

Formation and Training – Concluded

The word “**TRAINING**” continues to be heard – and even in some of our traditional strongholds – to the inevitable detriment of good, proper and sound ascetical religious formation. This should be looked into immediately – before it is too late! Training in the chant; training in elitist ceremonial; training in liturgical and legal technicalities; attendance at prestigious religious institutes; and all the rest – **ALL HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH UNFEIGNED RELIGIOUS ASCETICAL DEVELOPMENT!**

If the bishops of former times had been less yielding and more conscientious and meticulous about their duty to study the trends that were taking shape and if they had been more alert in supervising the Catholic Religious **EXPERIENCE** of the men and women who came to them as candidates for the highest calling on earth – **NOVUS ORDO CATHOLICISM WOULD HAVE NEVER TAKEN PLACE!** □

THE NEW NOVICES



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Our thoughts are the image of our soul. The more exalted its thoughts, the greater and nobler the soul. So long as we give ourselves solely to what is earthly: visible and created things – **PEOPLE** and **THINGS** – our soul will never reach beyond such transitory and passing things. If, on the other hand, we think of God, our soul comes to share in the greatness of the Godhead. Only angels and men can think of God, and to think rightly of Him is the highest thought possible to a created being. Thought cannot rise higher than the Highest. Worldly men will laugh at and ridicule this presentation because worldly men are concerned only with “matters of consequence”. Over and over men of the world tell themselves: “We are busy with matters of consequence!” and the thought makes them swell up with pride. Since their thoughts cannot go higher than the things they can see and count, they scorn those whose thoughts can go beyond their own “matters of consequence”.

Thought cannot rise higher than the Highest. Now it is in prayer that man raises his thoughts to God and has communion with Him. Man is united with nothing so intimately as with the reflection of his own soul – his thoughts. And in this case that reflection is God Himself, the highest, the most beautiful, the most exalted, in heaven and upon earth. Except in Holy Communion, we can, here below, in no way become so intimately united with God as by prayer.