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
SCHEDULE OF MASSES		
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 Sunday of each month)

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CONFIRMATION

1. CONFIRMATION - - TRADITIONAL CHAPELS IN ALABAMA
SUNDAY: - September 17, 1995 - - In the Abbey Church
All who are in need of proper documents please attend to this EARLY and present all such to the Abbot.
MASS - 10:00 A.M. Confirmation follows. (NO MASS AT ST. PIUS)
SPONSORS: MRS PAUL ROY (for the Ladies)
MR. GEORGE NIEBUHR, JR. (for the Gentlemen)
Reception afterwards - - downstairs of church.

(Continued) "And now there remain Faith, Hope, and Charity, These three - - "

The life-blood of sanctity is the charity of Christ. He is the vine and we are the branches; the branches are alive and fruitful for just as long as they receive the life which belongs to the vine. Personal sanctity is true and fruitful for just as long as it comes from the Person of Christ. We grow out of the vine with the strength which it gives us. We must take whatever direction the vine want us to take, and we must not try to show off to the other branches by growing quicker than the vine means for us to grow, and if we wish to have any peace in our lives, we must work to learn to leave the question of producing fruit to the way things work out: we will not be fruitless if we 'abide in the vine.' Let us not be dismayed when we find that what looks like something becoming a splendid growth, promising a full cluster of grapes in the future, is clipped off. The pruning knife is not stunting our growth but making sure that we grow better and stronger and healthier. We must not cry out against the knife; it is doing what we cannot do. We cannot become saints without the cross!

As Baptism makes us temples of the Holy Ghost, Confirmation gives us the plenitude of His Graces. Therefore the Virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity are strenghtened by the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation increases sanctitying grace, gives its special sacramental grace, and imprints a lasting character on the soul. Confirmation creates within us a spirit of MEEKNESS. It increases our love of God and our neighbor. It enlightens our understanding, strengthens our will, preserves our soul from sin, and inclines our heart to virtue. The SACRAMENTAL GRACE of confirmation helps us to live our faith loyally and to prefess it courageously.

The CHARACTER of Confirmation is a spiritual and indelible sign which marks the Christian as a soldier in the army of Christ. The one confirmed is given the capacity to become a perfect Christian.