

Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)

Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel
Montgomery Alabama
10:45 A.M.
Only on First Sunday
of each month

Cullman Alabama
Every Sunday
6:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.
6:00 A.M. Daily
Holy Days
6:00 A.M.; 8:00 A.M.; 7:00 P.M.

St. Pius V Chapel
9:30 A.M.
Every Sunday except
First Sunday of each month

(St Francis of Assisi Chapel)

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE - - HOLINESS OF LIFE PART 7

The smoke of satan, to which all of us have become accustomed, is everywhere! No matter where we look; no matter where we go; no matter what we read; no matter what we listen to - - on the street or off the street - - in the sanctuary or out of the sanctuary - the smoke is everywhere. It percolates into everything we contact. Everything is so permeated with the smell of it that it is no longer noticeable. Our children, whether sheltered or unsheltered, are so accustomed to the "sweet" stench of the smell, that life without its stench is unknown to them. The grown-ups of the household - the parents - are greatly to blame for his, because they are the ones that bring into the environs of the family household the very items which create the smoke. The parents complain, but the parents are the ones that do the purchasing. The parents are the ones that succumb to the consumeristic, worldly pressures, and they quickly turn consumerism barking into items of family household and child-care needs. Many of these items - status symbols usually - make for good conversation pieces when guests arrive, but many of these items are a real danger to the young impressionable minds and souls of our children. We wonder why our children are so precocious and sophisticated, but we pride ourselves that the intellectual accomplishments of our children are, no doubt, due rather to the good genes inherited from us. The simple and wholesome and innocent life is hardly to be found anymore - even in the more conservative households.

We are so accustomed to the raucous, loud, clamoring, fast moving, fast talking, shouting ads that the TV and the Radio pump at us all day long, that we pay little or no attention to the raucous, loud, clamoring, fast moving, fast talking, shouting, and quickly worded sexual suggestions that our children listen to - AND HEAR QUITE DISTINCTLY - in the music that is roaring in their rooms. Our households are so full of noise! The quick eyes and ears of our precocious and sophisticated children are very well attuned to the subliminal messages that are packed and jammed into their music and cassette movies, and their minds and hearts and souls are permanently affected. The seed has been planted. The tree will sprout later. The "toys" of the children need to be carefully monitored by the parents - - especially by the FATHER of the family. This should begin at the earliest age. There will surely be those who will ask: What are we to do? The first certain answer is that a walled compound with the children under constant and strict guard is the worst possible approach. When small, the children will comply and silently acquiesce, but when they come of age the situation will change drastically, and there are countless examples to prove this. The second answer is, that by their kind, properly affectionate and consistent example, the parents will show the beauty of Godlike goodness and the ugliness of satanic badness; they must by their example show their children that good is better than bad!

It is the responsibility of the FATHER to look after things, to set the proper climate in the family circle, and to keep things in their proper perspective - - and the family responsibilities of the FATHER must keep his job requirements and the money necessities of the family in their proper perspective, and he must see to it that FAMILY TASTES be kept within the limits of safe and common sense family earning capabilities. A man's responsibilities toward his family must come BEFORE his job. However, a man's responsibilities toward his family demand that he provide good and proper and truly necessary daily bread. He must not be miserly, rather he must be a good provider. The father is obliged, moreover, to maintain a secure and dependable source of income for his family. The Fourth Commandment and the Law of Charity demand that the family is given proper and common sense spiritual and material security. There is no answer that can be given to a broken family climate!

Continuously walking away from the Garden Gate, man goes farther and farther away from the central purpose of his existence - to KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE GOD IN THIS LIFE AND TO BE WITH HIM FOR ALL ETERNITY. Throughout history there have been serious movements and wars and revolutions that have tugged at man and have pulled him farther and farther away from

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