

TRADITIONAL CHAPELS IN ALABAMA

Our Lady of Lourdes
Roman Catholic Chapel
Montgomery, Alabama

St. Francis of Assisi
Roman Catholic Chapel
Cullman, Alabama

St. Pius V
Roman Catholic Chapel
Birmingham, Alabama

S C H E D U L E O F M A S S E S

10:30 A.M. - Rosary
10:45 A.M. - Mass
(ONLY on First Sunday
of each month)

6:00 A.M. - Mass
(EVERY SUNDAY)
12:30 P.M. - Mass
(EXCEPT on first
Sunday of each month)

9:10 A.M. - Rosary
9:30 A.M. - Mass
(EXCEPT on first
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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 14, 1993 - - - Purple

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????????????????THERE SEEMS TO BE A CONTRADICTION??
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TEACHING OF THE AGES:

If Christ is not SACRAMENTALLY present in the Eucharist, then the Mass is no longer anything but a ceremony, a pious commemoration of a past event. If Christ is not ACTUALLY PRESENT in the Consecrated Host, then the priest is nothing but a preacher, not a man set apart by God to offer sacrifice. If Christ is not ACTUALLY PRESENT - BODY AND BLOOD - in the Consecrated Host, then just what does the priest place on one's tongue at communion time? Indeed, If Christ is not really and substantially present in the Blessed Eucharist, then the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, also loses its meaning and becomes nothing more than a metaphor: for it is the SACRAMENTAL CHRIST - (NOT the OMNIPRESENT CHRIST) - Who is the HEAD and SUPPORT of the Mystical Body. It is the Eucharist that unites us in one Body to Christ our Head: "Because the bread is one, we, though many, are one body, all of us who partake of one bread."

TEACHING OF CARDINAL RATZINGER - Head of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine OF THE FAITH:

"Eucharistic devotion as is noted in the silent visit by the devout in church must not be thought of as a conversation with God. This would assume that God was present there LOCALLY and in a confined way. To justify such an assertion shows lack of understanding of the Christological mysteries of the very concept of God. This is repugnant to the serious thinking of the man WHO KNOWS ABOUT THE OMNIPRESENCE of God. To go to church on the ground that one can visit God who is present there is a SENSELESS ACT WHICH MODERN MAN RIGHTFULLY REJECTS."

(Is it possible for these two teachings on the same subject be coming from the same teaching authority???????)

1. EASTER MASS INFORMATION:

PALM SUNDAY: - - - April 4, 1993
 THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHAPEL
 IN MONTGOMERY ON THAT DAY. SUNDAY MASS AND ALL CEREMONIES
 WILL TAKE PLACE ONLY AT ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL, CULLMAN.
 MASS - - - 10:00 A.M.

EASTER SUNDAY: - - - April 11, 1993
 (1) St. Francis, Cullman - - 9:00 A.M. (NO 6:00 A.M. MASS)
 (2) St. Pius, Birmingham - - 12:00 M.
 (3) Our Lady of Lourdes, Montgomery - 3:00 P.M.

2. SPECIAL NOTE FOR PALM SUNDAY: DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF APRIL - - - SET CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR.
3. Please read - CAREFULLY - the attached sheet. It is very important and significant as well as quite interesting. The situation requires much prayer, penance and sacrifice on the part of ALL!

LORD, GRANT US MONKS! LORD, GRANT US HOLY MONKS! LORD, GRANT US MANY HOLY MONKS!

