

*Feast of the Assumption of
Our Most Blessed Mother Mary
August 15*

and feel that a restoration has begun. Nevertheless, we insist that the Tridentine Mass (said in any language) is to be preferred to some outlandish liturgical jamboree with Latin carefully peeking through. The Tridentine Mass must be at the center of our worry – not the Latin language. Today, all that the Laity get from any Latin observance – old or new – is the pleasure of its sounds! It is true that the Laity uses the so-called “Latin-English” missals, but is not this, in most cases, an exercise in translation? Therefore, this ORDO leaves appropriate and reasonable room for the use of the vernacular. It simply has to be understood (theologically) that language has nothing to do with validity! In no way is it to be taken that the Monastery of Christ the King is contemplating the replacement of the Latin Liturgy with a Vernacular Liturgy. We merely point out that a reasonable use of the vernacular can, in truth, be for the edification of good intentioned people. To those who have come to the conclusion that this Monastery has turned on to a vernacular mentality, the Monks extend a warm invitation to come and see. It is wrong to assume and to suggest that even the slightest use of the vernacular is evil and will inevitably open the door to all of the brutalist abuses that have crashed into Catholicism over the past thirty years. ANYTHING – good or bad – if in the hands of ill intentioned people becomes a brutalist abuse!!

The Monastery of Christ the King has been established in order to preserve, what it can, of the tiny bits yet remaining of the traditional and venerable practices of the Catholic Experience of former times – in addition to the preservation of the venerable and wonderful Benedictine Experience of former times. Even so, and at the same time, this Benedictine Monastery feels obligated to give very serious attention to the frame of mind that dominates Man today – but without giving in to any part of compromise! There can never be any compromise between right and wrong. Today, God, and all the things that pertain to God, is a matter of total indifference and of little or no importance or consequence to the throngs – both Catholic and non-Catholic. This attitude of mind cannot be left unattended, and cannot be treated with disdain. We cannot look down upon those who have no moorings in the True Faith. Some insist that a total restoration is the only answer. In the opinion of the Monks of this Monastery it is idle fancy to speak of restoration – restoration as understood by some. It was Man who destroyed what once was. What Man has destroyed Man is incapable of restoring. It is not the usual thing for Man to turn back on himself. Everyone – but everyone – must arrive at the understanding that only God can restore what needs to be