

Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)

(St Francis of Assisi Chapel)

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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel

Montgomery Alabama

10:45 A.M.

Only on First Sunday

of each month

St. Pius V Chapel

9:30 A.M.

Every Sunday except

First Sunday of each month

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 15, 2001 - - - Green

Mass of Sunday - G1; Cr; Pref. Trin.

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Of Sanctity Part 2

So long as my heart, which may perhaps be a small one compared with the heart of another pilgrim, is going out to God as FULLY as it can, I have nothing to worry about. I may have a heart the size of a thimble, but if it is doing ALL IT CAN - - in total honesty and in genuine and complete obedience and humility - it is doing as much as the more saintly pilgrim whose heart is the size of a bushel basket.

If I really wish to become holy there are two things that I must remember, and consider. The first point that I must have clearly set in my mind is that God wants me to be holy. I must come to understand that there never was and never will be a man born who was not designed by God to be a saint. God's plan for each human being is sanctity, beatitude, union with Himself in heaven, perfect vision, perfect love, perfect happiness. This fulfillment is beyond anything that is due to nature or imaginable by nature. It is beyond everything our minds can grasp.

Why is it that men do not become saints? It certainly is not because God does not give us the grace to reach sanctity. It is because we neglect the grace He is always trying to give us. In order to become saints we have only to desire sanctity with an effective desire - a desire that embraces the God - given means to that end. "And everyone who has this hope in Him (i.e. sanctity) makes himself holy, just as He also is Holy." (1 JN. 3:3)

God has already done His part to make this ideal the most practical and possible thing in the world. It is available to absolutely everyone. It is to sanctify us that God sent His only-begotten Son into the world: "This is the will of God - - your sanctification." Therefore, the sufficient reason for this enormous demand made upon us is given to us by God, Himself, briefly and finally: "You shall be holy because I am Holy." How other people answer this call to holiness IS NOT MY BUSINESS! I must learn to look after my own answer to the call and I must STOP making guesses at what my neighbor is doing about his call.

If I do not become a saint – **I am a failure!**