

✠ IMPORTANT NOTICE ✠

CONFIRMATION

October 26, 2003

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered for those in regular attendance at our traditional Roma Catholic Chapels in Alabama, here in our Abbey Church on October 26, 2003. The matter of the reception of th Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation (and Matrimony) remains the obligation and responsibility of the father an mother of the one to be administered to. The grandparents are not the responsible parties, nor are they the ones to make th arrangements, since they are not the ones responsible before God for the upbringing of the child. ***It is most necessary an important that at least one of the PARENTS of the child to be Baptized or Confirmed regularly attend one of ou Chapels.*** For justifiable reasons, if the request for Baptism or Confirmation comes from elsewhere other than our ow Chapels, then the PARENTS (NOT the grandparents) must submit a statement in writing from the priest in charge of th their traditional Chapel, stating that they - the parents - regularly attend the specified Chapel, and that he (the priest) is i agreement with the Sacrament being administered here at Christ the King Abbey in Alabama. If this cannot be verified PLEASE DO NOT ASK.

Baptismal Certificates are necessary for the reception of Confirmation and must be presented BEFORE an arrangements are made. Unexpected arrivals should not expect to be admitted to the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In matters concerning the Sacrament of Matrimony, the same rules - with the necessary adjustments - apply and mus be honored by everyone.

If the above rules cannot be honored, PLEASE DO NOT ASK.

“In the Latin Church Confirmation should not be conferred until about the seventh year, although it may be conferred sooner if the infant is in danger of death, or if its administration seems to the minister justified for good and serious reasons. No other situations are admitted for the administration of the sacrament at an age earlier than about seven. On the other hand, the bishop may not forbid the reception of the sacrament before the age of ten years.” (*The Administration of the Sacraments*, Nicholas Halligan, O.P., Chap. III, # 20)

The above direct quotation is from a reputable and accepted theologian. It is echoed by many other reputable and accepted theologians (including Henry Davis, S.J.; Heribert Jone, O.F.M. Cap., J.C.D.; and Dominic M. Prummer, O.P.) and should set our minds straight concerning the matter of age and lawful reception. However, it has always been the custom in our nation that the age of the child presented for Confirmation should be about twelve.

----- PLEASE CUT ON THE DOTTED LINE AND RETURN -----

REQUEST FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Date _____

I _____ request the reception of the Sacrament of

(Please print)

Confirmation to be administered n Christ the King Abbey Church on Sunday, October 26, 2003.

If I have been baptized somewhere other than at one of Christ the King Abbey’s Alabama Traditional Roman Catholic Chapels, then I now submit, together with this statement of request, my Baptismal Certificate from the place where I received the Sacrament of Baptism. This is most necessary, and if I fail to produce such a Certificate, I understand that I cannot be confirmed.

Signed: _____

THIS REQUEST MUST BE RECEIVED AT CHRIST THE KING ABBEY BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2003
Mailing address: Christ the King Abbey, P.O. Box 1616, Cullman, AL 35056