

TRUTH

The intellect of man was made for truth. Man naturally craves for truth. He yearns for certainty of knowledge. Doubt and uncertainty are among the bitterest trials of man on earth. The intellectual beatitude of man consists in the possession of perfect truth. This he will find in God alone!

The truth that most concerns man is that which pertains to his eternal destiny. This truth he must learn from his God and Creator. God alone, Who made us, knows the reason why He made us. He alone can tell us the destiny that awaits us. Some things, of course, God does not make known to us. But God has revealed His truth to us. He has founded His Church to teach His truth to us. When this truth comes to us through Divine Revelation and the ministry of the Church it is called dogma.

Dogma, then, is the defined truth that comes to us through the authority of God. It is the positive teaching of revealed religion. It is the sum total of all the truths which God teaches to man. Dogma is not opinion! It is not the teaching of human authority! It is not theory! Positive truth is not subject to debate.

He who knows the true meaning of dogma can never object to it. Dogma does not bind the mind; it frees it. It promotes the activity of the mind. It does not curtail the sphere of human reason. It simply describes the boundaries that separate truth from error. A church without dogma has no reason for its existence.

Christ said to the first ministers of His Church: "He that heareth you heareth Me; and he that despiseth you despiseth Me." The authority of the Church does not enslave the human mind. It opens to the mind the realms of divine truth. Dogma does not hinder progress in science, nor does it place restrictions to the works of mathematics. Mathematics bids us believe that two and two make four.

I am not free to believe that two and two make five. What would happen to the science of mathematics if everyone were free to apply his own whims to the solution of its problems? It would certainly become an absurdity. Much more can truly be said of religion! □

Father, I do believe! — help me in my unbelief!

1. There will be Catechism Class this morning.
2. Friday April 23, 2010 is the Feast of the Dedication of our Abbey Church. Please pray for God's protection.
3. We shall continue to remind you to do some spiritual reading DAILY. Find a good spiritual book and then obtain the approval of it from one of our priests. This reading must become a daily practice in your lives!
4. 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**
5. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Special Int. Vinita Kelley
TUESDAY:	For George Vespalic
WEDNESDAY:	Special Int. William and Kathy Maddux
THURSDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY:	Anniv. of Dedication of Abbey Church
SATURDAY:	For Bishop Robert Fidelis McKenna OP Nameday

A Thought To Remember ...

Many souls think that love consists simply in saying: "My God I love Thee." No! No! No! Love is sweet, and love acts and moves because it loves, and everything that love does is done because it loves. Therefore, in our work, in our rest, in our prayer, in our consolations, in our distress, in our pain, in our sickness, in our humiliations, all these acts give constant proof of the quality of our love. The proof of our love is in the disposition in our action. If souls really understood this they would advance in perfection rapidly and become better associated with the Redemptive work of our Lord!