirmation should not be conferred until about the seventh year, although it may be conferred sooner if the infant is in danger of death, or if its administration seems to the minister justified for good and serious reasons. No other situations are admitted for the administration of the sacrament at an age earlier than about seven. On the other hand, the bishop may not forbid the reception of the sacrament before the age of ten years.” (*The Administration of the Sacraments*, Nicholas Halligan, O.P., Chap. III, # 20)

The above direct quotation is from a reputable and accepted theologian. It is echoed by many other reputable and accepted theologians (including Henry Davis, S.J.; Heribert Jone, O.F.M. Cap., J.C.D.; and Dominic M. Prummer, O.P.) and should set our minds straight concerning the matter of age and lawful reception. However, it has always been the custom in our nation that the age of the child presented for Confirmation should be about twelve.

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. Wednesday is the Feast of Saint Bernard. It is also the Name day of our Father Bernard, OSB. Please remember Father Bernard in your special prayers on this day.
3. Friday is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. (Roman calendar).
4. Next Sunday is the Feast of the Apostle Saint Bartholomew.
5. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. **LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.** Let us pray for ALL the priests and religious men and women of the world. **NO MAN, WOMAN, OR CHILD SHOULD BE LEFT OUT OF OUR PRAYER. LET US ESPECIALLY PRAY FOR ALL THE WAR VICTIMS, BOTH SOLDERS AND CIVILIANS, WHO ARE SUFFERING DEATH, INJURY, AND DESTRUCTION AT THE HANDS OF THEIR LEADERS. MAY GOD SHOW HIS MERCIFUL FACE QUICKLY.**
6. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
 - SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
 - MONDAY: Special intention of Mrs. William Maddux
 - TUESDAY: Special intention of Geri Venuto
 - WEDNESDAY: Special intention Father Bernard (*Name day*)
 - THURSDAY: Deceased Mrs. Edward Renauer
 - FRIDAY: Special intention of Patricia DiMaggio
 - SATURDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

A Thought To Remember ...

Things, indeed, are truly bad – who can doubt that? But let us not be idlers waiting for the end of the world. Let us take up the business of life with faith and love and trust in God instead of waiting around wringing our hands in despair, doing nothing for the welfare of man.