ON HUMILITY AND LEARNING - - --

Humility is a necessary condition of learning. The relation of student to teacher is not one of equality, nor even of quantitative inequality as between those advanced and those less advanced on the same plane; it is the relation of disciple to master in which docility is an analogue of the love of man and God, from Whom all paternity in Heaven and on earth derives. This means that the purpose of study is not to work out a philosophy of one's own, as is often said, but to learn philosophy.

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John Senior

1. Candlemas Day (Febuary 2, 2002) - Blessing of Candles. Please bring cancles in nicely decorated containers and PROPERLY IDENTIFIED and place them on the bench in the vestibule.

This day is also the Feast of the PURIFICATION OF OUR MOST BLESSED MOTHER. Today marks the end of the Christmas Season.

2. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR 2001 A.D. TAX STATEMENT from us and you wish to have one, please notify Father Sebastian, O.S.B.

3. NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2002 is SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY and is the beginning of the pre-Lenten Season of Septuagesima.

4. Today is the Feast Day of our Father Prior Sebastian, O.S.B. Please pray for him.

5. Catechism Class today, after the 10:00 A.M. Mass.

6. Please pray for our sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez, and Miriam and Forney Roy. Remember - also - Mother Angelica.

7. SPECIAL FOR ST. PIUS V CHAPEL IN BIRMINGHAM - - Priest's schedule and shortage of time demand that:

1. No confessions after 9:20 A.M. so that Father can start mass promptly at 9:30 A.M.

2. Kindly bring articles to be blessed ONLY on the Second Sunday of the Month.

8. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)

SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels MONDAY: Special Int. Patricia Cornell TUESDAY: Special Int. Mrs. Wendell Pang

WEDNESDAY: Welfare Vincent McDonnell
THURSDAY: Special Int. Patrick McDonald

FRIDAY: Dec. Buddy Clew

SATURDAY: Dec. Jason Samuel Kite

This is merely a sampling of the questions I should ask myself as I walk through the penitential Season of Lent. To be a genuine and dedicated and serious Traditional Roman Catholic means ever so much more than simply attending a Mass Service in a chapel where a Mass Service is conducted in a traditional manner and in the LATIN LANGUAGE. Our attendance at Holy Mass must be AN ACT OF FAITH or it is NOTHING! Our FAITH MUST BE CHISELED IN THE GRANITE OF OUR INTOST BEING OR IT IS NOTHING! and it must be constructed on CORRECT CATHOLIC TEACHING, and we must take every precaution not to be victimized by some charlatans in traditionalist catholicism who today are threatening to destroy - ENTIRELY - the Faith of a serious and sincere and conscientious Remnant of truly Catholic People. Let us stay out of the whirlwind of traditionalist screed that is blowing away the little we have left of our Holy Catholic Religion. It has been said - I hope not prophetically - "Let us not waste time trying to put an end to the Traditional Movement. Leave them alone and give them time - they will self distruct!"

God, alone, is able to conquer these hooligans, but He seeks, FIRST, our honest prayer and penance and sacrifice. We must "bother" God with our supplication.