

God does not exist in noise. It has been said of monks and nuns, but it must also be said of the rest of mankind, that the ears of Everyman must not be attuned to the echoes of the thunders that storm the City of Babylon. Rather the ears of Everyman must be attuned to the silence of the faraway mountains. SILENCE! In our present state, what is our attitude towards silence? Many people are afraid of silence. What is the noise level in our houses, with piped-in music throughout and TV's going night and day? As for activity, are we not living in a whirlwind of activity, busy, busy, busy, always coming and going? We are on the go all the time, and many of us need the help of personal calendars to keep up with it all. To work and pray and play quietly in the silence of one's own home is indeed a rare occasion.

Once again, we point out that we are not trying to turn the homes of lay people into mini monasteries or convents. If we are really sincere and anxious about seeking after peace and pursuing it, then we must truly place nothing before God, Who alone can bring true peace to us. Our homes should not be all cluttered up with the gadgets and trinkets that the marketplace presents as necessities for us to own. Uncluttered, quiet, and filled with peaceful love, our homes would soon become far more interesting places to us than all the attractive vacation spots of the world.

It must also be understood that what is here described is for family living by good Catholic families. We are not addressing ourselves to that rather limited number of souls who are favored with a particular vocation to great love. What is here described, even if no more than partially observed, will prove to be a great aid in maintaining the vigor of Catholic family life and will go far in making good family living re-flourish in a world gone completely mad. What we here describe, we hope, will lead souls to the way of life designed by our Heavenly Father for His children. We must re-institute Christian mortification. Would it be out of place here to stop for a moment and check the level of Christian mortification found in our own lives and in our own homes? How mortified are we in our tastes and desires? Or have we allowed our tastes and desires to get completely out of control?

Our Blessed Lord desires the spiritual renovation of the world, and He tells us that it can only come about through a more vigorous renewal of the supernatural life in our souls. All of the other much talked about and silly "renewal programs", which a watered-down religious observance presents to us and which amount to absolutely nothing religious or supernatural, should be spurned and rejected. A proper understanding of the supernatural life by each member of the family will act as a Divine leaven which will cause an eventual ferment in God's world.

The logical outcome, therefore, of genuine spiritual activity in our homes will be of great help to us when our hour of accountability comes to us, and we will go home to our Father, and to Jesus and Mary, loaded with merits that will make us inexpressibly happy for all eternity.

We must be willing to allow the beauty, the harmony, the orderliness of Heaven to enter into our living conditions, rather than permit the screaming disorder, the confusion, the cloud of blackness which are the living conditions of Hell. The patient example and determined effort of loving Catholic parents are most important for the welfare of their children. Our Catholic, well-ordered lives must be made so attractive to our children that they will be able to satisfy all their expectations in the home rather than flying at great speed down the road that will lead them to you know where!

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1. There will be NO Catechism class this morning.
 2. Monday, August 29, 2005, is the Commemoration of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist.
 3. Thursday, September 1, 2005, is the first Thursday of September, with Holy Hour and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
 4. Friday, September 2, 2005, is the First Friday of September, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM, and all-day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM.
 5. Saturday, September 3, 2005, is the First Saturday of September, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
 6. Next Sunday, September 4, 2005, is the first Sunday of the Month. Therefore, there will be **NO** Mass at Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday.
 7. There will be NO Catechism class next Sunday.
 8. Next Monday, September 5, 2005, is Labor Day. May everyone have a very safe and happy holiday. Let us all pray to Saint Joseph the Worker, asking him for the graces necessary to follow in the footsteps of his Son.
 9. Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church at 5:00 PM today.
 10. ***PLEASE, everyone, turn OFF all cell phones and all wristwatch alarms before entering Christ the King Abbey Church or any of our Chapels. Thank you!***
 11. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. **LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.**
 12. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)**

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Deceased Edith Merritt
TUESDAY:	Special intention Colette Sherman
WEDNESDAY:	Deceased Sarah Strickfaden
THURSDAY:	Deceased Victor Tancreti
FRIDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY:	Special intention Paul Roy Family