## Guest Editorial

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The sense of religion toward an Almighty Triune God has all but been smothered in the minds of a vast majority of people of the world. In the minds of the youth of the world, religion is gone. Take note of the use of pagan symbols in the world of Olympic Games. Instead of being led up the slopes of Mount Calvary, the youth of the world are being ushered up the broad avenues of Mount Olympus. Christ died on Mount Calvary because of sin in the world. The pagan gods frolicked on Mount Olympus as they went about rearranging their complicated love connections. Yet, while our young people are happily walking up the dazzling paths of Mount Olympus, their elders sit back and cheer them on, or at least quietly permit their ascent.

Some Traditionalist priests and people all full of self-righteousness, tend to criticize the Novus Ordo Church for failing to provide proper religious leadership. Objectively speaking, is the so-called traditionalist church giving the youth of the world, or even the people of the world, a leadership that would provide religious nourishment for them? Read your traditionalist literature. How much traditionalist space is devoted to the teaching of the *love of God*? or of humility? or of obedience? or of penance? or of compunction? or of control of the will? Yet, how much traditionalist space is devoted to the advancement of erudite

disputation concerning bits of catholic trivia, or hairsplitting dogmatic opinions, all of which have lost all relevance to the revelrous folks travelling up Mount Olympus? How much computer-powered scholarship is devoted to the solution of antiquarian philosophic, dogmatic or legal questions, to the complete detriment of the young mind that has lost all contact with the divine? How much effort is spent on the development of traditionalist exclusivism while the world population is preaching **global unity** and fraternal living?

While some traditionalists are quarreling with each other concerning the proper number of Lessons to be read at the Easter Vigil service, the youth of the world are reading the lessons in the book of Hard Rock. While the traditionalist experts on liturgy and ceremony are carefully studying the correct beeswax content of our altar candles, our youngsters are burning cauldrons of sacred oil to Jupiter. While the students of traditional ceremonials are blowing the dust off of outdated books of catholic ritual and make determinations concerning the correct cut and color and quality of sacerdotal vestment, the people of the world are dressing in clothes that would embarrass a sailor.

While some traditionalist priests and people are angrily shouting there is **no pope**, our beloved youth are blissfully singing there is **no God!** 

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Every increase of truth in the mind is an increase of being. Among all the professions open to mankind, there is none nobler and purer and more fulfilling than that which deals with truth, and it is the profession of the priest to deal with truth. TRUTH IS GOD!!! What a sadness if ever a priest fails to be faithful and trustworthy in living up to the awesome requirements of his sacred profession.