4. FATHER JOHN CAPESIUS, O.S.B. of St. Bernard Abbey, died in the early morning of Thursday, February 25, 1993. In your charity please remember this very good priest and long time advisor and friend. Father John was born in the year 1900. The usual Five Holy Masses for the Repose of the soul of Father John will be offered in Christ the King Monastery.
5. STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL - - EVERY LENTEN FRIDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
6. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels - ESPECIALLY REMEMBERING: Al Sachs, Forney Roy and Woody Fleming. Both Mr. Roy and Mr. Fleming are doing quite well - DEO GRATIAS!!
7. During the Holy Season of Lent we must make a TRUE AND HONEST EFFORT to use the Sacrament of Penance in the most effective way. Without the proper and correct use of this Holy Sacrament, the salvation of one's immortal soul is forced into grave danger. BEWARE OF MECHANICAL CONFESSIONS.
8. Friday, March, 19, 1993 is the FEAST OF THE EVER GREAT ST. JOSEPH. This should be a day of very special prayer. It remains a day of the usual Lenten Fast and Abstinence, however. St. Joseph, together with the St. Terese, the Little Flower, is the Patron of the Monastery Church of Christ the King Monastery, which is presently being built.
9. Next Sunday, March 21, 1993 is the Feast of St. Benedict. However, since it is a Sunday in Lent, the Feast is Transferred to the following day.
10. MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY:	6:00 A.M. For Prayer Promises and Benefactors
	9:30 A.M. For the People of the Chapels
	12:30 P.M. Dec. Father John Capesius, O.S.B. (1)
MONDAY:	Dec. Minnie Veigl
TUESDAY:	Special Int. Agnes Meyerhofer
WEDNESDAY:	Dec. Emma Boike
THURSDAY:	Dec. Mary Urban
St. JOSEPH--FRIDAY:	Thksg. Christ the King Monastery
SATURDAY:	For the Poor Souls

JUDGE THE FRUIT, OH LORD!!

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AND NOURISH THE TREES

WHOSE FRUIT IT IS!!!

"...at the present time there is a remnant left,
selected out of grace." (Romans 11:5)

Immaculate Heart of Mary pray for us now and at the hour of our death!

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An Open Letter to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II

Your Holiness,

Even as the ink flows from the pen onto the paper before us, we're quite certain that these words, intended for you, our Holy Father, the Vicar of Christ in Rome, will never be read by you. Every two weeks *The Remnant* is delivered to your mailbox in the Eternal City, and no doubt finds its way to some of the most prestigious trash cans in the Vatican, but never, we assume, into yours. This we understand, but nonetheless we continue to send it in the hope that one day you will pick up the loyal, traditional, Catholic newspapers sent to you from all over the world and you will at long last begin to heed our cries for help.

Holy Father, you must know that we exist — you must have heard our wailing cries at night as we wander aimlessly in the wilderness because our Church — ~~YOUR~~ Church is dying and can no longer shelter us from the swirling devastating winds that are sweeping across this earth.

We are the ones who for decades now have been fighting your fight really. We are the ones who have defended you against those who feel that your Papacy has gone against Christ's Church. We are the ones who have said and continue to say "yes, he is still the Pope" even when you joined hands with heretics and pagans and prayed with them, leaving the world to wonder if you really believe that Allah and Buddha are just as worthy of our homage and prayer for peace as are Almighty God and Jesus Christ.

We who feel certain and confident that Christ will not abandon us by taking away our Visible Head, have criticized you, it is true, even though, for the most part, we are only laymen who would not presume to do so if other more appropriate voices were to be heard. But, alas seldom are these heard at all. But while we have found occasion to find fault we have also defended you and in all cases have done our small part to quiet those who would lead faithful Catholics away from the Church to follow a false Pope or those who would rebel against you to start an American Catholic Church.

Holy Father, the Catholic Church is loosing the battle in the United States. We know this as most assuredly does Your Holiness. Churches are closing, schools are boarded up, seminaries are sold to the Protestants, mission parishes have become the norm because young men don't want to become priests, influenced by, among other things, an epidemic of homosexuality and

pedophile scandals involving our Catholic priests — the scandals now reportedly even reaching as far as the Vatican. Holy Father, you must be aware that in America a full scale schism is happening right now. Surely you are abundantly aware that Archbishop Weakland of Milwaukee Wisconsin, U.S.A., and Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago, Ill., for example are even now breaking away from you. Men such as these, and there are many more of them, are, even as we write, cutting another mooring line with your Vatican. In Buffalo, New York, USA, prayers for you, Holy Father, have reportedly been forbidden by the local ordinary because of your stand on the ordination of women — a stand for which many traditionalists have publicly commended Your Holiness on many occasions.

