

1. Next Tuesday, July 11, 2000 is the Feast of the Solemnity of the ever great St. Benedict - our Holy Father. He is the Father of Western Monasticism. He is the one mostly responsible for the saving of Western Culture and Western Christianity. Not so much by his words - except in his HOLY RULE - but in his awesome example which he left behind him by way of his monks, St. Benedict brought the Western world through a serious point in its history. It appears that he is being called upon once again, today. Admittedly, the example of the monks showed itself to an audience greatly different from the audience that presents itself to the monks of today. Nevertheless, the Benedictine way is as applicable today as it has been throughout history. Modified, of course, but essentially the same - - humility and obedience. The main difference that might be mentioned is that the audience of yesteryear was willing to listen and apply the remedy St. Benedict recommended, while the audience of today - - - if it cares at all - - - insists of always analyzing the analysis, and in almost every case comes up with the wrong answer. As a consequence, the troubles of our times continue to mount. They have reached the highest point of troublesomeness in the history of man. In the religious environment, the Faith Fabric of even the most pious of holy people, has worn ever more and more thin.

Last week our Bulletin noted the lack of good and solid reading done by most people, even church going traditionalist people. Headline readers, most people fail to take the time needed to study and become properly informed, and they form opinion on faulty information. As was expected, this observation has already gone through the analysis mill, and faulty application has been applied. However, the truth remains, most people do not read, especially where careful reading is required. This problem exists where traditionalists exist, and that is why so many traditionalist Roman Catholics must endure so much needless trouble and suffering. Consequently, many traditionalist Catholics do not really know why they are traditionalist Catholics. The usual reason given is that they do not like the abuses prevalent in the New Order Catholicism.

The top most question that each of us has to answer is: 'just exactly what is the main and only reason why I attend THE TRUE MASS - - of the Council of Trent?' 'Is it because I PREFER the quiet and reverence of the Traditional Mass over the din which accompanies the New Order Mass?' 'Is my attendance at a Traditional Mass a matter of preference or is it a matter of solid BELIEF?' If it is a matter of BELIEF, then I must be willing to stop and listen to what is being taught so that my BELIEF can become more firm. If it is a matter of BELIEF, how willing am I to make the effort to reconstruct myself according to the dictates of the instructions that are intended to nourish my BELIEF? As long as I continue to place my own interpretation on everything that is being taught me, I will never be able to RECONSTRUCT myself, and the process of "CONVERSIO" - - TURNING - - will never take place in me.

Pope ST. Gregory the Great has this to say about the matter, and it would be very wise to ponder his words very carefully:

"There are some who investigate spiritual precepts with shrewd diligence, but in the life they live, trample on what they have penetrated by their understanding. They hasten to teach what they have learned, not by practice but by study, and believe in their conduct what they teach by words . . . Therefore the Lord complains through the Prophet of their contemptible knowledge saying: 'When you drank the clearest water, you troubled the rest with your feet'".

St. Gregory was a Benedictine Monk and a devoted disciple of St. Benedict. St. Gregory was greatly instrumental in the establishment of the Benedictine Order in the various parts of the known world of his day. St. Gregory, even in his greatness was a humble man, and the degree of his greatness was due to the degree of his humility. If there is not at least some slight hint of humility in our hearts, we will not EVER understand what is being told us, and we will go through life ALWAYS condemning the instructor for not understanding us, rather than condemning ourselves for not understanding the instructor.

2. Please pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Carol Girardi and Frank Nash

3. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's Intentions Only)

SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels

MONDAY: Special Int. Kathleen Reusch

\*\*\*\* TUESDAY: \*\*\*\* Welfare of Christ the King Monastery and  
St. Joseph's Convent

WEDNESDAY: Dec. John Lavretta

THURSDAY: Dec. Mertes Kuntz

FRIDAY: Dec. Julia Harrington

SATURDAY: Dec. Francis Kapusta

It might be safe to say that today's program of the Modernist Catholic Church is now being intoned in LATIN!