

When you read the Sacred Scripture, you will see that the Scribes and the Pharisees always placed burdensome restraints on the people and forced them into submission. The Pharisees insisted that the letter of the law be imposed on all in the same way—their way—and they kept constant watch to see to it that it was. Continue to read, and you will hear the warning that “the letter killeth.”

Just as it would show weakness in one of the ten artists to copy another artist's painting, it would be a weakness for a follower of our Lord to copy the holiness of another follower. Our first duty is to follow the Lord, and we must be given enough freedom to do so. The ways that the saints used to follow our Lord are a tremendous help, and we must study them carefully. We must study them in the same way that the ten artists studied the techniques of the great masters who went before them. The saints will be a guide to us. The saints have all produced masterpieces of holiness because of each one's likeness to our Lord, not because of each one's likeness to some other saint. Similarly, our Lord asks of us only that which is our own to give and not a copy of what someone else has given before us.

In guiding souls, care must be taken that the guidance is not forced, artificial, too severe or unnatural. It must be given to those who desire it. Therefore, by all means, let us imitate the way in which the saints went about it, but by no means let us copy the results. God wants an original reproduction of Himself—not a forgery or a carbon copy.

EASTER WISHES

THE GOOD WISHES, PRAYERS AND GOOD WORKS OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF MONKS OF CHRIST THE KING MONASTERY ASK GOD THAT YOUR LOVE FOR GOD MAY REBOUND FIRST UPON YOU IN GRACES OF PERSONAL SANCTIFICATION, THEN THAT IT MAY REBOUND ON YOUR DEAR FAMILIES, YOUR CHILDREN, YOUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN, YOUR SICK AND YOUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES.

IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY
THAT GOD'S BLESSING BE UPON
THE MONKS OF THIS MONASTERY.