Holy Father, you are not popular with many of your bishops in the United States of America, and does it not seem probable that if something does not change, your reign will be recorded in the pages of history as having been marked by numerous papal visits and a barrage of schisms world wide.

Many of the bishops of this country believe in a married non-celibate priesthood, in women priests, in birth control and some (in Chicago, Illinois) even encourage and participate in sacrilegious, homosexual, blasphemous "Masses" publicly.

Judging by the travesties that go on every Sunday in most of our parish churches one must say there seems to be little loyalty to Your Holiness.

Holy Father, upon our knees and with respect for you and your holy office we traditionalists, still loyal to you, beg you before it is too late, to at least consider one very real possibility, one extremely plausible explanation for this disaster in the Catholic Church: We entreat Your Holiness to please reconsider your position and at least enter into the realm of possibility that "Vatican II" with all its talk of being progressive, of updating, of change — with all its ambiguity — just simply did not work! It has been a total failure! Widespread loss of faith has become epidemic, vocations are almost non-existent, Catholics are leaving the Church, converts, especially in Europe and the United States, have become rare, endless polls show over and over again that the Catholic mindset towards such things as abortion, birth control, free love, etc is no different than that of the non-believer.

Certainly we can't blame all of this tragedy on the Council, but it's only natural for us to make the claim that the Church has suffered significant decline since the Council. We doubt that Your Holiness would dispute that, though we feel certain that you would disagree as to "why" this is so.

Nevertheless, we can't help but ask why you continue to try to convince Catholics that that pastoral, non-dogmatic council served the Church greatly and must still be adhered to, to the almost total exclusion of all that went before.

The Church survived over 1900 years of this world and all its different attacks, but she survived. And she survived without Vatican II. Yet since Vatican II we have seen a universal breakdown of Holy Mother Church far greater than ever before in its history — never such worldwide confusion and faithlessness. In even once Catholic countries like France, Spain, Mexico, Portugal, the Church is struggling to survive in a truly orthodox, Catholic way. Holy Father, you no doubt do not agree with our opposition to the effects of Vatican II but surely you must admit that our "theory" is plausible.

Holy Father, we are your humble children, and I speak for a generation that has grown up with the Council and has been robbed of its faith and seen its birthright sold for a mess of pottage, hence we beg you to listen to our fears. We are so very confused by your constant defense of "The Council", we are scandalized by your participation at the Assisi World Day of Prayer for Peace, and again this year we are confused by your letter to Cardinal Edward Idris Cassidy on September 10 when you wrote "The social and economic abyss which separates the rich countries of the North from the poor countries of the South must be bridged, unless people want to see the New World Order become impossible.

Surely the New World Order of which you write is not that which was condemned by your predecessors. Surely the New World Order about which you write is not one based in that ideal of Freemasonry which excludes God and strives for a brotherhood of man united in humanity under one worldwide government, one people, and one non-Catholic religion of humanism and secularism, and supposed human enlightenment — surely this is not what you are referring to. Yet, Your Holiness does make use of so many of the terms of the Godless, One World society in which we live today. Is the New World Order to which you refer, one that is established under the reign of Christ the King? If so, we again beg Your Holiness to say so and set the minds of your people at rest. We long once more to be told that there is one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church founded by Jesus Christ to which we are all called to be members, and which calls us all to a life of sanctity. If this is no longer true, Holy Father, then, what is?

In the publicity for the 30th Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations, you wrote some weeks ago asking the Church to cultivate "basic vocational attitudes" aimed at young people which would include "formation of conscience, sensitivity to moral and spiritual values, and defense of ideas such as human brotherhood and the sacredness of life and social unity."

Again, Holy Father, we your children are perplexed by your words. We appreciate your sincere desire to encourage vocations, yet we do not understand your words — the "defense of ideas of human brotherhood...and social unity," — we your children are starved for spiritual nourishment. We are sick and languishing for lack of the "altar Christus" who is just that and teaches us how to attain eternal salvation. For years now we have been subjected to "brotherhood and social unity" declarations through sensitivity training from our government and from our pulpits. We are all weary of mere social concern, to the almost total exclusion of all else, on the part of our prelates, for the grape pickers, the lettuce growers, and liberated women who do not wish to carry out their God-given role in life, while our souls and the souls of our children hang in the balance. Like poor starved orphans we stay up night and day trying to find sustenance and to survive on what we can glean from the past writings and teachings of the pre-Vatican II Catholic Church.

