



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.

Birmingham

Every Sunday except

First Sunday of each month

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 4, 2001 - - - Green

Mass of Sunday - Gl; Cr; Comm St. Charles; Pref Trinity

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As has so often been said in our Bulletins - - we are all suffering a most serious affliction, and the affliction is caused by a CONFUSION OF THOUGHT. The affliction is so grievous that a kind of mental paralysis has set in. Not only does the mind suffer from it,, the activities of the body suffer as well. It might be said that Confusion of Thought hamper us of today, more than did Confusion of tongues hamper the people when they were building the Tower of Babel. Of our own doing we have reduced God - and everything that pertains to Him - to a state of no consequence. So unimportant is He, that any speech referring to Faith or Trust or Hope in Him is openly ridiculed. Filled with his own importance, man maintains no regard for the importance of any power outside of himself. Is it not reasonable, therefore, to conclude that God is surely seriously displeased with His people, and that He is angry with them. Whenever this is pointed out, man retorts: "So what!" Is it not reasonable, also, to assess the depth of God's wrath according to the degree of man's disregard of Him? God will not be mocked! Since man seems interested only in the importance of that which is physical around him, he fails in his duty to place proper importance on that which is a spiritual around him - - that which is of profound importance. Man looks upon the destruction of the physical (things) around him as the ultimate disaster. Blind to all things spiritual - to all things Divine - man cannot grasp the importance of the destruction of that which is spiritual. Man cannot comprehend that the loss of those things spiritual - those things Divine - is, indeed, the ultimate disaster! Therefore, loss of Faith is of no concern to him, besides all such have no monetary value, and things that have no monetary value are not worth man's consideration.

Over the ages, the Catholic Church has been the primary custodian of the VOICE (the same VOICE we have been speaking of in our study of the Magisterium). The Catholic Church has always been the unyielding defender of that VOICE - regardless of persecution of whatever sort. Horrible to state, the modern day catholic church might well be considered to be the greatest contributor to the confused state of man's affairs. Not only has the modern day catholic church uprooted the mental and moral stability of the Catholic man, it has uprooted the mental and moral stability of every one alive. For those who like it as well as for those who do not like it; for those who believe as well as for those who do not believe, the high traditional standards held by the Roman Catholic Church have, since the very early days of its existence, affected and influenced - in one way or another - the standards of the entire human race. The attitude and the example of the Catholic Church toward that which is Sacred - in one way or another - made an impression on all peoples, and they recognized that there was a sacred standard, and this sacred standard commanded (even though sometimes very weak) respect. Respect for that something sacred was helpful in man's keeping respect for man. In recent decades That which was Sacred has been profaned, and it was profaned in the hallowed halls of the modern day catholic church -

The profanation of that which was Sacred has deteriorated the moral fiber of all mankind, and this deterioration has reached, so it seems, the point of no return!
 Man, naturally, continues to seek answers. He wants to know. He needs to know, but he finds little help in his need to find out. Having no place to turn, he has turned, more than ever, to himself. The search begins. Today, with information at his fingertip, man seeks help from information. However, once the search for information begins, it does not stop, and the search goes on and on, it has no end, it has no bottom line, and each one 's thought confusion becomes ever more aggravated. So we see men running around like Autumn leaves being blown about by the wind. At one time, the Catholic Church had the power to say NO! to man's gyrations, ineffectiveness though this power may have been in certain areas. It was there, and everybody knew it. It is no longer there, and everybody knows it.

There is no getting around it, peace of mind, serenity of soul, joy of heart, a quiet sense of fulfillment, ALL depend on one's determination to do VIOLENCE TO SELF - to bring self into control - thereby making self a clearer image of the image and likeness of God. There is no other way. The gathering up of information has a little to do with the actual reconstruction of self. Many think that the reconstruction of self is the work of Monks and Nuns - alone. NOT SO! This is the work to be performed by every man, woman and child whose feet touch the surface of this earth.

God's attention is centered only on what one has done to conquer pride, manage anger, choke impurity, uproot disobedience, and all the rest. Because of our faults and constant failings we remain unworthy servants - - every one of us regardless of station or position or calling in life - and no amount of information, awesome though it may be, will cover our unworthiness in the sight of God All knowledge of science and Scripture means nothing - (check Satan on this point)! It is the LIVING of Scripture that we must put into focus, and this

