

Concerning the Love of God

There are those who consent to seek after Christ, and for that reason embrace a perfect life, but they do not give up all self-interest, which still in some cases remains their chief interest. They follow Christ more for their own sake than for His. They accept only what they cannot avoid, or what is of strict obligation.

On the other hand, there are many souls who, urged on by the hope of salvation, but still more by the motive of love, are resolute in their determination to follow Christ in the Way of the Cross. They think neither of reward nor of their own merits, nor of the fatigues and sufferings that may accrue to them, their one object being to show Christ the fullness of their love, and to console His most Sacred Heart.

If the Cross comes to them in the shape of illness, if it is hidden under some employment that goes against their grain or is little adapted to their talents, if it has all the appearance of being the result of forgetfulness or opposition from those around them, they recognize and accept it with all the submission of which their will is capable.

Sometimes it happens that, urged by a great love and zeal for souls, they have done what seemed to them best in such or such a circumstance, and things turn out differently from their expectations and there follows a whole train of humiliations and trials. These souls, moved solely by love, joyfully accept these unexpected consequences of their action, for in them they see the Cross: they worship it, offer it up, and use it to procure greater honor and glory for God. These are the souls that truly bear the Cross after Jesus Christ. Their interests and their gain are none other than love.

When a soul truly loves, that soul neither measures what it does nor weighs what it suffers; never does it seek for a reward, but only seeks that what it believes to be for God's greater glory. Such a soul never says 'enough' when labor or fatigue are in question. Because of the purity of its aim, whatever the result, that soul neither excuses itself nor protests its good intentions; its motive being love, its efforts and sufferings always giving glory to God. The soul is not troubled nor does it lose its peace of mind if it meets with contradiction or persecution or humiliation. Its sole motive is love and it leaves results in Love's hands. These souls are not mercenary; they seek only the honor and glory of God.

This instruction is applicable to the laity just as to the religious who live in convents and monasteries. May the blessing of God be upon each of us who simply tries to do what is right.

1. There will be Catechism classes after 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
2. Today July 11, 2010 is the Solemnity of Our Most Holy Father Benedict. Our usual Mass is for the welfare of our Monks and Nuns and Oblates. Let us every one pray to our Most Dear Father and ask him to bless and protect us from the "ILL Winds" that continue to become more "ILL" with each new day. This Feast is a day of great importance, especially for all of us here.
3. Tuesday, July 13, is the anniversary of Father Abbot's Abbatial blessing - July 13, 1994. Pray for the Abbot.
4. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.
5. After much prayer and careful study and consideration, the Superiors of Christ the King Abbey deem it necessary and advisable to discontinue Holy Mass one additional Sunday each month at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham, Alabama. Therefore, beginning with September 2010, the THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH, Mass will not take place at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham - which means that there will not, henceforth, be Mass at St. Pius V Chapel on the First and Third Sundays of every Month at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham.
6. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For our Monks and Nuns and Oblates	THURSDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
MONDAY:	For the People of our Chapels	FRIDAY:	For the Family of Joseph Westrick
TUESDAY:	In Thksg. Fr Abbot's Abbatial Blessing Anniversary July 13, 1994		
WEDNESDAY:	Dec. Gabriel and Amanda Lejeune	SATURDAY:	Dec. Stella Bayer

A Thought To Remember ...

Never yield to despair!

*As long as a breath of life remains, a man
may have recourse to mercy and ask for pardon,
and pardon will be given,*

provided the man, in his heart, be of honest disposition and good will.