For the American Catholic Church in our country, racist concerns have replaced those of purity and chastity; equity of the sexes has replaced the teaching of the necessity of humility and submission; acceptance of "alternate lifestyles" has replaced the fire of evangelization and apologetics; psychobabble and self-help groups have replaced the sacrament of Confession; a communal dinner replete with inclusive language and bar-room music has replaced the Sacrifice of the Mass, the reenactment of Christ's sacrifice on Calvary. Holy Father, we beg for your help! All we ask is for our Church back and once that takes place the rest, such as racial discrimination, divorce, promiscuity, homosexuality, all these things — by the grace of God — will fade away as our Mother will teach once again her beautiful simple truths which, as you know, provide for all these "social" concerns which afflict the Church Militant.

The Church that you, by the grace of God head, is crumbling in the face of her enemies, and until she is reformed in the light of her traditions, wars will continue to rage, social unrest will only get worse, sexual debauchery will increase, murder and rape will beget more murder and rape and man will continue to live in fear as God continues to hide His Face.

Holy Father, restore Christ's Church!

Today the men and women who wish to remain faithful to the Holy Roman Catholic Church of Christ are banished and exiled and persecuted as rebels. But, Holy Father, if you seek real peace, if you desire vocations to the religious life, if you decry what has become of Catholic education, if you fear widespread loss of faith, then certainly we are not rebels — quite to the contrary, we are your good and faithful servants. Those who have taken the "Spirit of Vatican II" to its nth degree are now the ones opposing you with their new-found democratic freedoms. Just consider the question of women priests which you strive so diligently to dispel, where does your support lie? When will we be no longer considered enemies and outcasts? What has been our crime other

then refusing to accept the vast array of abuses offered by renegade and rebellious prelates and priests who not only seem to reject Catholic Tradition but even Vatican II itself? Are we to accept that in our adamant opposition to abuses committed against the Blessed Sacrament, to women priests and altar girls, to "Catholic(?)" sex education and Chastity programs, to homosexuality in Catholic seminaries, etc, that by our opposition to such as these we put ourselves at loggerheads with Your Holiness and with Vatican II? Is that the message Your Holiness wishes to be sent to us, your still loyal subjects?

If this is not your intent, and we cannot believe it is, then please, please tell us. For while the ranks of Traditionalism are fast expanding, so too are the ranks of the *Sede Vacantists* and only you Holy Father can reverse this growing tragedy before it is too late.

Holy Father, it is upon bended knee and with prayerful hope that we beg you to consider the plight of the Roman Catholic layman in America, especially as we said earlier, we are now lost in the wilderness and our prayer is that our plight will one day be alleviated by our chief Shepherd in Rome. Give us reason not to despair of this hope. Even as we place such importance and hope in the fact that you regularly advocate that we your people should pray — especially Mary's Rosary, we heed your counsel and pray for you as we pray for ourselves, in

this time of great suffering and humiliation for Christ's Church. We are trusting in the words of our Savior — you are the Rock (Petrus) upon which Christ's Church was founded and to this Rock we look for protection. We look for an end to the dialogue with those who would destroy this Rock. Even as the first Pope thrice denied Christ yet returned to give willingly of his life on the inverted Cross of holy martyrdom, will it not be the successor of St. Peter who will now, after this second Passion of Christ through His Church, emerge to restore faith in the Mystical Body of Christ? Will it not be the Pope who will reform Christ's Church to its former glory and splendor as an instrument of salvation of souls? Could it be? — please God it will be — you! We your faithful Catholic brethren await that day with great anticipation and prayerful hope. But until that day comes we will remain in these trenches which the "Spirit of Vatican II" helped to dig for us. We are only faithful members of the Church militant and as such, and with the grace of God, we hope to remain until a happier day sees the Church restored to her former awesome glory. A day when God will raise up "An army of youth, bearing the banner of truth, and fighting for Christ the King!"

The Remnant Resistance