

everybody, and in the most bizarre circumstances (witness the recent papal visit to St. Louis). The Eucharist is either the Body of Christ or it is not the Body of Christ – and belief is determined accordingly, and conduct is determined accordingly, all opinions to the contrary notwithstanding! The Tabernacle – the center around which we have built all of our temples for eighteen centuries or more – has been relocated and is now relegated to closets. The reason given for this is that the worship of God, Who is locally present in the Tabernacle has become repugnant to the mind of modern man – Catholic or non-Catholic!

With this climate prevailing, how can we expect Catholic Church leadership to show even the slightest inclination that might remotely demonstrate restoration? How, also, can any priest show interest in the return of the old order of Catholicism, when even the slightest act showing traditional (conservative) leadings shows opposition to the underlying program and agenda of his diocese? How can such a priest remain in the good graces of his superiors and peers?

Our Catholic newspapers and journals and periodicals have already pointed out the serious disarray in the Roman Catholic Church. They would be of profound help – to priests and people alike – if they would look more intensely and objectively at the roots of the insidious vine that has brought so much heartache, distrust, suspicion and mischief into the lives of so many, many good and holy people. The problem is so deep rooted and far reaching that it has broken up families, alienated relatives from each other and destroyed life-long friendships. The problem is so acute that brother priests are enemy to each other. Our Catholic publications would do a true service to Christ's Kingdom on Earth and to all the holy people of God if, in their publications they would stress prayer – true prayer – genuine prayer – prayer strong enough to persuade the Mighty Hand of God. Catholic publications should spend some time on the Spiritual Life. God – not us – and God alone is able to bring East and West together. But God will not act until He sees the purification of the hearts of us all!!

During these days of Holy Easter let us all clean up and make perfect the little we have and let us ask Mary, the Mother of our Lord, and St. Joseph to gather up the little fragments of our charity and holiness of life – the little things – and take them to our Heavenly Father, as a sacrifice offering of us all. May these offerings be pleasing to our Heavenly Father – sufficient to persuade Him to come quickly to the aid of us all who love Him.