

(The way of the TRADITIONALIST is a most difficult path to take, and in almost all cases a Traditionalist has much to suffer because of the cross he has taken up to carry. Oftentimes he gives in to discouragement and even fear. The following, of unknown authorship, is a word of caution and encouragement to a priesthood student. Some few additions and adaptations might make of it a word of caution and encouragement to weary Traditionalists.

Always with a spirit of fidelity to God, and with a spirit of fidelity to Jesus Christ and the Church He founded in order to perpetuate the Most Holy Sacrifice He endured on the Altar of the Cross, never acting as a rebel, but with honest concern and attachment to Unchanging TRUTH, with Charity in your heart for all, you must put on the armor of the Holy MARTYRS, and prepare yourself to defend that unchanging TRUTH!

The Lord has given to every man his work. It is his business to do it, and the devil's business to hinder him if he can. Your work is to faithfully obey the Words of our Blessed Saviour: "Do this in remembrance of Me." Your work is to protect from all harm that PEARL of the greatest price which was given to all Generations to come, even to the end of the world. So sure as God has given you this work to do, Satan will try to hinder you. He may present other things more promising and much easier to accomplish. He may allure you by worldly prospects and peace within your dear family, he may assault you with slander, torment you with false accusations.

Keep about your work. Do not flinch because the lion roars; do not stop to stone the devil's dogs; do not fool away your time chasing the devil's rabbits. Do your work! Let liars be - - let liars lie, let sectarians quarrel, let corporations resolve, let editors publish, let the devil do his worst; but see to it that nothing hinders you from fulfilling the work that God has given to you.

Keep about your work. Let your aim be as steady as a star. Let the world brawl and bubble; let philosophers philosophize; let theologians theologize; let Canon lawyers write laws without end. You - you keep about your work. You may be assaulted, wronged, insulted, slandered, wounded and rejected; you may be abused by foes, forsaken by friends, cast aside by your children, and despised and rejected by men, but see to it with steadfast determination, with unfaltering zeal, that you pursue the great purpose of your life and object of your legitimate desire, until at last you can say:

"I have finished the work which You gave me to do!"