TRADITIONAL CHAPELS IN ALABAMA

St. Francis of Assisi Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Chapel Roman Catholic Chapel Roman Catholic Chapel Birmingham, Alabama Cullman, Alabama Montgomery, Alabama MASSES SCHEDULE 6:00 A.M. - Mass 9:10 A.M. - Rosary (EVERY SUNDAY) 10:30 A.M. - Rosary 9:30 A.M. - Mass 12:30 P.M. - Mass 10:45 A.M. - Mass (EXCEPT on first (EXCEPT on first (ONLY on First Sunday Sunday of each month)

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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 30, 1992 - - - Green

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We have God,'s Word that He "resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." The humble man, then, can easily find the grace to overcome his weakness, the proud man cannot. Pride opposes God, the other sins rather run away from Him. God can give a humble man grace to overcome his passions, without having to deny His own glory. In fact man's weakness and misery are a continual prayer and appeal to God's mercy, ESPECIALLY WHERE A MAN ADMITS AND ACCEPTS THE HUMILIATION OF HIS POSITION. Such men in their sins DO NOT so much reject God; they are rather carried away from Him by the revolt of their lower passions. In such cases, the "government" in the man does not deny God's authority - it is UNABLE to assert its own authority. In the case of the proud man, it is the "government" in him that outrightly REJECTS the authority of God. In such a case, the more completely and perfectly the rule of the proud man overhimself, the worse becomes his sin of pride. For practical purposes of avoiding sin, it is well to recognize a two-fold source of disobedience: the lower passions and pride.

Both sources, however, are merely different forms of SELF-LOVE and SELF-SEEKING. Both represent an attempt or a decision (!!!) to live one's own life instead of that of Christ. THIS IS A FATAL ERROR. Ever since the elevation of the human being to the supernatural, our own life - however excellent - is of no avail. Our only hope of salvation is "IN CHRIST"; all that is done outside of Him PROFITETH NOTHING. In fact, all such deeds and such things come to an end in the grave; and they may have to be expiated either here on earth, or else in the cleansing fires hereafter - THEY MAY EVEN BE THE CAUSE OF OUR ETERNAL DAMNATION. Only what is done in Christ will rise glorious and

immortal from our tomb. It is of the greatest importance that PUT OFF ourselves, and PUT ON Christ Any self-denial and the acceptance of Christ, and opposite, our own selfassertion and rejection of Christ DEPEND UPON ON OUR OWN WILL AND A DECISION THAT WE HAVE MADE IN THE MATTER!!! That is why wilful disobedience to the will of God is the death blow to the life of Christ in us. If we use our own will and DECIDE to accept the will of God, and to conform our heart to His, then we do our part to let Christ live in us and to find our life in Him.

SPECIAL NOTE!!! + SPECIAL NOTE!!! 1992 - - - Sunday September 27, RECEPTION OF NOVICES AT THE MONASTERY: Mass time at St. Francis - - 10:00 A.M. THERE WILL BE NO 9:30 A.M. MASS AT ST. PIUS THERE WILL BE NO 12:30 P.M. MASS AT ST. FRANCIS

October 4, 1992 - - - FIRST SUNDAY OF OCTOBER VOWS AT THE MONASTERY Mass Time at St. Francis - - 10:00 A.M.

THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES - MONTGOMERY.

October 11, 1992 - - - SECOND SUNDAY OF OCTOBER MASS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES - MONTGOMERY - 10:45 A.M. THERE WILL BE NO 9:30 A.M. MASS AT ST. PIUS CHAPEL THERE WILL BEENO 12:30 P.M. MASS AT ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL.